

Prayer Requests

Date: _____

Please pray for:

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- ☐ 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:

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- ☐ 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 .

LAST CALL - Poinsettias

Reserve your poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one. Deadline to submit your dedication is TODAY. Forms found in the Narthex or online.

Living Nativity

TODAY, 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Show times will be 5:30 and 6:15. 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 and a petting zoo! We encourage you to bring a pack of diapers of any size to donate to the Austin Diaper Bank during the Christmas season.

Art Gallery Reception: "Faith and Resilience"

TODAY, 12-1:30 PM - Tatiana Nikolova-Houston, PhD is December's featured artist along with guest artists: Tanya Houston and Robert Grantham. The show will run through Friday, Jan 2nd.

Christmas Eve Choir

All are invited to join our Choir on Christmas Eve! No experience is necessary. If you have a heart for worship and want to celebrate Christmas Eve by helping fill the sanctuary with praise, reach out to our Director of Traditional Music, David Suarez, to get connected. Email: dgarciasuarez16@gmail.com

Blue Christmas Service

Join us the evening of Thursday, Dec 18th at 7:00pm for a reflective worship service for those navigating sadness, loss, or grief during the holiday season.

Carols in the Community

Sunday, Dec 21st: Come join us Sunday afternoon as we spread some Christmas cheer! 1:00 PM Atria at the Arboretum, 9306 Great Hills Trail
2:00 PM Grand Living at the Grove, 4401 Jessie Heights Dr.

Carols in the Courtyard

Sunday, Dec 21st at 6:00 PM - All are invited to bring their families to the church courtyard for an evening of caroling under the stars. We'll have tamales and lots of Christmas spirit!

Christmas Eve Worship Services

3:00 PM Chapel / 5:00 PM Contemporary / 7:00 PM Traditional.
All services will include carols, communion, and candlelight.

One Service

Sunday, Dec 28th will be one worship service at 10:00 AM with Rev. Ray Kiser at the pulpit.



WELCOME

Contemporary Worship Service 9:00am

Sunday School (all ages) 10:00am

Traditional Worship Service 11:00am

Nursery 8:45am- 12:00pm

**December 14, 2025
9:00am**

Senior Pastor: Rev. J.J. Wicke (jj@nwhillsumc.org)

Associate Pastor: Rev. Dr. Ray Kiser (rdkiser@aol.com)

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Office Manager: Sharon Clark (sharon@nwhillsumc.org)

Contemporary Worship Leader: Jordan Burchill

Traditional Worship Leader: David Suarez

Pianist/Organist: Donald Brower

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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 dedications are given to the glory of God.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

OPENING SONG OF PRAISE *Hope Has A Name*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Tyler Steele

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

SONG OF PRAISE *Angels We Have Heard On High*

THE PEACE

WE SEEK TO HEAR FROM GOD

HOLY BAPTISM

CHILDREN’S TIME *"Shine, O Wonderful Star"* by Elizabeth Davis Soechtig
performed by Children of NWHUMC

SONG OF PRAISE *Behold Him*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2: 7-12

SERMON The Magi Rev. J.J. Wicke

WE RESPOND TO GOD

OFFERING

This month’s communion rail offering benefits Zoe Empowers. This organization empowers orphaned children and youth-led, vulnerable families to overcome poverty, move beyond charity, and experience meaningful lives. We are entering into the 3rd year of our 3-year pledge commitment sponsoring the Glory Mikinduri Empowerment Group in Kenya, supporting 24 households and a total of 88 youth and children. As part of our ongoing partnership with Zoe Empowers, we have pledged \$4,500 in 2026.

TIME OF PRAYER Rev. 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.

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.

COMMUNION SONG *God With Us*

WE LEAVE TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

CLOSING CHORUS OF PRAISE *Hope Has A Name*

BENEDICTION

GINGERBREAD CAFE FUN!



Kids of all ages enjoyed the magic of creating gingerbread houses last Sunday! Thank you to everyone who helped prep, decorate, and clean up for this beloved annual tradition. Photo by Dennis Ellis.

Northwest Hills United Methodist Church

We are glad you are here!

Date: December 14, 2025
Service Attended: 9:00am

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)