

# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The church should be like a city on a hill,

**People: visible and beautiful.**

Leader: Collectively, our life together should be sweet to God,

**People: a joy to us, and attractive to others.**

Leader: As each city has its own culture,

**People: ours should be the righteousness of God.**

Leader: We must always be welcoming to others,

**People: just as God has welcomed us.**

### HYMN

*Forth in My Name, Oh Lord*

UMH #438

### OPENING PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, let me bear your light to the world, shining brightly for others to see. Let us as a church be a city on a hill, visible and holy. Let your church throughout the world bear your image so that the kingdom of God might grow upon the earth. Let us remain faithful until you come again to reign over us all forever. Amen.

### THE PEACE

### ANTHEM

*We Gather Together*  
a Netherlands Folk Hymn

arr. Jeremy Walton,  
trans. Theodore Baker

## WE SEEK TO HEAR FROM GOD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5: 14-16

### SERMON SERIES

The Art of the Neighborhood

### SERMON TITLE

Motives Matter

### SERMON

Rev. J.J. Wicke

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

### HYMN

*This Little Light of Mine*

UMH #585

## OFFERING

*Today's communion rail and monthly mission's giving will support Rise Against Hunger.*

### 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.

### 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

### TIME OF PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Ray Kiser

Blessing of the Pillowcases

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

### HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

### HYMN

*Become to Us the Living Bread*

UMH #630

## WE LEAVE TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

### HYMN

*Go Forth for God*

UMH #370

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

## Northwest Hills United Methodist Church

*We are glad you are here!*

**Date: September 17, 2023**

**Service attended: 11:00 am**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1st Time Guest
- 2nd or 3rd Time Guest
- Regular Guest
- Church Member
- Desire to join (member/baptism)

I/we would like more information about:

- Children's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Men's Ministry
- Music Ministry
- Stephen Ministry
- Sunday School classes
- Mission Opportunities
- On-campus volunteer opportunities
- Sunday morning hospitality
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

I/we need a name tag (new or replacement)

\_\_\_\_\_ (name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (name)

# Prayer Requests

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please pray for \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- I would like this request kept private.
- I have the recipient's permission to share this with our prayer chain.
- I would like to speak with a pastor.
- I would like to join the Prayer Chain.

# Celebrations

I would like to share the following celebration:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- You may share my celebration.

To submit a prayer request or a celebration to our Prayer Team, fill out this prayer card and drop it in the offering plate. You can also contact our Prayer Ministry coordinator, Connie Ellis, at [drcllellis@gmail.com](mailto:drcllellis@gmail.com).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Upcoming Events & Opportunities

For all event, study, and missions' signups/registrations, go to [nwhillsumc.churchcenter.com/registrations](http://nwhillsumc.churchcenter.com/registrations) or use the QR code at top.

### Rise Against Hunger

Rise Against Hunger will be Sept. 24 following a combined worship service. Volunteer slots are available for set-up, meal packing, and clean-up. Families are welcome! We are hoping to package over 25,000 meals this year, so we will need your help!

### Loss and Grief Seminar

We are looking to hold a Grief Recovery seminar starting Oct. 12. This is a six-week seminar (Thursdays at 7 pm) dealing with issues surrounding the loss of a loved one. This seminar is open to all. To learn more, or to sign up, please contact Diane Coleman at 512-560-1828 or [dyc Coleman@gmail.com](mailto:dyc Coleman@gmail.com)

### Library

Having completed their goals over the last few years, the Library Committee has decided to retire. If anyone would like to join a new Library Committee, please contact the church office. As always, everyone is welcome to utilize our library!

### North Hills Gallery: through Sept. 24

The artwork features prints and crafts from Eurasian artists; all proceeds support Marfa Ministry's partner churches and missions. Sales from this show fun Moscow Theological Seminary scholarships.

### Save the Date!

Another Parents' Night Out is coming! October 7 from 4:30—7:30 pm. Children aged nursery to 5th grade welcome.

### Stephen Ministry Training

Stephen Ministry will begin a new training session starting in January. If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact Diane Coleman ([dyc Coleman@gmail.com](mailto:dyc Coleman@gmail.com)) or Jim Beck ([jeb3491@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeb3491@sbcglobal.net)).

### Men's Clothing Closet

The Clothing Closet has already served 1200 men this year! The Closet is in particular need of new socks and underwear. Donations can be dropped off in the narthex or church office.

**WELCOME**  
**Contemporary Worship Service 9:00 am**  
**Sunday School (all ages) 10:00 am**  
**Traditional Worship Service 11:00 am**  
**Nursery 8:45 am—12:00 pm**  
**September 17, 2023**  
**11:00 am**

### Our Team:

- Senior Pastor:** Rev. J.J. Wicke ([jj@nwhillsumc.org](mailto:jj@nwhillsumc.org))
- Associate Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Ray Kiser ([rdkiser@aol.com](mailto:rdkiser@aol.com))
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- Contemporary Worship Leader:** Jordan Burchill
- Director of Traditional Music:** Rick Gabrillo
- Pianist/Organist:** Seth Zamora

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### Address:

7050 Village Center Drive  
Austin, Texas 78731

### Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday  
9:00 am—12:00 pm  
1:00—4:00 pm

### Updated giving platforms:

Use the QR code to go directly to our secure giving options—online and via text.



### This Sunday's floral dedication is to the Glory of God and

in memory of Jane Posten, given by Pat and Mary Frances Markley.