

# 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 [drclellis@gmail.com](mailto:drclellis@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.

### Youth Group

**Tonight!** Meet in the Youth Center from 5:00 - 7:00 PM for our first Sunday night of the new year! We'll play games, eat snacks, maybe pop some bubbly (sparkling apple cider, of course), and spend a little time looking back on 2025 and visioning what we want for our lives in 2026.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** There will be no Sunday Night Youth Group as we will be coming back from our MidWinter Retreat.

### Serve at the First Monday Food Pantry

Tomorrow, Jan 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 - 7:15pm, you are invited to come share God's love with our neighbors when we work as a team to run the weekly food pantry at 601 W Braker Lane.

### Thursday Women's Bible Study

Next session starts Thursday, Jan 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in Room 114. This group studies the scriptures as well as books designed to help participants grow in faith and develop into increasingly mature Christians. Contact Paulette Payne for more information: [paulettep21@yahoo.com](mailto:paulettep21@yahoo.com)

### Mexican Train Dominoes

Starting on Thursday, Jan 15<sup>th</sup> - come play dominoes on the third Thursday of every month! Meet at 9:00am in Room 103. Contact Jody Henderson for more information: [jodygh@stx.rr.com](mailto:jodygh@stx.rr.com)

### Donate Blood

We Are Blood will be onsite Sunday, Jan 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 - 12:30. Sign up for your spot online!

### PNO - Save the Date!

Our next Parents' Night Out will be on Saturday, Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. Keep an eye out for more information and sign up link.

### Be a Worship Helper in the New Year!

We are looking for folks interested in greeting, ushering, and/or helping with communion during weekly worship. If interested please contact, Kim Hoffman for 9AM service at [kadhoffman@yahoo.com](mailto:kadhoffman@yahoo.com) and Marjeanne Rutt for 11AM service at [marjeanner@gmail.com](mailto:marjeanner@gmail.com)

### 2026 Sunday Flower Dedications

The 2026 flower schedule is open! Reserve your Sunday by filling out a form, found in the church office or narthex. Arrangements are \$45.



# WELCOME

**Contemporary Worship Service 9:00am**

**Sunday School (all ages) 10:00am**

**Traditional Worship Service 11:00am**

**Nursery 8:45am- 12:00pm**

**January 4, 2026**

**11:00am**

**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))

**Youth and Digital Ministry:** Tyler Steele ([tsteele@nwhillsumc.org](mailto:tsteele@nwhillsumc.org))

**Children's Ministry:** Heather Taylor ([heather@nwhillsumc.org](mailto:heather@nwhillsumc.org))

**Business Manager:** Michelle McMinn ([mmcminn@nwhillsumc.org](mailto:mmcminn@nwhillsumc.org))

**Office Manager:** Sharon Clark ([sharon@nwhillsumc.org](mailto:sharon@nwhillsumc.org))

**Contemporary Worship Leader:** Jordan Burchill

**Traditional Worship Leader:** David Suarez

**Pianist/Organist:** Donald Brower

### Contact Us:

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<https://nwhillsumc.org>

[Facebook.com/NWHUMC](https://Facebook.com/NWHUMC)

[Instagram.com/nwhumc/](https://Instagram.com/nwhumc/)

### Giving platforms:

Use the QR Code to go directly to our secure giving options- online and via text.



### Address:

7050 Village Center Drive  
Austin, Texas 78731

### Office Hours:

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

**This Sunday's floral dedication** is given to the Glory of God. Arranged by Kathy Bouldin and Phyllis Smith of our Flower Committee.

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Ray Kiser

### PRELUDE

*Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus (twice through)*

UMH #349

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### HYMN

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

UMH #384

### OPENING PRAYER

Christ of power and justice, help us embrace the power that comes from love, and guide us to seek the justice that love reveals. Open our hearts and minds, that we may hear your wisdom in this time of worship. Open our lives in the year ahead to the power and strength of your loving Spirit. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

### THE PEACE

### ANTHEM

*Come Unto Christ*

by Hillary Abplanalp

### WE SEEK TO HEAR FROM GOD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE

John 1: 1-18

### SERMON

God with Us

Rev. J.J. Wicke

### WE RESPOND TO GOD

### HYMN

*Be Thou My Vision*

UMH #451

### OFFERING

This month's communion rail offering benefits Neighborhood Helpers, a volunteer-led pantry serving families in Northwest Hills. Each week, they provide food and household essentials to about 20-25 families, offering a welcoming, client-choice experience that allows neighbors to select what best meets their needs.

### 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

Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer

Tyler Steele

### 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

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

UMH #184

### WE LEAVE TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

### HYMN

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

TFWS 2173

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Festival Rondo*

by Henry Purcell

## Northwest Hills United Methodist Church

We are glad you are here!

Date: January 4, 2026

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)