

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 drclellis@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.

Office Closed

The church office will be closed Monday, April 6th.

St. Mark Food Pantry

Monday, April 6th, 4:30 - 7:15pm - all are invited to share the love and hope of Jesus with our neighbors by staffing the food pantry at 601 W. Braker Ln.

Next Ramp Build

Saturday, April 11th - Volunteers are needed to help build a 70 foot ramp with Redeemer Lutheran's team. For more information including time and address, please contact Jackie Gardner: 512-925-4926 or email jackiegillargardner@gmail.com

Coffee with the Pastor

Those wanting to learn more about NWHills are invited to join Pastor JJ in the Narthex, right outside the sanctuary, Sunday, April 12th @ 10:00am.

Supper Club at Balcones Terrace

Join us the evening of Saturday, April 11th from 5:30 - 7:30, for another Supper Club at Foundation Communities' Balcones Terrace apartments! We will provide a taco bar!

We Are Blood - Blood Drive

We will be hosting a We Are Blood blood drive on Sunday, April 19th from 8:30am - 12:30pm. Signup at weareblood.org/donor (Group Code B257). Reach out to Bruce Loyer with questions: brucel@gmx.com

Dominoes!

Tuesday, April 21st at 10:00am in Room 103. All are invited to join a morning of playing Mexican Train dominoes, refreshments, and friends! Put it on your calendar for every 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Exciting Changes are Coming!

Our Making Meaning Together Initiative sanctuary remodel is happening soon! If you are able to lend a hand, contact Heather Taylor at heather@nwhillsumc.org or Zach Kates at Zachary_kates@hotmail.com

Vacation Bible School - Registration now open!

VBS will be July 6-10, 2026. Scan the QR for registration and stay tuned for ways to volunteer & be involved.



WELCOME

Contemporary Worship Service 9:00am

Sunday School (all ages) 10:00am

Traditional Worship Service 11:00am

Nursery 8:45am- 12:00pm

Easter

April 5, 2026 | 11:00 AM

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

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

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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 dedication is given to the Glory of God, and in memory and honor of those listed on our Easter Lily dedication sheet.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

WELCOME Tyler Steele

PRELUDE *“Alleluia” (vs. 1-3)* UMH #186

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 67 UMH #791

HYMN *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” (vs. 1-3 and 6)* UMH #302

OPENING PRAYER

Risen Lord, we worship you today with thanks that you meet us in the dark and shine your light brightly into our lives. Thank you for your incredible gift of forgiveness and eternal life that we celebrate today. We invite you to pour into the parts of our lives where we most need your grace, and we receive the living water that you are and that you give so freely. Amen.

THE PEACE

ANTHEM *“The Head That Once Was Crowned”* arr. by David Lantz III

WE SEEK TO HEAR FROM GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE John 20: 1-18

SERMON “Embracing the Unlikely” Rev. J.J. Wicke

WE RESPOND TO GOD

HYMN *“Up from the Grave He Arose”* UMH #322

OFFERING *“Easter People, Raise Your Voice”* ft. Rev. Sue Abold on flute

This month’s Communion Rail Offering supports the Youth U.M. ARMY Summer Mission Trip. In June, our youth will join others from across Texas in Belton to serve and make a meaningful impact in the community. These trips are fun, meaningful, and truly transformative. Learn more on the youth page of our website.

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

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.

LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN *“Resurrection Hymn”* by Nathan Howe

WE LEAVE TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

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HYMN *“He Lives”* UMH #310

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *“Hallelujah Chorus”* by G. F. Handel

Northwest Hills United Methodist Church

We are glad you are here!

Date: April 5, 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)