

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.

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 5th 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 8th 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

Mexican Train Dominoes

Starting on Thursday, Jan 15th - 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

Donate Blood

We Are Blood will be onsite Sunday, Jan 11th 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 31st. 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 and Marjeanne Rutt for 11AM service at 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)

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: Sharon Clark (sharon@nwhillsumc.org)

Contemporary Worship Leader: Jordan Burchill

Traditional Worship Leader: David Suarez

Pianist/Organist: Donald Brower

Contact Us:

512-345-1743

office@nwhillsumc.org

<https://nwhillsumc.org>

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

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

Address:

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 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 Tyler Steele
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 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)