



8:00am Worship for the Week of December 29th, 2024

Our Purpose: "Know Christ. Make Christ known."

Our Vision: "Making Christ-Centered, Emotionally Healthy Disciples of Jesus, One Life at a Time."

Our Mission: "Reach and serve our local community, Equip their hearts, minds and souls, and Release them into the world to share God's love."

WELCOME TO RED HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH!

If you are worshiping with us this morning, please visit redhillchurch.org and scroll down to the "Connections Card".

Also, so that we may ensure you are receiving news about the life of our church, please let us know if you have moved or changed your contact information by emailing any updates to info@redhillchurch.org.

Sunday Morning Schedule:

- 8:00 to 9:00 am Classical worship
- 9:15 to 10:00 am Bible studies and groups for all ages ("DiscipleU")
- 10:15-11:15 am Contemporary worship

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RED HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH

8:00 a.m. – First Sunday of Christmas

Rev. Dr. Seth Britton, Senior Pastor

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

“The glory of the people of Israel and the revelation to the Gentile nations are continually unveiled in the redemption of God’s people. From Israel’s dramatic exodus from Egypt; their restoration through conflict and turmoil in the land of Canaan; and now in the definitive presence of Jesus Christ before the righteous and devout man Simeon—God’s redemptive intervention is unmistakable. Christlike compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience permeate the Church, and we stand unmistakably forgiven and redeemed.”

*Congregation responses are in **BOLD** print.*

+GATHERING+

PRELUDE

Prelude on O Little Town of Bethlehem

Gordon Phillips

Dr. Linda Brown

OPENING HYMN

Once In Royal David's City



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
2 He came down to earth from heav-en who is God and Lord of all,
3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem-ing love;
4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand-ing by,



where a moth-er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;
we shall see him; but in heav-en, set at God's right hand on high;



Mar - y was that moth-er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
with the poor and meek and low-ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
there his chil - dren gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Matthew 28:19; [18:20]

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins,
God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1: 8-9

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
 we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

KYRIE *Mark 10:47*

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy.

A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy.

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

In the Bleak Midwinter

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
 2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;
 3 What can I give him, poor as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
 If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;

snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed
 if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;

the Lord . . . God al - might - y, long - a - go.
 yet what I can I give him— Je - sus my Christ. heart.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *2 Timothy 4:22*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

+WORD+

READING

Exodus 13:1–3, 11–15

The LORD said to Moses, ²“Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.”

³Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place.

¹¹“When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, ¹²you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD’s. ¹³Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. ¹⁴And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. ¹⁵For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’”

READING

Colossians 3:12–17

Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:22–40

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation

³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles,

and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MORNING MESSAGE

Pastor Seth Britton

+SACRAMENT+

TITHES & OFFERINGS *If you are worshipping with us online, please consider visiting redhillchurch.org/give.*

OFFERING MEDITATION

Pastorale on Gesú Bambino

Pietro A. Yon

The Lord’s Supper is the family meal for Christians. If you are a Baptized Christian, seeking a church home, a member of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel, and a disciple of Christ who desires to be forgiven and strengthened to live more faithfully for Christ, you are welcome to commune with us (Children, ages 2nd grade and above who are Baptized and who have received First Communion Instruction, are welcome to come commune with their family).

If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to come forward for a personal blessing (indicate this by crossing your arms) or you can spend this time in prayer. Our hope is that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.

THEOLOGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

In the Lutheran Church, we believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine of this holy meal. Consequently, it is the responsibility of the Pastor to assure the proper administration and order of the Eucharist. In the Pastor's absence, reserved elements are used that have been consecrated in the church. The bread and wine used today have been previously consecrated according to God's Word.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

**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;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen**

COMMUNION

At Red Hill, we come forward to the altar (front area) to receive Communion.* You will be given the bread and will eat it. You will then be invited to pick up a cup of wine or grape juice to drink. After you have drank the Blood of the Sacrament, please deposit your cup in the receptacle provided.

* If you are unable to come forward to receive Communion, please notify an usher and the servers will come to your seat.

COMMUNION MEDITATION

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

+SENDING+

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, the +Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Lord has come!

Thanks be to God!

SENDING HYMN

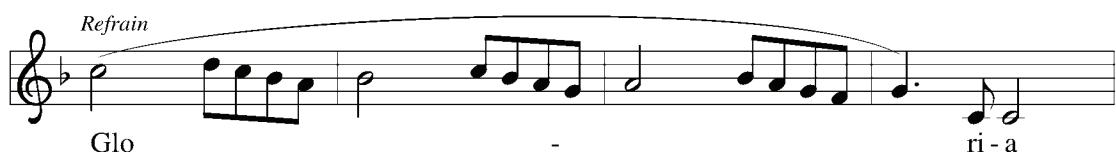
Angels We Have Heard On High



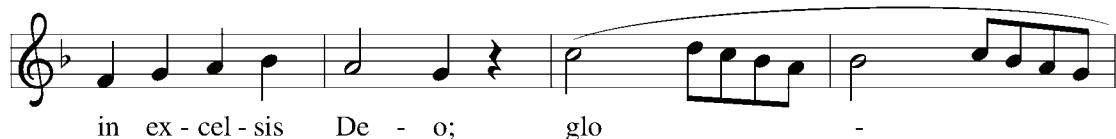
1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



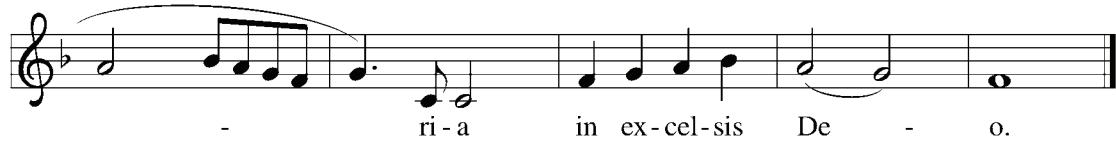
and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



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POSTLUDE

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Michael Burkhardt

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

December 29 Jeff Sprosty
December 30 Marshall Belgen, Winona Rogers
December 31 Landon Quizon
January 1 Robert Ponnaiyan
January 2 David Froschauer
January 3 Renni Bejach
January 4 Jeff MacDonald

ANNIVERSARIES

December 31 Dave and Cindy Coats, Craig and Lisa Spencer

PRAYER & CARE

Healing, Recovery and Strength, Cancer: Tamara Lippert, Den-isse Pace; Pat Niese, lymphoma; Drew Lippert, prostate cancer; Sheila D., complete healing of ovarian cancer; Barbara Miller; Jane Thorson W., multiple myeloma; Stevie Saunders; Clelia Bernhardt, breast cancer; Song Willey; Phil Garnett, multiple myeloma, heal-ing; Vicki Reiber, friend of Daphne Malinsky, esophagus, lymph node and lung cancer; Elsa Curiel, cancer; Teri Burch, breast can-cer; David Kulcinski; Bob Jandra, prostate cancer; Angie Cruz, mul-tiple myeloma; Paula Hopkins; Debbie Burley, healing from breast cancer; Ava Finch, leukemia.

Other Conditions: Jeff Cadwell, MS; Edna Hohener; Eileen Hamilton; Tina Philips; Diana Godinez's dad, Alzheimer's; Tin Ngo; Peter D., to be seizure free; Amber Benson, continued healing; To-ny's mom, health and safety during dialysis sessions; Rebecca Tomlinson, ALS; Gloria Tomas, declining vision; Nancy Ogden; Spencer Garrett's mother, dementia; Rick Gertenson; Christina Bannister, healing; Amber Hernandez, healthy pregnancy: Val Lar-son, job; Kari McCollum, diagnosis and restoration of eyesight; Doro-theine Moser; Anita Hollis; Continued prayers for Clare McCollum's stroke recovery and for Shelley in making prepara-tions for Clare to come home. Rosalind Black, in hospice care; Continued healing for Jim (friend of Gary Fortner) after brain sur-gery; Danny Smith, healing; Alan Bullinger, healing; Debbie Thomsen, shingles; Dave Roe, heart surgery.

Healthy Pregnancy: Stacia (Fortner) Davis; Ruth (St. George) Holland.

US Military Service: Air Force: Gilio Hennigan, Giuliana Hennigan, Gavin Crawford, Joey Schell, Captain Grant Fox. Army: Cal-vin Tyler Crawford, Army National Guard: Anya Rigoni; Rebecca Schell. Army/JAG: Major Brianna Tuohy; Navy: Matt Browne, Matthew Curiel, Max Daucher, John Farinacci; Eric Belgen. Ma-rine Corps: Giacomo Hennigan, Hunter Hansen.

Praise: For the completed life of Jackie Chattopadhyay.

Those serving in worship today...

Altar Guild: Debbie Hays, Barbara Jackson, Laurie Henry, Rosa Dalton, Sally Scalzo, Barbara Bomgren, Betty Moran, Donna Wiksell, Melissa Gomez, Patty Reiten, Renee Mihalovich

Ushers: 8:00: Chuck Rogers, Jerry Kral, Cathy Anderson, Tom Ronce 10:15:

Readers: 8:00: Carmen Gogosha 10:15: Nancy Pace

Communion Servers: 8:00 Harko DeBoer & Marie DeBoer, Yvonne Cole (B) 10:15 Phil Schaffer & Melissa Gomez, Charlene Liebelt (B)

A/V Team: Manny Olmedo, Tom Waldron, James Pace, MJ Siegert, John Hernandez, Brad Wong, Katy Wong, Jason Harney

WORSHIP and MUSIC

Livestream Ministry and Worship

The best way to watch our worship services live and on-line is to visit redhillchurch.org. You can also find us on YouTube and Facebook. If you are joining us via the livestream on Sunday mornings and/or for other ministries, can you let us know? We want to ensure that you are acknowledged, cared for, and connected! You can email Pastor Seth at sbritton@redhillchurch.org; Donna Kunz at dkunz@redhillchurch.org.

Join our Church Music Ministry!

To get connected to one of our classical music ministry groups, please email jharney@redhillchurch.org.

Chancel Choir rehearses Thursdays at 7:15pm in the choir loft For contemporary music, please email icoughran@redhillchurch.org.

BIBLE STUDY/COMMUNITY

“DiscipleU” Adults

9:15-10:00 a.m. in the CLC

Please note that the “Disciple U” Adult class will not meet today. We will resume on Sunday, January 5 th for a new class on Christian leadership in our world today.

“Wednesdays in the Word” “The Book of Hebrews.”

In honor of the Christmas and New Year holidays, “Wednesdays in the Word” will not meet on Wednesday, December 25 th (Christmas Day) or January 1 st (New Year’s Day). You are welcome to join us as we resume on Wednesday, January 8 th from 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. in the Church Sanctu-ary.

RHL Women’s Book Club

The RHLWomen Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, January 21st at 12:45 p.m. in Peter’s Parish. Our book choice for January is “Where the Wind Leads” by Vinh Chung with Tim Downs. It’s a fascinating account of fam-ily life in warring Vietnam, but even more so it’s an amaz-ing tale of how God’s grace can bring an individual, and a family, from certain death to flourishing life. Read the book and join us to discuss it. All women welcome. Questions: Marlene Thorson, 949/632-7416.

Biblical Community Group: In-betweeners!

This group is for unattached or married adults looking for meaningful connections with other Christians in a fun and welcoming atmosphere. This group meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 6:30pm-8:30pm in Peter’s Parish. Led by Corrie Hickey inbetweeners24@gmail.com.

Wednesday Mid-Week Prayer

Prior to Pastor Seth's Wednesday Bible Study, join us at 6:30 am for prayer in the Prayer Chapel just off the Narthex. This 25-minute service will include Bible readings and responsive prayer. You can leave for work after the prayer or stay for the Bible study. It's a great way to start the day!

Mensday Bible Study

All men are invited to our weekly informal gathering on Monday evenings at Peter's Parish for a 6:30 pm dinner, followed by a 7:00-8:30 pm Bible Study. For details, contact Tom Waldron at (714)697-5349 or tjwaldron3@aol.com.

Red Hill Women's Circles Bible Study

The January meeting will be on session 3. It's not too late to join. Books and study guides are still available. Epic of Eden in January 2025:

- Rebekah Circle: 1/6 at 6:30pm – In Peter's Parish.
Contact Martha Toft: martha.toft@gmail.com
- Deborah Circle: 1/7 at 9:30am – In Peter's Parish
Contact Carmen Gogosha: 4gogosfam@gmail.com
- Grace Circle: 1/7 at 10:00am – In The Groves.
Contact Marlene Thorson: emthor@cox.net

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Nursery and Preschool T.O.T.S. Ministry

Today, during both worship services in Classroom 11 All babies, toddlers, and preschool aged kids are invited to join as we wrap up our "Joy Story" teaching series with the story of the "Magi Visiting Jesus."

Through Sunday morning programming and special connection events, we strive to partner well with families equipping and teaching their Tiny Ones to Trust the Savior - T.O.T.S.! Our Nursery and Preschool T.O.T.S. Ministry offers a nurturing environment where Christ's littlest disciples, six weeks old to five years of age, can play, learn about Jesus, sing praises to God, and get excited about joining the community of believers in our worship services as they grow. We encourage families to pick up their children during Communion to receive a blessing.

For the safety of all children, all of our team members are background checked and fingerprinted as well as CPR and First Aid certified. For more information, please contact one of our YFM Team Members: Beth Stoffregen, Director of Youth and Family Ministry, at beths@redhillchurch.org, or Nursery and Preschool Ministry Coordinators, Brie Longoria, at blongoria@redhillchurch.org, or Katelyn Der, at kder@redhillchurch.org.

K.I.D.S. Ministry (Kindergarten - 5th Grade)

K.I.D.S. Ministry provides an environment that allows kids to come together to Know Jesus, Impact the world around them, become Disciples of Jesus and Serve others - K.I.D.S.!

There is no K.I.D.S. Ministry programming today. We invite all of our families to worship together. K.I.D.S. Ministry programming resumes next Sunday, January 5th, during our DiscipleU Educational Hour, 9:15am-10:00am, and during our Contemporary Worship Service, 10:00am-11:15am, in the K.I.D.S. Zone.

All children, Kindergarten through 5th Grade, are invited to join us next week as you are able for either programming format or both. For more ministry information, contact Itzel Mancilla, Children's Ministry Coordinator, at imancilla@redhillchurch.org or Beth Stoffregen, Director of Youth and Family Ministry, at beths@redhillchurch.org.

T.O.T.S Ministry and K.I.D.S. Ministry's January Teaching Series – "Camp Believe It"

A Teaching Series from the Gospels on The Early Life of Jesus

Our January Teaching Series, "Camp Believe It" begins next Sunday, January 5th. People love camping, and for good reason! You can take in nature, practice special skills, or just take time to relax in a new environment. And when it comes to camping, no one loved it as much as John the Baptist. In this teaching series, kids will hear about John the Baptist's special role in preparing the way for Jesus and his ministry. John's story will help kids to say their camp motto, "I believe God gives me purpose. I believe God can speak to me. I believe God is powerful. I believe God's words are true."

First Communion Class

Sunday, January 26th, at 11:30am – in the Christian Life Center (CLC)

We are offering a First Communion Class for anyone who has been baptized and is in 2nd Grade or older. This class, led by Pastor Seth, is for anyone who would like information about Communion or for anyone who is ready to receive their First Communion. Whole families are invited to attend. Prior to the class, we will provide age-appropriate materials on the Sacrament of Holy Communion for both parents and children. The Rite of First Communion will be on Sunday, February 2nd, during our 10:15am worship service. To register for this class, go to <https://www.redhillchurch.org/youth-family/first-communion-class-2025>. Email Director of Youth and Family Ministry, Beth Stoffregen, at beths@redhillchurch.org with any questions.

DiscipleU – Sunday Morning Student Ministry

There is no DiscipleU Student Ministry today. We invite all of our families to worship together. DiscipleU Student Ministry resumes next Sunday, January 5th, during our DiscipleU Educational Hour, 9:15am-10:00am, in Peter's Parish.

No Student Ministry Midweek Meetings

No midweek meetings until the second week of January 2025

Middle School Ministry and High School Ministry is taking a two-week break for the holidays to promote quality time with family and friends. We hope and pray that this Christmas season is filled with love and peace for everyone! Midweek meetings will resume on January 7th for High School and January 8th for Middle School, both from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. If you have any questions during the break please feel free to reach out to our Student Ministry Coordinator, Tim Rivera at trivera@redhillchurch.org.

Student Ministry Time Change – January 2025!

Middle School and High School Ministries are changing meeting times starting in the new year to allow for small group discussions and more intentional connections among students and leaders. Beginning the second week of January, High School Ministry will meet on Tuesday nights from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, and Middle School Ministry will meet on Wednesday nights from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

Middle School Winter Camp – Burn the Ships

February 7th to February 9th, 2025, at Forest Home
We are so excited to head back to Forest Home this February and are looking forward to having your 6th-8th grader join us! This is an opportunity for them to disconnect from the world for a few days and focus on their relationship with God in His beautiful creation. Registration is now open. Sign up NOW to take advantage of a special discounted price! If you have any questions, please see Student Ministry Coordinator, Tim Rivera, at the Youth & Family table on the patio, scan the QR code, or go to <https://www.redhillchurch.org/youth-family/middle-school> to learn more!



High School Winter Camp – Burn the Ships

January 17th to January 20th, 2025, at Forest Home
We are so excited to head back to Forest Home this January and are looking forward to having your 9th- 12th grader join us! This is an opportunity for them to disconnect from the world for a few days and focus on their relationship with God in His beautiful creation. Registration is now open. Sign up NOW to take advantage of a special discounted price! If you have any questions, please see Student Ministry Coordinator, Tim Rivera, at the Youth & Family table on the patio, scan the QR code, or go to <https://www.redhillchurch.org/youth-family/high-school> to learn more!



Volunteers Needed

Student Ministry is growing! We need your help! Do you have a heart to serve and make a lasting impact on the younger generation? We need help in a couple of areas.

First, we are looking to build a team of people to provide food for Middle School and High School students. We are also looking to build a team of small group leaders willing to dedicate an hour and a half of their time to make a difference in the lives of our students! For more information, don't hesitate to contact Student Ministry Coordinator, Tim Rivera at trivera@redhillchurch.org with any questions.

Student Ministry Social Media

To stay updated on all our events and updates, follow our RHL Student Ministry Instagram accounts [@rhlyouth_msm](https://www.instagram.com/rhlyouth_msm) for Middle School and [@rhlyouth_hsm](https://www.instagram.com/rhlyouth_hsm) for High School. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Tim Rivera, Student Ministry Coordinator, at trivera@redhillchurch.org with any questions.

Youth and Family Ministry

Please connect with our Youth & Family Ministry Team at <http://eepurl.com/g9XP-j> to receive regular emails with information about Youth and Family Ministry here at Red Hill Lutheran Church and School. Please come say hello to us at our table outside on the patio.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Vine now available!

The Winter 2024/25 edition of the Vine is now available to pick up in the Narthex or on the website!

Communion Servers Needed!

If you have ever been interested in helping with the sacred rite of becoming a communion server, now is a great time to step up. In particular, we are looking for servers for 8:00am Classical Worship. Please contact David Kulcinski at dkulcinski@yahoo.com or Marty Schaefer at mschaefer@redhillchurch.org.

If you used Giving Envelopes in 2024, the 2025 Envelopes are available for pick up in the Narthex.

Weekly Altar Flower Requests

If you would like to dedicate flowers to a loved one in their memory, or for any other special occasion, please write your dedication in the Flower Dedication Notebook in the Narthex. This book notebook is on a stand in the Narthex, in front of the Music Library.

Dedications written on paper and placed in the offering may get missed, and we want to make sure you are able to honor your loved one on the date you request.

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FACEBOOK: Red Hill Lutheran Church and School

INSTAGRAM: [@redhilllutheranchurch](https://www.instagram.com/redhilllutheranchurch)

New RHL Guest password: Welcome2024!

Sunday, December 29th, 2024
Sermon Series: "The Line."
(Advent, 2024)
"The Father's House." *Luke 2.22-40.*

Where God Meets Humanity

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Matthew 1.23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

The Presentation in the Temple

Jesus has Come to _____ us.

Luke 2:22 And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord...

Jesus has Come to _____ us.

Luke 2:23-24 ... (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons."

Jesus has Come to _____ us.

Luke 2:25, 34-36a, 38 Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him... ³⁴ And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵ (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.' ³⁶ And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel... ³⁸ And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

(Answers: Purify. Redeem. Lead.)