

MEET OUR STAFF



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SHARE THE JOURNEY

GET INVOLVED

Sunday, December 4

- 9:30a Bible Study
- 10:45a Worship Service
- 10:45a Kid's Church
- 6:00p Alleluia- A Night of Christmas Worship

Tuesday, December 6

- 6:00p Celebrate Recovery
- 6:00p AHG/ Trail Life
- 6:30p Circle of Hope Bible Study

Wednesday, December 7

- 6:00p Connect
- 6:00p Student Midweek
- 6:00p AWANA

Friday, December 9

- 6:00p Women's Night

**CHURCH SECURITY:** For security purposes, the doors to the church buildings will be open 30 minutes before a service or event. This includes Sunday mornings and Sunday evenings.

(Please note that the calendar was correct at the time of printing. Changes may have occurred after printing that would cause the calendar to be inaccurate.)

COUNT OUR BLESSINGS

Budget Gifts Last Week	\$13,561.88
Given Year to Date	\$122,500.67
Need Year to Date	\$126,172.00

STOPS ON THE JOURNEY

Go to [nbcvictoria.org/wg](http://nbcvictoria.org/wg) for a digital copy of this Worship Guide



ALLELUIA- A NIGHT OF CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Join us for a night of family Christmas worship TONIGHT, December 4, at 6:00pm. This will be a special time to ring in the Christmas season with worship through Praiz Kidz, Adult Choir, and congregational worship. Following the service there will be a time to fellowship with hot beverages and cookies. You do not want to miss this time to come together as a Northside family.

ANGEL TREE

Visit a Connect Center today to pick up an ornament from our Angel Tree. Pick a name and buy a gift for a child that has an incarcerated parent. The parent gets the credit, you get the joy of helping. Please turn in your gifts by December 14. The gifts will be given to the children at a party on December 19.



RAD WEEKEND HOST HOMES

RAD Weekend is January 27-29, 2023. If you would be interested in being a host home, co-host, or helping that weekend contact Cody at [codymoore@nbcvictoria.org](mailto:codymoore@nbcvictoria.org) or 361-578-1568.



WOMEN'S NIGHT

Women's Night is Friday, December 9, at 6:00pm. This month we will have a time of Christmas worship and learn about Mary. Bring a finger food if you are able. Childcare is available if you register by December 7 at [nbcvictoria.org](http://nbcvictoria.org) on the events page. Join us!



LOTTIE MOON

The Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions runs through December 30. All money collected goes directly for international missions. Northside's goal is \$22,000. Please designate your gift as "Lottie Moon" when you give in person and online at [nbcvictoria.org](http://nbcvictoria.org).

UPWARD SOCCER REGISTRATION OPEN

Early registration for Upward Soccer ends today, December 4 for \$110. Regular registration will start December 5 for \$130. Registration will close when teams are full, so register early! Practices will start the week of March 6 and the games will be on Saturdays March 25 to April 29.



VCAM DONATIONS

VCAM (Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry) is in need of several items with the holidays approaching. These items will benefit the homeless and needy in our community. Items need to be dropped off in the red bins in the Worship Center or the church office by December 14.

Needed Items:

Socks and Underwear: Kids & Adults

Nonperishable food: Soup, crackers, Hamburger Helper, stuffing, flour, and sugar

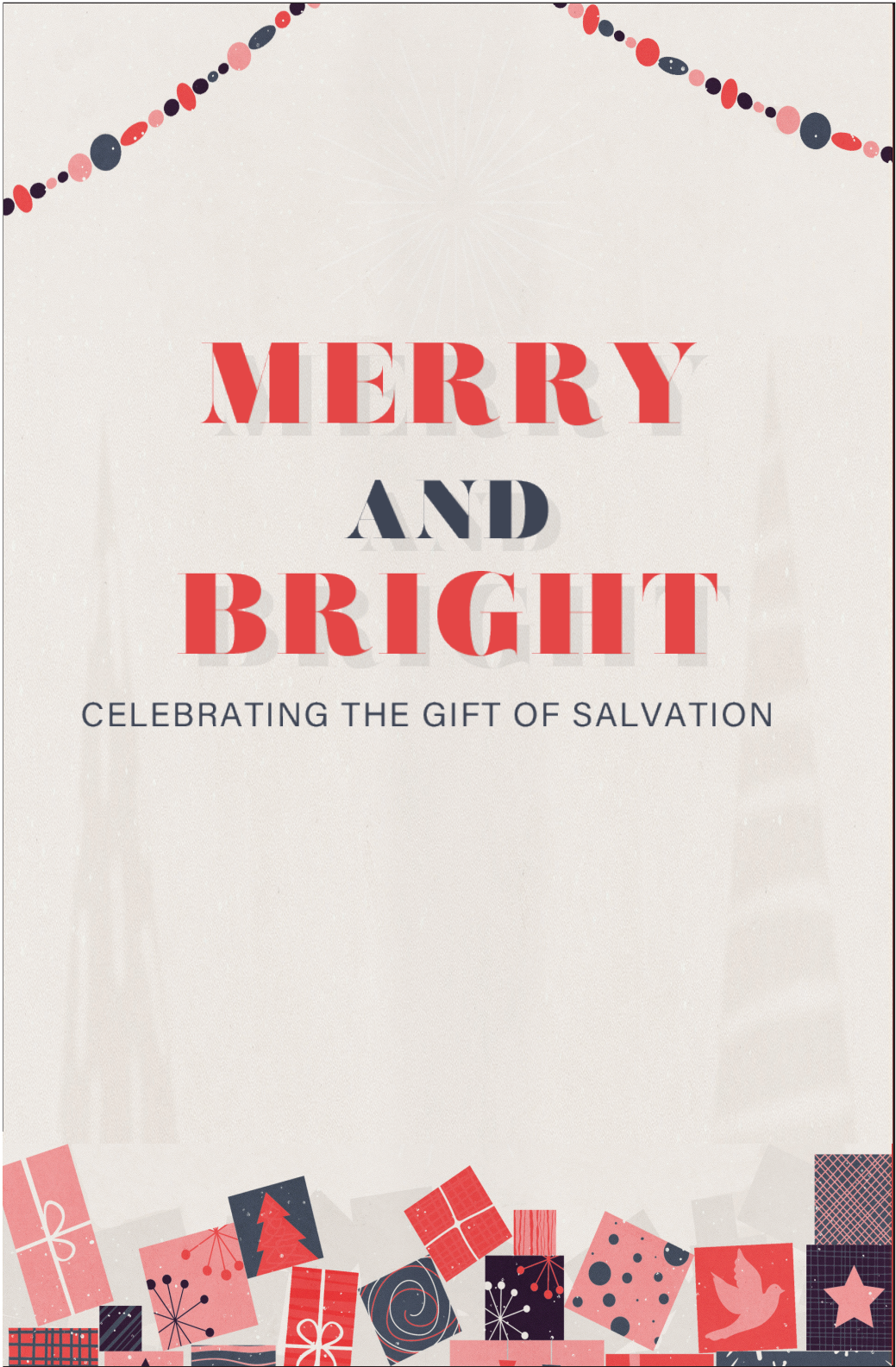
Toys for children: Infant- 18 years old

PRAISE AND PRAYER TREE

In the foyer of the Worship Center, there is a tree with tags on it. Please take one and write a prayer request or a praise and put it back on the tree.



December 4, 2022



Worship Sundays at 10:45am

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# THOUGHTS ON THE JOURNEY

I am not sure how I am saying this already, but the Christmas Season is upon us. It is time once again to break out the decorations, purchase gifts, plan meals, and schedule

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family get togethers. However, if we are not careful, we will allow all of this to overwhelm us. Once overwhelmed, we can completely miss the true reason for the season. My prayer for you and myself, is that we can keep our focus on what it is really all about.

In Second Corinthians 2:15, Paul exclaims, “Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!” When you see this statement in context, it seems to be a spontaneous outburst of praise. Paul has not been specifically talking about the gift of Christ, but rather about being a cheerful giver. Then, it seems, as he thinks about giving, his mind is drawn to what God has given us in Christ. Hence, this outburst of praise.

This Christmas season, as we make careful plans related to family and gifts, let us remember that God had a careful plan to bring us a Savior. Not only was Jesus the right gift, He was given at just the right time (Romans 5:6). This reality should cause us, like Paul, to have occasional outbursts of praise. As our plans frustrate us, we can remember that God’s plans bring peace and comfort.

So, as we begin this march toward Christmas, keep your eyes and mind rightly focused. Allow your heart to be centered on Christ. As anxiety comes and as uncertainty surfaces, remember to rest in Him. I pray that this Christmas season would be a true blessing for each of you.

Honored to be your pastor,

DARRELL

# TODAY’S WORSHIP

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing*  
(Wesley/Douglas/Parks)

*Advent Reading- Love*

## WELCOME & PRAYER

*House of the Lord*  
(Wickham/Smith)

*We Praise You*  
(Lake/Johnson/Redman/Wickham)

*Agnus Dei*  
(Smith)

**MESSAGE**  
*Know the Gift*  
John 15:1-11 (Focus 4-8)  
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## TIME OF COMMITMENT

*Grace Flows Down*  
(Giglio/Padgett)

## GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

## THIS WEEK AT NORTHSIDE

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# SERMON NOTES



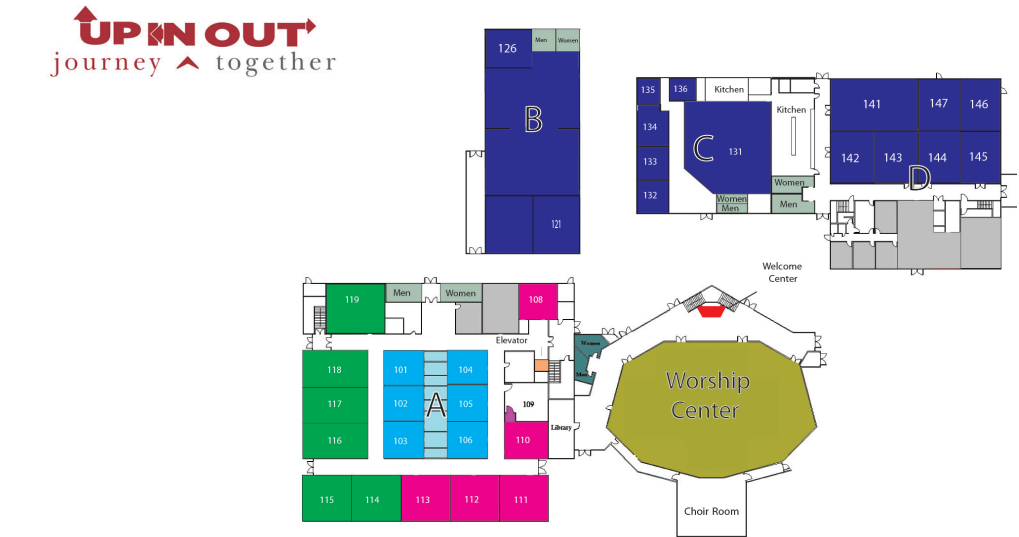
## Know the Gift

*John 15:1-11 (Focus 4-8)*

**The Big Idea:** Walk constantly in the presence of Christ so that you will fulfill God’s call on your life.

1. A \_\_\_\_\_: Abide in me (v. 4).
2. A \_\_\_\_\_: I will abide in you (v. 4).
3. A \_\_\_\_\_: That you bear much fruit (v. 4b-5a).
4. A \_\_\_\_\_: Apart from me you can do nothing (v. 5b).
5. A \_\_\_\_\_: Ask and it will be done for you (v.7-8).

# WELCOME TO NORTHSIDE



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Sunday Sermons are  
on our website:  
[nbcvictoria.org](http://nbcvictoria.org)



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- Up-to-date Northside happenings
- Online event registrations
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2. Click more.
3. Go to Events and find Northside.

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