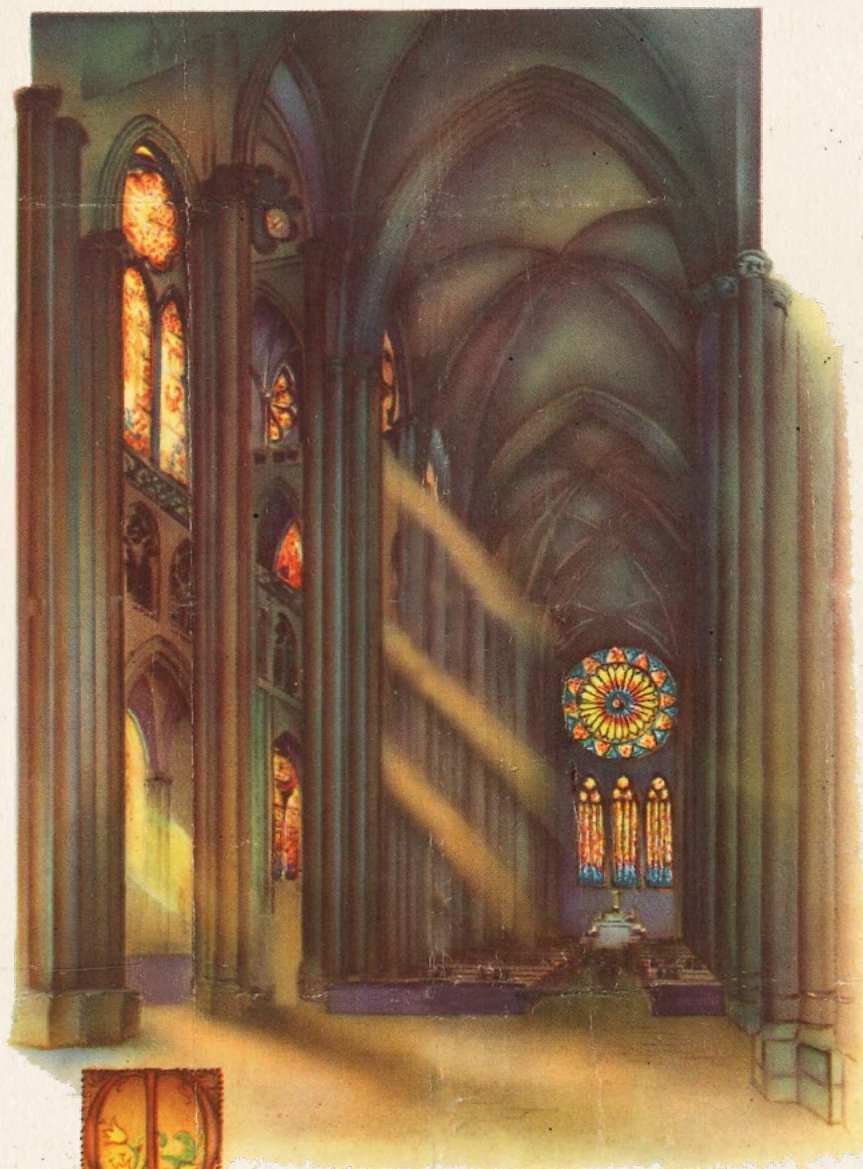


Founders' Day Sunday

November 9, 2025



My house is the house of prayer

LUKE 19:46



NORTHSIDE CHURCH
A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION



Northside's First Bulletin

Our first worship service was held at Northside High School (what is now Sutton Middle School) on November 12, 1950. The image you see on the cover is the same image that was used on our very first order of service. Today's worship echoes elements of that historic gathering almost seventy-five years ago. Scan the adjacent QR code to view the original bulletin or visit www.NorthsideUMC.org/75th to explore a timeline of Northside history.

Welcome

As printed in the original November 12, 1950 bulletin

Welcome to all on this day of the first regular service in our new location. We are a group of God's people making history in trying to meet the needs of this large and growing metropolitan city. The latest government statistics indicate that Metropolitan Atlanta has had an increase of 221,417 in the last ten years. Incorporated Atlanta has increased only 24,674. That indicates a trend that is not only arresting, but commanding. The religious body that does not hasten to build rapidly and encourage new congregations to be formed will lose its opportunity. Methodists don't propose to be short-sighted, and your presence is an indication of that purpose.

On last Sunday afternoon about eighty people gathered here to hear Bishop Moore and face the challenge of our opportunity. When the critical moment came and decisions had to be made many asked that their membership be transferred to the "Northside" Church.

The following have been appointed on the Steering Committee: S. Russell Bridges, Jr., S. J. Barron, Respass M. Chatfield, James E. Dickey, Paul M. McLarty, H. S. McCurry, Dr. Marion C. Pruitt, Henry L. Reid, and Randolph W. Thrower. At a meeting of the Committee on Wednesday night S. Russell Bridges, Jr. was elected Chairman, Henry L. Reid, Secretary, and James E. Dickey, Treasurer. H. S. McCurry was chosen Chairman of Ushers.



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Founders' Day Sunday

There is a place for you at Northside Church to know the love of God, to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ, and to go into the world to serve others.

† Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol, and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

THE PRELUDE | But the Lord Is Mindful of His Own from *St. Paul* | *Felix Mendelssohn*

Joshua McClure

But the Lord is mindful of His own,
He remembers His children.
Bow down before Him, ye mighty,
for the Lord is near us.

—based on Psalm 115:12–13

THE WELCOME

8:30AM | Elisabeth Shabi Johnson
11:15AM | Rev. Catherine Boothe Olson

THE CHORAL INTROIT | Christ the Lord, Is Worthy of Praise | *arr. Jon Paige & Brad Nix*

Chancel Choir

Christ the Lord, is worthy of praise.
Alleluia! Sing to the Lord.
Christ, the Author of our faith. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Amen! Amen!

—Samuel J. Stone

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP

8:30AM | Elisabeth Johnson
11:15AM | Rev. Boothe Olson

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Pastor: We gather to remember the faith of those who came before us.
People: **Their witness reminds us to stand firm in the truth of Christ.**
Pastor: God has called us to keep their story alive through our living faith.
People: **We give thanks for the past and commit to serve faithfully today. Praise be to God. Amen.**

† THE HYMN OF ADORATION | Hymn 545: all stanzas | The Church's One Foundation

† THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Apostles' Creed

Nathan Schreer

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

† THE GLORIA PATRI | Hymn 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

† THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

8:30AM | Elisabeth Johnson
11:15AM | Rev. Boothe Olson

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM | 11:15AM

Dr. Bill Burch

Lucy Catherine

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | 11:15AM

Rev. Boothe Olson

With God’s help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ,
that [name], surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith,
and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

THE BAPTISM RESPONSE | Hymn 611: stanza 1 | Child of Blessing, Child of Promise | 11:15AM

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit’s sign.
With this water God has sealed you, unto love and grace divine.

THE CHILDREN’S MOMENT | 11:15AM

Mary Bingham

We invite all children to come to the chancel steps for a special message.

THE MINISTRY MOMENT | Murphy-Harpst Christmas Kindness

Rev. Gary B. MacDonald

THE RECOGNITION OF VETERANS

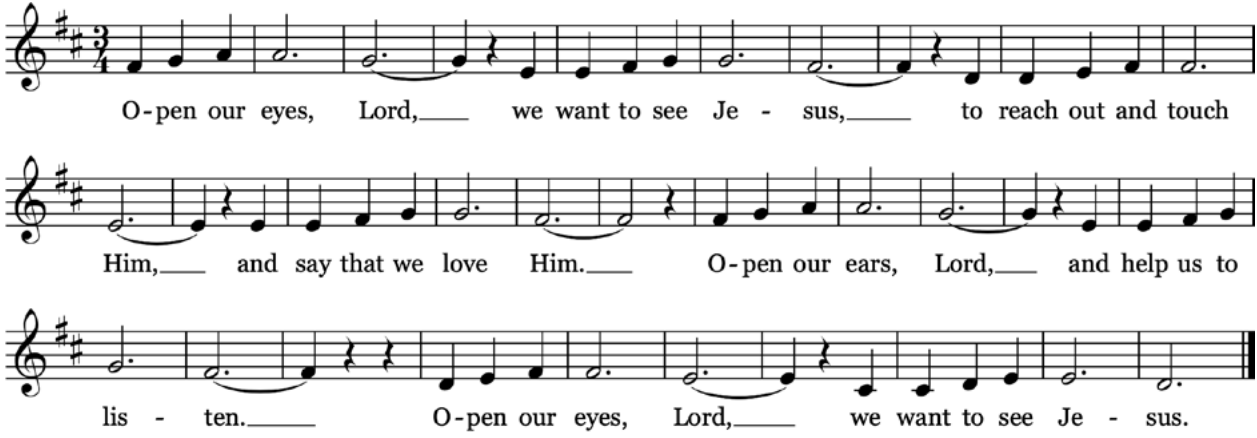
Dr. Burch

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

8:30AM | Elisabeth Johnson
11:15AM | Rev. Boothe Olson

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION | Open Our Eyes, Lord



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† THE SCRIPTURE | 2 Peter 1:12–15 | Pew Bible, pg. 1733

Dr. Burch

Pastor: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON | “Sermon Soup”

Dr. Burch

† THE HYMN OF RESPONSE | 529: stanzas 1, 2 & 5 | How Firm A Foundation

THE GIVING OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

8:30AM | Elisabeth Johnson
11:15AM | Rev. Boothe Olson
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THE OFFERTORY | Take Time to Be Holy | *arr. Lloyd Larsons*

Chancel Choir

Today’s commissioned anthem by composer Lloyd Larson unites “Take Time to Be Holy,” first sung at Northside’s inaugural service on November 12, 1950, and “Be Still, My Soul.” The anthem invites us to “worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness” and remember God’s enduring faithfulness through the generations.

Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness.
Worship the Lord, come, and worship the Lord
in the splendor of His holiness.

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
abide in him always, and feed on his word.
Make friends of God’s children, help those who are weak,
forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;
spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be;
thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

Be still, my soul the Lord is on your side!
Take time to seek and let HIm be your guide.
In joy or sorrow, follow still the Lord,
look unto Jesus, still trust in His word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,
each thought and each motive beneath His control.
Thus led by His spirit to fountains of love,
Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

Take time to be holy with the Lord

*–Words from 1 Chronicles 16:29,
William D. Longstaff, and
Katharina A. von Schlegel*



† THE DOXOLOGY | Hymn 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

† THE BENEDICTION

8:30AM | Elisabeth Johnson
11:15AM | Dr. Burch

† THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | Hymn 530: Refrain | Are Ye Able



Lord, we are a - ble. Our spir - its are thine. Re - mold them, make us
like thee, di - vine. Thy guid - ing ra - diance a - bove us shall be
a bea - con to God, to love, and loy - al - ty.

THE POSTLUDE | Procession du Saint Sacrement (Marche religieuse) | *arr. Charles-Alexis Chauvetg* Joshua McClure

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God:

In honor of all the Veterans and in memory of our fallen heroes,
and in memory of Bob and Anna Chambers, given by the Joe Burnett Family.
God Bless Northside United Methodist Church and Family, and God Bless America.



August 1951: Mrs. Eugene Drinkard, Mrs. Earl Strother, Mrs. O. L. Waller, Mrs. H. L. Reid, Mrs. Ellis H. Bryant, Mrs. Hal S. McCurry, Mrs. C. R. Lewis

Intimate Thinking on Real Religion is Offered by Northside Methodist Church Sunday

By Lamar Q. Ball

Revised thoughts on how a church should be built to grapple with the problems of religion in today's vast world will be expressed Sunday morning when the new Northside Methodist Church opens its own doors for the first time on Northside drive, at Kingwood lane, near Northside High School.

This new church actually is to be a neighborhood church. It seeks membership among Methodists who live west of Peachtree road and north of Collier road. Its membership today is 294 members. When this membership grows to 1,200 members, that will be considered a peak load for the intimate services offered by a pastor who wants to be close to his flock, knowing them all by name and face.

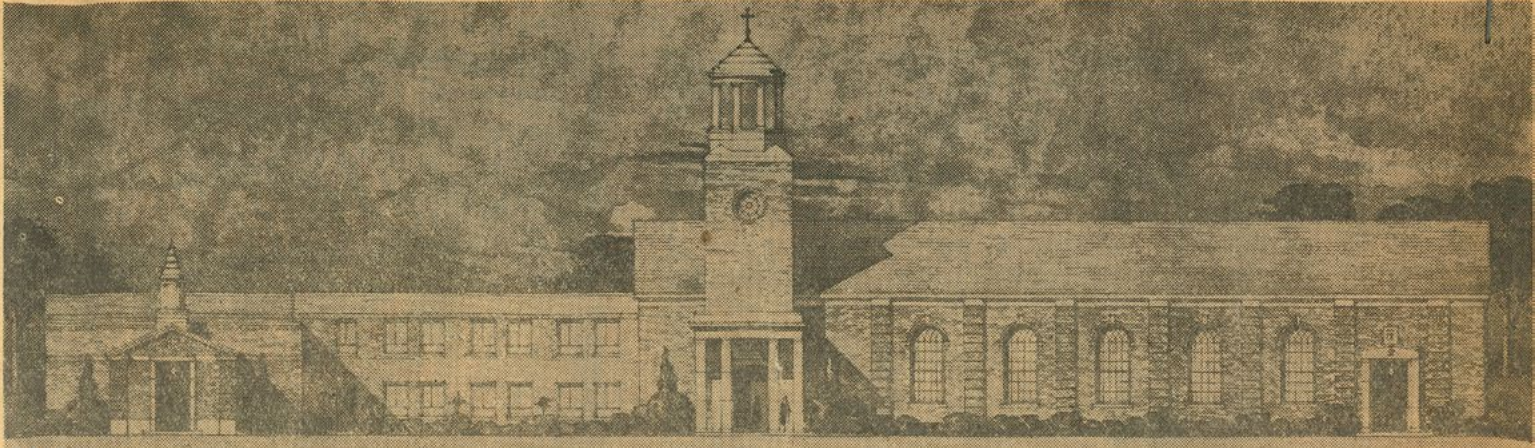
The Friendly Spirit
The theory of the pastor, Dr. Eugene T. Drinkard, and all the members of this new congregation, is that when too many men, wom-

en and children are assembled within one church, the true intimate spirit of religion can be lost. Personal contact between a pastor and his flock is considered essential.

That thinking in a nutshell is the spirit of this new Northside Methodist Church, which will gather for services at 11 o'clock Sunday morning in the first section of a new building which will soon be, in a few years, an architectural triumph, as shown in the picture adjoining this' story.

The need for more and more smaller churches in this world of

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Little Building At The Left Opens This Sunday As Northside Methodist Church Works For Intimacy In Religion

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Four Northside Churches To Hold Second Joint Thanksgiving Service

For the second year in a row four new Northside churches will meet together for a joint Thanksgiving Service.

The four ministers—the Rev. W. L. Selman, Northside Baptist; the Rev. Allison F. Williams, Trinity Presbyterian; the Rev. Henry Weaver, Center Congregational, and the Rev. Eugene T. Drinkard, Northside Methodist Church—will all take part in the service to be held at 10:30 a. m. Thursday at the Northside Methodist Church on Kingwood Lane across from Northside High School.

Last year the congregations met at the Trinity Presbyterian. The Thursday service will be the second held in the brand-new Methodist Chapel. The past Sunday service was the first.

The Rev. Mr. Selman will deliver the Thanksgiving message; the Rev. Mr. Williams will read the scripture; the Rev. Mr. Weaver the litany and prayer and the Rev. Mr. Drinkard, presiding, will deliver the invocation and benediction.



Northside Methodist Church

OUR PROPOSED CHURCH



NORTSIDE DRIVE AND KINGWOOD LANE, N. W. ATLANTA, GEORGIA

EUGENE T. DRINKARD, MINISTER
RESIDENCE: 2066 EVERGREEN LANE, N. W. TELEPHONE: ATWOOD 8136

"Friend, you enter this Church, not as a stranger, but as a guest of God; Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into His presence, offering Him your love and service. Beseech His blessing on those who minister and worship here, and may that blessing rest on you forevermore."

THE NORTSIDE IDEAL: To have the kind of Church that Christ could join.

List Of Members

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Northside Methodist Church Continues To Show Splendid Growth

The newly-organized Northside Methodist Church, meeting at present in the Northside High School on Northside Drive, has been marked by rapid and encouraging growth since its beginning a few days ago on Nov. 5. Already seventy-one members have been received into the church and two children have been given infant baptism.

At the morning worship service this Sunday at 11 o'clock the pastor, Dr. Drinkard, will preach on the subject, "What You Can Become." A most cordial invitation is extended to all Northside residents who are interested in this new church adventure to attend the service.



Rev. Eugene T. Drinkard was a graduate of Emory University, A.B., B.D, and a graduate of Union Theological Seminary, New York City.

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