



Traditional Service 11:00 a.m.

**Staff:**

**Rev. JJ Wicke**, Senior Pastor

**Rev. Dr. Ray Kiser**, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care

**Tyler Steele**, Director of Youth and Digital Ministries

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Monday - Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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*If you are worshipping in-person this morning, please silence your cell phone.*

*For more information regarding Sunday School classes and small groups,  
please see our website or contact the church office.*

## We Gather to Worship God

PRELUDE "Come Let Us See the Grace Divine" arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Following the guidelines set by the city of Austin for **Stage 5**, we are continuing to ask all people, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, to wear masks during Sunday worship and in the church office. Visit <https://www.austintexas.gov/page/covid-19-risk-based-guidelines> for more information.

OPENING HYMN "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" UMH #632

ANTHEM "Be Thou My Vision"  
Cody Parrott, soloist

## We Seek to Hear from God

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

SERMON SERIES: Living with Joy

SERMON: Baptized in Love

Rev. J.J.

Wicke

HYMN OF RESPONSE "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" UMH #462

### APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living 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.

GLORIA PATRI

UMH #70

## **We Respond to God**

### **TIME OF PRAYER**

**Dr. Ray Kiser**

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO GIVE**

### **DOXOLOGY**

**UMH #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. Amen.

## **We Leave to Serve God in the World**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

**"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

**UMH #452**

### **BENEDICTION**

**Rev. J.J. Wicke**

### **POSTLUDE**

**"Jesus, The Name High Over All"**

**arr. Seth Zamora**

### **TOGETHER WE DO MORE**

Adult small groups sponsored six families for Christmas. Forty-six people were served and at least \$4368 in cash and in-kind gifts were presented. We are the hands and feet of Christ.

We also raised over \$1000 for Project Transformation at our Christmas Eve services.

# Northwest Hills UMC Weekly Announcements:

## *Upcoming Events & Opportunities*

### Open Door Ministry

We will be manning the food distribution to the homeless at University UMC on Jan 8, 2022. No additional volunteers are needed; however, financial support can be given through the communion rail offering in January, which will be supporting this Open Door ministry.

### Warm Clothing for the Homeless

We will be collecting men's and women's socks, caps and gloves for distribution at University UMC's Fig Leaf Store. Both new and gently used (clean) items can be donated. Donations can be shipped directly to the NWH church office or delivered to the office no later than January 30. For more information, contact [missions@nwhillsumc.org](mailto:missions@nwhillsumc.org).

### Ramp Build

NWH will partner with Redeemer Lutheran to build a wheelchair ramp on January 8. Many hands are needed to complete the 64-foot ramp. Contact [missions@nwhillsumc.org](mailto:missions@nwhillsumc.org) to get the time and location details. No experience is needed.

### Children's Sunday School:

Children's Sunday School for kids (through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) will resume in the FLC classroom 102 at 10:00 am on January 9, 2022.

### "Minor Prophets of the Old Testament and Their Messages" Bible Study

The "Minor Prophets of the Old Testament and Their Messages" Bible Study will begin Tuesday, January 11, 2022 from 7-9 pm in room 111 of the main building. This study is open to both men and women, and no previous Bible study experience is needed. There will be no study guide; your Bible will be the primary source for this study. The cost of the class is \$5 per person to cover printing handouts. To register contact Paulette Payne at [paulettep21@yahoo.com](mailto:paulettep21@yahoo.com) or 512-627-9072.

### Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study

The Thursday morning women's Bible study group will begin their next study, "Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn from Them" by Liz Curtis Higgs on January 13, 2022 at 10:00 am via Zoom. To register, contact Paulette Payne.

### United Methodist Women

UMW will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, January 11 at 10:00 am. Tyler Steele will be speaking. For more information, contact Sue Abold or the church office.

### Stephen Ministry Training

We are forming a Stephen Minister training class, starting in February at NW Hills UMC. If you would be interested in training to become a Stephen Minister, please contact one of the following Stephen Ministry Leaders:  
Diane Coleman at 512-560-1828, Jim Beck at 512-925-7611, Richard Wilkison at 512-914-5211

### Reminders

We've updated our giving platforms so you can give your tithe or gift more securely and easily than ever:  
Give Online, PayPal Giving Fund, via Text, via the Church Center App, via Mail, or In-person.

### Resources/Support

We have trained Stephen Ministry volunteers standing ready to give you confidential, non-judgmental, empathetic listening and care. If you would like to learn more or request a Stephen Minister, contact Pastor JJ Wicke, at 512-345-1743, Stephen Leaders Diane Coleman at 512-560-1828 or Jim Beck at 512-925-7611.

To submit a prayer request or receive ongoing prayer, contact Connie Ellis at [drclellis@gmail.com](mailto:drclellis@gmail.com)