



**NORTHSIDE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*"That I may know Christ and the power of His resurrection."*

Philippians 3:10

***December 22, 2024***

***11:00 a.m.***

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**Worship**  
**December 22, 2024**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

**\*Call to Worship** (From Psalm 80)

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, stir up your might and come to save us!

**All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

Leader: O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

**All: You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.**

Leader: You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.

**All: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

**\*Opening Hymn**     *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing!*     #203

**Scripture Readings**

First Reading     *Psalm 23*     (Pew Bible p. 458)

Second Reading     *Ephesians 1:3-7*     (Pew Bible p. 976)

**Corporate Confession**

Unison

**Father in Heaven, your Word says, "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love." We confess today our lack of belief in your perfect love for us. We often do not trust your unconditional love by trying to please you without faith and by our own performances. Forgive us for running to fear**

**and punishment, instead of you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.** (from 1 John 4)

**Assurance of Pardon**

1 John 3:2-3

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

**\*Hymn**

*What Child is This!*

#213

**Pastoral Prayer**

Prayer for the Robersons, Gideons International, Tim & Lois Hunter

**\*Hymn**

*Away in a Manger*

#204

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offering**

**\*Offertory Hymn**

*Doxology*

#731

*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. Amen.*

**GOD SPEAKS TO US**

Sermon: *The Love of God Manifested*

Text: 1 John 4:9

Pastor Tim Weldon

(Pew Bible p. 1023)

Sermon Notes:

## OUR RESPONSE

\*Closing Hymn      *Joy to the World*      #195

\*Benediction

### Congregation Standing

Our worship music is led by Christian Roberson.  
Sunday sermons are available on the Northside YouTube channel.

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## Missionary Spotlight

Tim & Lois Hunter/Spoken Worldwide

The Hunters spent over 35 years serving in various roles with Wycliffe Bible Translators and now use that same expertise with Spoken Worldwide. Tim grew up in Cameroon, West Africa, the son of missionaries who translated the New Testament for the Kapsiki people. Lois grew up in the USA, praying for missionaries. Both felt an early desire in life to be part of what God is doing to expand his kingdom around the world.

They spent more than 10 years overseas in Cameroon, Chad, and Nigeria. Tim currently mentors indigenous translation teams in African oral preference communities as they use oral Bible translation methods to give God's Word to their communities.

## MISSIONARIES

Dan & Rebecca Gregoire, Slovakia  
Jeff & Caroline Thompson, RUF Int'l/UGA  
Jonathan & Beka, Refugee Ministry  
Noah & Karleigh Stephens, Thailand

Luke & Leanne Turk, Central African Republic  
Andy & Bev Warren, Ethiopia  
Ben & Anna Coppedge, RUF/UGA  
Hatem & Lisa, Middle East  
Tim & Lois Hunter, Spoken Worldwide  
Brian & Megan Moore, Germany

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome Visitors.** We are grateful for your visit. Please complete a visitor card, located at the front door or in the pew. Use the card to indicate your presence with us and to make us aware of any concerns or prayer requests you may have. Once completed, please place the card in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

**Office Hours:** No office hours this week.

#### **December Sundays - Advent**

We will celebrate the season of Advent with the lighting of the candles each week on the advent wreath. Advent means “arrival” or “coming”, which points us to the importance of the arrival our Lord & Savior, Jesus. The candles we light each week represent the Hope, the Joy, the Peace, and the Love that Christ brings.

**Women’s Growth Opportunities** – A new morning bible study will begin Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and contact Stacey for more details. In addition, a bi-monthly devotion and prayer time for women will begin on certain Thursdays at 10:00 am. Contact Joan Wilson with questions.

#### **Tuesday, December 24—Christmas Eve Service**

Invite your family and friends for our traditional candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

#### **Sunday, December 29—Christmas Party**

You are invited to a Christmas party at the Weldons’ home from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Join us and invite some friends as we fellowship and eat together. Please bring an appetizer, side or dessert to share. (Weldon’s address: 284 Finch Landing Rd, Winder, GA 30680).

#### **Ushers**

Today: Jack & William Roberson

December 29: Ronne Haag & Mike Chubb

### **Nursery Attendants**

Today: Meredith Bilow & Logan Bane

December 29: Cindy Perry & Jack Roberson

**Help[H]er Ministry**—Please contact by phone or through email Lucy Pelletier or Opal Hardgrove to meet one on one.

## **Northside Calendar**

### **Sundays**

9:30 – 9:45 a.m. Coffee & Pastries Fellowship  
9:45 – 10:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:35 – 10:50 a.m. Corporate Prayer  
11:00 – 12:15 p.m. Corporate Worship  
5:30 p.m. Youth Group Meets  
7:00 p.m. College/Young Adults

### **Mondays**

6:30-8:00 p.m. Trail Life & American Heritage Girls

### **Wednesdays**

2:00 p.m. Good News Club at Holsenbeck Elementary  
6:45 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study (Home of Lucy Pelletier)

### **Thursdays**

10:00 a.m. Women's Devotion (twice a month)  
7:00 p.m. Men's Study/Discipleship

All meetings are held at the church unless otherwise noted.

### **OUR VISION**

Northside is committed to developing lives that count for God through the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

### **OUR VALUES**

*WORSHIP:* Grow in our understanding, experience, and love of who God is.

*WITNESS:* Share the good news of who God is and what He has done with those God has placed in our sphere of influence.

**ELDERS**

*Teaching*

Tim Weldon:

*Ruling*

Lee Bane:

Christian Roberson:

**DEACONS**

Bob Perry:

Jerry Wilson:

Ronne Haag:

**DEACON-EMERITUS**

Gary Munn

**CHURCH PIANIST**

Leann Roberson

