

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, 12-1:30PM - 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
11:00am

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

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Contemporary Worship Leader: Jordan Burchill

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Pianist/Organist: Donald Brower

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7050 Village Center Drive
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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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Tyler Steele

PRELUDE What Child Is This UMH #219

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

HYMN The First Noel, vv 3-5 UMH #245

OPENING PRAYER
Loving God, we thank You for this time together. We pray that Your joy and peace would rest upon us, and that we would be filled to overflowing with Your Holy Spirit, during this time together. Increase our love for one another and for You. Instill in our hearts the hope of our salvation, and surround each one of us with Your love and joy. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

THE PEACE

ANTHEM "Shine, O Wonderful Star" by Elizabeth Davis Soechtig
performed by Children of NWHUMC

WE SEEK TO HEAR FROM GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2: 7-12

SERMON The Magi Rev. J.J. Wicke

WE RESPOND TO GOD

HYMN Star-Child TFWS #2095

OFFERING "The Coventry Carol" featuring Rev. Sue Abold on flute

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.

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 Rev. Dr. Ray Kiser
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 Jesus, Joy of Man’s Desiring UMH #644

WE LEAVE TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

HYMN Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates UMH #213

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Carol of the Bells arr. by Mark Hayes

Northwest Hills United Methodist Church

We are glad you are here!

Date: December 14, 2025
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)