

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 team.
- I would like to speak to 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, or to receive ongoing prayer, 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Upcoming Events & Opportunities

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

Murchison Family Sponsorships

Small groups are sponsoring Murchison families for Christmas. These families have been identified by Murchison staff as being in particular need. If you are not part of a group and would like to participate, contact Dee Susong (lolabeetle@gmail.com) or Sue Abold (sueiabold@aol.com) to join the at-large group.

Living Nativity

Come experience the magic of Christmas this Sunday, Dec. 15th, at our Living Nativity. Witness the story of Christ's birth brought to life with a performance featuring live music and real animals. This free event is fun for the whole family, with holiday treats, hot cocoa, and a petting zoo. Event is from 5:00-7:00pm with performances at 5:30 and 6:15. We will also be collecting diapers for the Austin Diaper Bank- please consider donating.

Open Door

On Saturday, Dec. 21st from 7:15-9:30am, be the hands and feet of Christ in Austin by joining with our friends at University United Methodist Church to help prepare and serve brunch to neighbors experiencing homelessness in Austin. Volunteers can also help distribute clothing through the Fig Leaf clothing store.

Christmas Caroling

December 22nd from 1:00-2:00pm join us for an afternoon of caroling for the residents of Brookdale Northwest Hills Senior Living Center at 5715 Mesa Dr. Austin, TX 78731. No singing experience required- help us make a joyful noise and spread some Christmas cheer. Contact heather@nwhillsumc.org with any questions.

Poinsettia Dedications

We are still accepting dedication requests for Christmas Poinsettias. Fill out a poinsettia dedication form in honor or memory of a loved one, or email Anna at anna@nwhillsumc.org to establish a dedication. Suggested donation is \$10.00 per dedication.



WELCOME

Contemporary Worship Service 9:00am

Sunday School (all ages) 10:00am

Traditional Worship Service 11:00am

Nursery 8:45am- 12:00pm

**December 15, 2024
11:00am**

- Senior Pastor:** Rev. J.J. Wicke (jj@nwhillsumc.org)
- Associate Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Ray Kiser (rdkiser@aol.com)
- Youth and Digital Ministry:** Tyler Steele (tsteele@nwhillsumc.org)
- Children's Ministry:** Heather Taylor (heather@nwhillsumc.org)
- Business Manager:** Michelle McMinn (mmcminn@nwhillsumc.org)
- Office Manager:** Anna Shipley (anna@nwhillsumc.org)
- Contemporary Worship Leader:** Jordan Burchill
- Pianist/Organist:** Seth Zamora

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7050 Village Center Drive
Austin, Texas 78731

Office Hours:

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

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.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Patapan, Traditional French Carol* arr. Michael Scott
Guest Pianist: Kabir Nayak

ADVENT READING AND CANDLE LIGHTING

HYMN *Angels from the Realms of Glory* UMH #220

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we have come to this place from a world of demands and schedules. We have sought hope and peace and have found them here. Now we seek the inner joy that only your presence can bring to our lives. Open our hearts and our spirits to your love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

THE PEACE

ANTHEM *Comfort Ye My People* by G.F. Handel
Tenor: Nathan Rothe

WE SEEK TO HEAR FROM GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Zephaniah 3: 13-20

SERMON *The Promise of Restoration* Rev. JJ Wicke

WE RESPOND TO GOD

HYMN *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus* UMH #196

OFFERING

This month our second mile giving focus is Zoe Empowers. This organization empowers orphaned children and youth-led, vulnerable families to overcome poverty, move beyond charity, and experience meaningful lives. As part of our ongoing partnership with Zoe Empowers we have pledged \$4,500 to them in 2024. We are only \$338.26 away from reaching that 2024 pledge.

DOXOLOGY

**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 Tyler Steele

**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 *I Come With Joy* UMH #617

WE LEAVE TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

HYMN *Angels We Have Heard On High* UMH #238
vv. 1 and 2

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Prepare the Way, O Zion* arr. Hal Leonard

Northwest Hills United Methodist Church

We are glad you are here!

**Date: December 15, 2024
Service Attended: 11:00am**

Name(s): _____

Children's Name(s): _____

E-mail: _____

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
- Legacy Giving
- Sunday School Classes
- Missions Opportunities
- On Campus Volunteer Opportunities
- Other: _____

I/We need a new name tag
_____ (name)