

*The 75th Anniversary
of Northside Church*



1950 – 2025



A Welcome from our Senior Pastor

This fall our congregation celebrates 75 years of faithfulness. We honor the Christians who began worshipping at Northside High School in 1950. They laid a firm foundation in the past that we build upon in the present. Northside's original founders embraced God's vision as their mission; but they could not envision what the church would become in 2025. Future generations will celebrate Northside's 150th anniversary in 2100. We cannot imagine what will occur over the next 75 years.

We do not know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future. Therefore, we step forward into tomorrow with confidence and boldness. The Spirit calls us to be faithful in this time and place.

May the Holy Spirit grant us the grace to present ourselves as workers approved and unashamed before our Heavenly Father.

In Christ,

Bill Burch
Senior Pastor

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Childcare & Children in Worship

We embrace the wonder and excitement children bring everywhere they go! To help them engage in worship, we offer Children's Bags, noise-reducing headphones, scribble pads, and Children in Worship cards. If at any time your child needs a changing or feeding area, or simply a change of scenery, please feel free to visit the nursery located on the first floor or the nursing room on the main floor. Nursery care is also available for children ages 8 weeks to 5 years old, if desired. Please ask one of our Sunday Servants or staff members, and we will be happy to assist you.

Photography Notice

We love taking pictures of our church family! It's our way of highlighting and celebrating all the wonderful things God is doing in the life of Northside. If you have any concerns at all, please let us or the photographer know, and we will do our best to respect your privacy. We upload all photos to our Flickr account for your viewing and download. Visit [Flickr.com/NorthsideATL](https://www.flickr.com/photos/northsideatl/).

Northside is a Safe Sanctuary congregation that utilizes MinistrySafe. We are committed to providing a safe place for all ages through training, screening, and reporting.

We seek to make Northside an inclusive and accessible church. For any additional accommodations, please contact Rev. Catherine Boothe Olson at CatherineB@NorthsideUMC.org.



*Please follow the QR code to
note your attendance today.*

Contemporary Worship

October 5, 2025 at 9:00AM | *Celebrating 75 Years at Northside*

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

THE GATHERING HYMN | What A Friend We have in Jesus

THE WELCOME

Rev. Catherine Boothe Olson

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Boothe Olson

Pastor: We gather today, celebrating 75 years of God's faithfulness.

People: **For such a time as this, the Lord has called us.**

Pastor: We remember the saints who built this church with prayer and sacrifice.

People: **For such a time as this, we commit ourselves to God's mission.**

Pastor: We look with hope to the future, trusting God's steadfast love.

People: **For such a time as this, we worship, we give, and we serve. Praise be to God. Amen.**

† THE SONGS OF PRAISE

Every Good Thing | *Ethan Hulse, Jonathan Smith & Pat Barrett*

House of the Lord | *Phil Wickham*

† THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Mr. Matt Jackson

THE MINISTRY MOMENT | Northside Church's 75th Anniversary

The Bondurant, Edwards & Smith Families

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Rev. Boothe Olson

THE OFFERTORY SONG | Are Ye Able | *arr. Matt Jackson*

*"Are Ye Able" was used at the very first worship service here at Northside 75 years ago.
Matt has created a contemporary take on the original lyrics with horns arranged by
our trumpet player today, Rob Optiz.*

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Mrs. Nancy Jeanne Chadwick

THE PRAYER'S OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Angela House

**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 SCRIPTURE | Esther 4:14

Ms. Charlotte Elson

THE SERMON | "For Such a Time As This"

Dr. Bill Burch

You are invited to bring your 2026 Financial Commitment Cards forward and place them in the baskets as an act of dedication.

THE SONG OF RESPONSE | As For Me | *Pat Barrett, Chris Tomlin & Jason Ingram*

† THE APOSTLES' CREED

Dr. Burch

**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 BENEDICTION

Dr. Burch

Instrumentalists

Kevin Thomas, *B3 Organ*
Miles Landrum, *Bass Guitar*
Stephen Chopek, *Drums*
Randy Hoexter, *Keys*
Corey Chapman, *Pedal Steel*
Sam Skelton, *Saxophone*
Zach Opitz, *Trombone*
Rob Optiz, *Trumpet*
Emily Hindes, *Violin*

Vocalists

Matt Jackson
Alison Turner
Takiya Mason

A special thank you to our many members that have served on the Production Team over the years.

***Please join us immediately following the service for a special
reception in the Fellowship Hall and Gym.***

Traditional Worship

October 5, 2025 at 11:15AM | *Celebrating 75 Years at Northside*

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and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

THE PRELUDE | Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee | *arr. Tim Zimmerman*

Brass Quintet, Timpani & Organ

THE WELCOME

Rev. Catherine Boothe Olson

THE CHORAL INTROIT & PROCESSIONAL | Celebrate the Day | *Pepper Choplin*

Chancel & Children's Choirs;

Mr. Mike Moffitt, guest conductor;

Ms. Natalie Rogers & Mr. Greg Hucks, soloists

This morning, we are pleased to welcome back Mr. Mike Moffitt as guest conductor for our processional anthem. Mr. Moffitt served as Northside's first full-time Director of Music from 1986 to 2015, and we give thanks for his many years of ministry and celebrate his return to lead us in worship today.

Refrain: Celebrate the day, celebrate the life.

Celebrate the joy of our faith in Christ.

Celebrate the day, celebrate the life.

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Remember all the blessings, the blessings of the day,

Be thankful for the very gift of breath and life.

Remember all the goodness, and mercies of the Lord

and fill the morning with the sounds of praise and joy! *Refrain*

We'll bless Your name forever, for great are You, Lord.

And every generation will declare Your mighty works.

We sing of Your great goodness, Your holy righteousness.

Your glory of Your kingdom reigns for praise and joy! *Refrain*

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† THE HYMN OF ADORATION | Hymn 158: all stanzas | Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Children's Bells

† THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Apostles' Creed

Mr. 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.

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.

Refrain: Sing praise to the Father, sing praise to the Son,
sing praise to the Spirit, our God, Three in One.
Let all the people praise the name of the Lord.

All voices and instruments praising together;
the people are many, the Body is one.
In singing and dancing, in writing and painting;
one in the Spirit, the old and the young. *Refrain*

The Lord has been faithful to all generations,
walking beside us through smoke and through flame.
In sunshine and shadow, protecting, providing; in all times and seasons, ever the same!

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

The congregation joins in singing as directed.

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!**

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Let all the people praise the name of the Lord.

—Susan Bentall Boersma; Based on Psalm 148

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

Would You bless our homes and fam - ilies, source of life who calls us here;
Let us reach be - yond the boun - daries of our dai - ly thought and care
in our world of stress and ten - sion teach us love that con - quers fear.
'til the fam - ily You have cho - sen spills its love out ev - ery - where.
Help us learn to love each oth - er with a love that con - stant stays;
teach us when we face our trou - bles, love's ex - pressed in man - y ways.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. House

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 | Generations of Grace and Love | *Joshua McClure*


Our hearts and doors are o - pen, O God of gen - er - a - tions. You've led us through the years in end - less grace.

You call our hearts to fol - low to serve with love and grace. We lift our voice in praise for You this day.

So we Know, Grow, Go in the love of God. We Your peo - ple sing Your prais - es.

Go - ing where You send, we will live in love. So we Know, Grow, Go to - day.

THE SCRIPTURE | Esther 4:14 | Pew Bible, pg. 710

Miss Flora White

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

THE SERMON | "For Such a Time As This"

Dr. Bill Burch

THE TIME OF GIVING

Dr. Burch

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† THE HYMN OF RESPONSE | Hymn 98: stanzas 1 & 3 | To God Be the Glory | *arr. Craig Courtney*

Choir:

Shout with joy, all the earth.
 Make a joyful noise, all ye lands.
 Sing forth the glory of His name for great is our God!
 Behold the works of the Lord; His deeds on our behalf.
 Let the sound of His praise be heard abroad for great is our God!

The congregation stands and joins in singing as directed.

**To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
 So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
 who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
 and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

»Hymn of Response continued on next page.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory, great things He hath done!

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

O praise Him, O praise Him, O praise our God.

—Psalm 66:1-2,5-10; Fanny Crosby

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THE OFFERTORY | Rejoice! O Church, Rejoice! | *Joseph M. Martin*

Chancel Choir

This morning, we are honored to premiere Rejoice! O Church, Rejoice!—a new anthem commissioned by Northside Church for our 75th Anniversary. Written this past summer by renowned composer Joseph M. Martin of Austin, Texas, the work was created especially for today's celebration, calling us to lift our voices in gratitude for God's faithfulness to Northside Church over the past 75 years and with hope for the years yet to come.

Shout for joy! Let the church sing gloria!
Shout for joy, keepers of the faith!
Come before God with grateful song!
Tune your hearts to sing His praise!

Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!
Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!

We are Your church. We are Your people.
We are Your church, the children of Your Light.
We are Your living alleluias, redeemed and precious in Your sight!

We are Your church. We are the chosen.
We are the ones You called to change the world!
We are cathedrals of Your grace.
Our hearts are one in Your embrace.
We are the church! We are the church!

We are Your home made of living stones,
We are a temple for Your love and grace.
You dwell within each song of praise we offer.
You are the Great Creator. We are but wounded clay.
Yet, You design in us a sacred, holy place.

Our lifted hands are steeples reaching to the sky.
Our arms are open doors to welcome all inside.
Our lives are living stones, a temple set apart.
Come lift your song of praise and let it fill each heart.
Alleluia, alleluia! Let the church rejoice!

» *Offertory continued on next page.*

Rejoice, give thanks and sing
beneath the standard of your God,
the cross of Christ, your King!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Let the church rejoice! Let the church rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice!

*—Incorporating text from the hymn "Rejoice, Give Thanks and sing"
by Messiter & Plumptre; and text by Joseph M. Martin.*

† 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

Dr. Burch

† THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | Hymn 672: stanza 1 | God Be with You Till We Meet Again

**God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

THE POSTLUDE | Symphony V: V. Toccata | *Charles-Marie Widor*

Brass Quintet, Timpani & Organ

Acolytes

Miss Maggie Jones
Miss Maggie Mason
Master Hoyte Smithson
Miss Ansley Warren

Instrumentalists

Nathan Warner & Karl Liberatore, *trumpet*
Stephen Wilson & Wes Funderburk, *trombone*
Katie Ray, *horn* | Lisa Morris, *percussion*

Sanctuary Bells: Aimee Henderson, Drenda Marsch, Elizabeth Brown,
Kim Smith, Natalie Rogers, Susan Schreer Davis.

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

In memory of Respass and Linda Chatfield, charter members of Northside United Methodist Church,
given by their family, the Sumlin, Bounds and Garges families.

The flowers on the memorial cross are given to the Glory of God:

Dedicated to the memory of Betty and John Wallace and in honor of their great grandchildren, William Stanley
and Slaton Ann Zawko, given by Elizabeth, Billy and Billy Jr. Miller; Julia, Steve, Stephen and James Johnston;
John, Caroline, Jack and Henry Wallace.



*Ministry & Mission in
Atlanta Since 1950*

Join us as we continue to celebrate!

History Wall Installation | Unveiled Today

We are excited to showcase Northside's history by way of a new installation located in the Atrium. This 10' x 20' display wall features a flat screen TV monitor showcasing images of the early days of the original construction of the building and many more celebratory highlights over the years. It also features original works of framed art, archival photographs, original bulletins, and a timeline marking the many achievements with which God has blessed us. Stop by, have a look, and enjoy!

Stories, Blessings & Photos | Now Through January 2026

To commemorate this momentous year, we are publishing a book of 75 Stories & Blessings in the spring of 2026. We hope to include testimonies that tell the story of what Northside has meant to our community as well as blessings for the years ahead. We welcome submissions from members, current and former staff, community members, and mission partners. Word limit is 200 per entry. Use the submission form on our website at www.NorthsideUMC.org/75th.

Share a Picture of Your Northside Bible | Now Through January 5, 2026

Did you receive your Bible from Northside—3rd grade, Confirmation, or High School Senior? Has your favorite Bible translation changed while studying in a Northside Sunday School class or group? Share your photos of receiving, using, or studying your Bible! Help us celebrate 75 years of exploring God's Word at Northside. Submit photos or stories at www.NorthsideUMC.org/75th by January 5. Our 3rd Grade Bible Celebration is January 25. To learn more, contact NancyJeanneC@NorthsideUMC.org

Founders' Sunday | November 9, 2025 at 8:30, 9:00 & 11:15AM

Join us for our regular worship services on Founders' Sunday, November 9. We'll honor our very first worship service, held on November 12, 1950, sing the songs and hymns shared that day, and celebrate God's faithfulness from then to now. Come be part of this special milestone!

Discipleship Celebration | November 16, 2025 at 5:00PM

Let's all get together and celebrate discipleship! Join us as we gather all Bible studies and classes across adult, men's, and women's ministries to prayerfully look into the scriptures and enjoy music and praise with Matt Jackson in the Watson Faith & Arts Center. God gave Abraham a new vision at the age of 75—what vision will the Lord give Northside? For more information, contact Dr. James Johnson at JamesJ@NorthsideUMC.org.

Festival Sunday Preview: Discovering God's Story in Handel's *Messiah*, Part I | December 7, 2025 at 10:10AM

Together we will explore the history of the *Messiah*, its biblical texts, and the ways Handel's music gives voice to the promises of Advent and the birth of Christ. This time of learning will help us hear the familiar music with fresh ears, deepening our understanding and worship. Whether you are a longtime lover of *Messiah* or experiencing it for the first time, this hour will prepare your heart to encounter the good news of Christ through one of the greatest sacred works ever written. For more information, contact Nathan Schreer at NathanS@NorthsideUMC.org.

Festival of Carols | December 14, 2025 at 8:30 & 11:15AM

Join us for one of our most beloved Christmas traditions, the Festival of Carols, on Sunday, December 14 during Traditional Worship. This special Festival Choir presentation will feature the Christmas portion of Handel's *Messiah*, telling the story of Christ's birth through some of the most beautiful and timeless music ever written. Join us as we reflect on the history of this cherished tradition, celebrating both our past and the ongoing gift of music in worship.

75 Days of Serving God and Our Community | February 1 through April 17, 2026

Join us for 75 days of intentional service, where faith meets action! From February 1 through April 17, 2026, we invite you to participate in a transformative journey of serving God and our local community. Whether you are passionate about education, supporting our unhoused siblings, or repairing homes for families in need, there's a place for you to serve. Northside Missions will partner with organizations like Peace Preparatory Academy, Covenant House, and Northside Cares to provide a wide range of service opportunities. This is more than volunteer work—it's a chance to live out your faith, build relationships, and make a lasting impact. All are welcome. All are needed. How will you help us serve God during these 75 days? For more information, contact Rev. Angela House at AngelaH@NorthsideUMC.org.

Wednesday Night Dinner Valentines' Celebration | February 11, 2026 at 5:00PM

Calling all Northside couples! On February 11, at Wednesday Night Dinner, we will celebrate Valentine's Day. As a part of our celebration, we will recognize any couples who met or were married at Northside. Dinner begins at 5:00PM and ends at 7:00PM. The cost is \$12/adults and \$6/children—10 years and younger. Kids under 2 eat for free. We invite couples to share their wedding photos on our 75th Anniversary website. We will have a recognition of Northside Couples at 6:00PM. To share your photo, visit www.NorthsideUMC.org/75th.

Ladies Legacy Luncheon: From Girls Through Grands | February 8, 2026 at 12:30PM

Please join us for a special luncheon celebrating 75 years of cherished history, connecting generations of women from across our community. We will gather in the Watson Faith & Arts Center to share stories and create new memories built on a foundation of faith, family, and friendship. All ages are welcome! Register via www.NorthsideUMC.org/ladieslegacy or contact Christa Groves at ChristaG@NorthsideUMC.org for more information.

Scouting Sunday | February 8, 2026 at 8:30, 9:00 & 11:15AM

Join us as we celebrate Scout Sunday during worship on February 8. We will honor the young people and adult leaders who participate in Scouting ministries. We believe Scouting is more than an activity—it's a ministry. For many youth, Scouting is their first connection to the church. Through service, leadership, and spiritual growth, Scouting opens another door to Christ's love. We give heartfelt thanks to all who support this ministry throughout the generations—leaders, volunteers, families, and Scouts themselves. Come in uniform, bring your family, and be part of this celebration of faith and service. Let's honor the journey and the impact of Scouting together.

Homecoming Sunday | March 15, 2026 at 10:00AM

Celebrate Northside's 75th Anniversary season on Homecoming Sunday, March 15! All three services will unite for one worship at 10:00AM in the Sanctuary, blending music and styles from across our church family. Alumni of the Youth Choir are invited to join current members for a special Homecoming Youth Choir for this special day of celebration. Following worship, stay for lunch with activities for kids, youth, and an old-fashioned hymn sing. Come worship, fellowship, and celebrate God's faithfulness together!



NORTHSIDE CHURCH

A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

CLERGY

Dr. Bill Burch, *Senior Pastor* • Rev. Catherine Boothe Olson, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Angela House, *Associate Pastor*

AFFILIATED CLERGY

Dr. G. Gil Watson, *Pastor Emeritus* • Dr. Ann Brightwell McCord, *Retired*
Rev. Nancy Yarnell, *Retired*

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