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Make Christ Known.

Welcome!

RED HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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We're glad you're here!

10:15am Worship for the Week of November 30, 2025

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 worshipping 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

10:15^{AM} First Sunday of Advent

Rev. Dr. Seth Britton, Senior Pastor

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

“Behold, the Messiah comes to fulfill the Law and the Prophets, and it shall be proclaimed in all of Jerusalem: “This is the prophet Jesus!” From Mount Sinai to Calvary, the Lord reveals His edicts, His decrees, and Jesus is the very fulfillment of them all. Christ is faithful in the midst of faithlessness; humble in the midst of arrogance. He alone is the rightful Prophet, Priest, and King. Hosanna in the highest!”

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

WHERE I’M STANDING NOW

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown
that marks our days of preparation for Christ’s advent.

**As we light the first candle on this wreath,
rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord
when he comes with all the saints and angels.**

Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy.
Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.
Amen.

INDESCRIBABLE

Jesse Reeves | Laura Story

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation’s revealing Your majesty
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring
Ev’ry creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming

*Indescribable uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing God
All powerful untamable
Awestruck we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God*

Who has told ev’ry lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
None can fathom

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CONFESSION 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.**

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME

Ben Fielding | Brooke Ligertwood

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

*What a beautiful Name it is, What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is, Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus*

You didn't want heaven without us
So, Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

Bridge 1:

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

Bridge 2:

You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

*What a powerful Name it is, What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is, Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

+WORD+

READING

Isaiah 2.1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²It shall come to pass in the latter days

that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,

³and many peoples shall come, and say:
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD.

READING

Romans 13.8-10, 11-14

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS**

Charles Wesley | Rowland Hugh Prichard

Come Thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in Thee

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 24.36-44

“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son,^[a] but the Father only. ³⁷ For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴² Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

MORNING MESSAGE

Pastor Seth Britton

GATHERING OF OFFERING *Please complete your worship response card and place it in the offering plate.
The time of Offering is an opportunity to offer up your praise, both outwardly and inwardly.*

OFFERTORY **PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY**

Catherine Winkworth | Joachim Neander

Praise to the Lord the Almighty, the King of creation
O my soul praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord Who o’er all things, so wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings, yet so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him
Let the amen sound from His people again
Gladly for all we adore Him

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+SACRAMENT+

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).

For those needing special assistance with partaking in Holy Communion, you are encouraged sit in the front two to three pews so that a Communion Server may be able to serve you in a timely manner. Thank you!

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 Lutheran, 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 at the end of the table.*

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

AT THE ALTAR Abbie Gamboa, Davide Mutendji, Josh Holiday, Steven Furtick, Tiffany Hudson

I'm removing all of the things, That would move me further from You
A thank you could not be enough, It's not lost on me what You saved me from
I'm running stumbling I know but I'm coming, To give You this offering
My worship I'll never withhold, Broken but You call it beautiful

*Where the tears of the desperate, Reach the feet of the Savior
Nothing I wouldn't offer, There's no waste at the altar
Where the heart of surrender, Meets the hands of the Maker
Nothing I wouldn't offer, There's no waste at the altar*

Things I've treasured, Oh couldn't come close to Your presence
Grace upon grace who could measure, No nothing could measure
And I'm returning, Oh back to the One I am running
To give Him my love, 'Cuz He took a sinner like me
Washed me with grace and then set me free oh

Come lay your broken dreams at the altar
And every victory at the altar
Fear and anxiety cannot live here
There's no waste at the altar

Let your heart sing out and tell Him you love Him
Don't make it perfect just let it be honest
He can use anything sit back and watch Him
There's no waste at the altar

Lay it all down lay it all down (repeat 3x)
There's no waste at the altar

He can use anything (repeat 3x)
There's no waste at the altar

There's no waste at the altar
There's no waste at the altar
He can use anything sit back and watch Him
There's no waste at the altar

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COMMUNION BLESSING

+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. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

THE CHRIST AND CORNERSTONE

Ethan Hulse, Josh Baldwin, Josh Farro, Tommy Iceland

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Giving Tree Gift Cards

Take an ornament from
the tree on the patio.



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DECEMBER 14TH

***Your gift will serve
families at Olive Crest.***



A 'SING ALONG' CHRISTMAS CONCERT EXPERIENCE FOR ALL AGES

LESSONS & CAROLS *by Candlelight*

Sunday, December 21 at 4:00pm

Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, and Jubilee Handbells

Red Hill Lutheran Church, Tustin

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

December 1 Richard Bruns, Valarie Larson, Jessica Quintero
December 2 Kyle Anderson, Val Brooks, Sarah Chamberlain,
Derek Tomczyk
December 3 Pamela Jensen, Carrie Johnson, James Pace, Savannah Rust, Shannon Schell, Kara Stauder
December 4 Anne Jackson, , Matthew Shulz
December 5 Diane Gomez, Tristan Hickey, Paisley Parks
December 6 Don Larson, Nathan Nellessen

ANNIVERSARIES

12/2 Kyle & Delacey Andersen

PRAYER & CARE

New Prayers This Week:

Requested by Renni & Mike Bejach: Prayers for their son Michael's recovery.

Continued Prayers:

Lori Unis father, Gail, Walt Counts, Raymond Castellon, JoAnne Daniels, John McEvers, Anne, Angie Cruz, Sawyer family, Alan Bullinger, Alex, Carolyn Bergt, Clare McCollum, Trisha, B&C, *Rob Mills, Teri Burch, Katie W., Tuck Coop, Tamara Lippert, Denise Pace, Drew Lippert, Sheila D., Barbara Miller; Jane Thorson W., Phil Garnett, David Kulcinski, Heather Hoersch, Susan Murphy, Jeff Cadwell, Edna Hohener, Eileen Hamilton, Tina Philips, Diana Godinez's dad, Tin Ngo, Peter D., Amber Benson, Tony's mom, Rebecca Tomlinson, Gloria Tomas, Nancy Ogden, Rick Gertenson, Kari McCollum, Anita Hollis, Rosalind Black, Jim (friend of Gary Fortner), Danny Smith

Healthy Pregnancy - Jessica Parks, Kyley Reiten

US Military Service:

Air Force: Gavin Crawford, Joey Schell, Captain Grant Fox. Army: Calvin Tyler Crawford, Army/JAG: Major Brianna Tuohy; Navy: Matt Browne, Matthew Curiel, Max Daucher, John Farinacci; Eric Belgen. Marine Corps: Marlo Britton; Giacomo Hennigan.

Those serving in worship today...

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

Ushers: 8:00: Ken Hays, Doug Lehman, Paul Marquardt, Joe Heneghan 10:15: Jim Weber, Ray Gomez, Toni Sweeney, Bill Stoffregen

Readers: 8:00 Anne Jackson 10:15 Nancy Pace

Communion Servers: 8:00 Harko DeBoer & Yvonne Cole, Martha Toft (B) 10:15 Laurie Henry & Jodi Sprosty, Laurie Oard (B)

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

WORSHIP and MUSIC

Music Ministry Concert

Sunday, December 21st at 4:00pm

Join our Chancel Choir, Children's Choir and Jubilee Hand Bell Choir for a wonderful evening of moving through the season and emotions of Christmas!

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 or 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 meets Thursdays at 7:15pm in the choir loft. Handbells rehearse Thursdays at 5:45pm in the narthex.

For contemporary music, please email icoughran@redhillchurch.org.

Hearing Assistance for our Worship Services

If you would like to enhance your ability to hear the worship services by connecting to your phone or tablet, please pick up a flyer from the table in the Narthex which will provide you with step-by-step instructions as to how to use this service.

BIBLE STUDY/COMMUNITY

"Study & Sing the Great Hymns of the Faith"

Led by Jason Harney

9:15 am - 10:00 am in B-26, basement of the CLC

This class will feature two classic hymns per week. We will sing the songs together, study the history and origins of each hymn, discuss the spiritual and Biblical themes of each hymn, and pray together. No singing experience necessary, and all are welcome.

Upcoming DiscipleU Advent Bible Study

Preparing Our Hearts for Christ Through Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love

In the CLC 9:15am - 10:00am starting November 30th Led by Stephanie McArthur

As we enter the Advent season, you're invited to join us for a special four-week Advent Bible Study exploring the rich history and meaning behind the Advent tradition. Together, we'll learn about the historical significance of the Advent wreath, its symbolism in the life of the Church, and how each candle guides us in preparing for the coming of Christ. Grounded in a Lutheran understanding of Advent as a season of waiting, repentance, and hopeful expectation, we will

walk through the themes represented by the candles—Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love—and reflect on how they shape our spiritual preparation for Christmas.

Each week, we will open Scripture, engage in discussion, and consider practical ways to live out these Advent themes in our daily lives as we await the celebration of Christ's birth and His promised return.

Join us as we seek to slow down, listen, and prepare our hearts during this sacred season. All are welcome!

RHL Women's Circles Bible Study

Please check with the Circle leaders for more information about connecting with us in December.

Rebekah Circle: Monday, December 1st at 6:30pm in Peter's Parish

Contact Martha Toft: martha.toft@gmail.com

Deborah Circle: Tuesday, December 2nd at 9:30am in Peter's Parish

Carmen Gogosha: 4gogosfam@gmail.com

Grace Circle: No meeting in December.

Contact Marlene Thorson: emthor@cox.net

The RHLC Women Book Club

Our next meeting will be December 16th for our annual Christmas get-together. There will be no book discussion this month, and we invite you to join us if you are interested in getting involved with the Book Club in 2026. We will start the New Year off by meeting on January 20th at 12:45 p.m. in Peter's Parish. Our book choice is "Before the Swallows Come Back" by Fiona Curnow. It is the story of love and found family and redemption. Read the book and join us to discuss it.

Questions: Marlene Thorson, 949/632-7416.

Mensday Bible Study

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

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Red Hill Youth & Family Ministry

Are you interested in learning more about Red Hill's Youth & Family Ministry (YFM)? We'd love to connect with you! Stop by our table on the patio to say hello, or email our team.

Contact Our YFM Team:

- Beth Stoffregen – Director of Youth & Family Ministry | beths@redhillchurch.org
- Brie Longoria – Early Childhood Ministry Co-Coordinator | blongoria@redhillchurch.org
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- Itzel Mancilla – Children's Ministry Coordinator | [\[cilla@redhillchurch.org\]\(mailto:cilla@redhillchurch.org\)](mailto:iman-</div><div data-bbox=)

- Tim Rivera – Student Ministry Coordinator | trivera@redhillchurch.org

We're here to support and serve your family—let's connect!

Advent Begins Today!

What is Advent? How Should We Celebrate it?

Advent is an important season in the church year that highlights waiting and preparing for the birth of our Messiah and Redeemer, Jesus! While the world around us swirls with chaotic hustle and bustle, we invite you to create a space of quiet worship each week. Our YFM Team has assembled some easy to use, age-appropriate resources to help you do just that. Please stop by the YFM table on the patio TODAY, to pick up an Advent Resource Bag for your family. Digital Advent resources are available on our website at redhillchurch.org/worship/christmas-2025. We pray this Advent and Christmas season is a blessing to all of our families! Contact Beth Stoffregen for more information.

T.O.T.S. Early Childhood Ministry

Today, during worship, in Classroom 11

Our T.O.T.S. Early Childhood Ministry provides a nurturing environment where Christ's littlest disciples—ages six weeks to five years—can play, learn about Jesus, sing praises to God, and grow excited about joining the worshiping community. Through Sunday morning programming and special connection events, we joyfully partner with families in equipping and teaching their Tiny Ones to Trust the Savior—T.O.T.S.!

T.O.T.S. Ministry's Advent Teaching Series Begins Today

During Advent, we will be preparing our hearts for God's greatest gift – Jesus! We all look forward to opening up the gifts we see underneath our Christmas tree, but there is no greater gift than Jesus, himself. Through the Christmas story, kids will learn that Jesus is the savior God promised. God sent Jesus at the perfect time. Jesus brings joy to the world and as we celebrate Jesus' birthday, we realize that Jesus is God's greatest gift! Today's teaching is "Gabriel's Visit."

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

Today - DiscipleU K.I.D.S., 9:15am-10:00am, in the K.I.D.S. Zone

Today - K.I.D.S. Fellowship, 10:00am-11:15am, in the K.I.D.S. Zone

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

K.I.D.S. Ministry's Advent Teaching Series Begins Today

During the next four weeks while the world around us swirls with chaotic hustle and bustle, we invite the kids to join us in creating a space of worship each Sunday as we wait and prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, our Messiah and Redeemer! Many families hit the road during the Christmas season, whether it's to visit loved ones or take a much-needed break. It's a time-honored tradition—one that might even be traced back to the first Christmas when a bright star dropped a pin on a special location to guide people to the birthplace of the savior. In this teaching series, kids will learn that God gives people to guide us to Him, God gives hope to guide us and God gives us a Savior – the greatest gift of all. Today we will examine the season of Advent and the importance of celebrating it.

Student Ministry Confirmation Classes

Today, 9:15am-10:00am, in Peter's Parish

Confirmation is a church rite following two years of instruction in God's Word and Lutheran doctrine. These classes aim to help baptized children deepen their faith and understanding of God while fostering connections with peers, parents, the pastor, and the church as they embrace their identity as children of God. All middle school or high school students who are interested in Confirmation or have questions can contact Tim Rivera.

Mid-Week Student Ministry Nights

Tuesday, December 2nd, and Wednesday, December 3rd, from 6:00pm-8:00pm in Peter's Parish

High school students are invited to gather on Tuesday evening, while middle school students will meet on Wednesday evening. Both gatherings will take place from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Peter's Parish. Join us for food, fun, fellowship, and a great time as we explore God's Word. For more information or any questions, please contact Tim Rivera.

Student Ministry White Elephant Christmas Party

December 16th for High School Ministry and December 17th for Middle School Ministry

This Christmas season is such an important time to reflect on the birth of our Lord and Savior and the incredible impact He has made on the world. As we celebrate this joyful season, we want to invite our students to join us for our White Elephant Christmas Party! High School will meet on December 16th, and Middle School will meet on December 17th for an evening of fun and fellowship. We'll enjoy a night of exchanging gifts, sipping hot cocoa, laughing together, and spending meaningful time in God's Word as we remember the true reason we celebrate—Jesus Christ. Students are encouraged to bring a wrapped gift of \$15 or less to participate in the white elephant exchange. Let's celebrate the birth of Jesus together!

Student Ministry Winter Camp 2026

January 16th to 19th, 2026 at Forest Home | Open to all 6th to 12th grade students

We're so excited to head back to Forest Home this January for "Never Deserted" Winter Camp 2026! This year's theme asks a powerful question: If God is always with us and for us, what do we do when life appears to be against us? Throughout the weekend, students will dive into Isaiah 30:21 — "Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'" — discovering how to follow God's voice even when the path ahead feels uncertain.



Winter Camp is the perfect opportunity for students to unplug, connect with friends, and deepen their relationship with God, surrounded by His beautiful creation. Sign-ups are officially live! Scan the QR code or for any questions or more information, contact Tim Rivera, Student Ministry Coordinator.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Giving Tree Gift Cards - Beginning today!

This Christmas season, we invite you to share the love of Christ through our Christmas Giving Tree! Each ornament on the tree represents a gift card needed by families served through Olive Crest.

Simply choose an ornament from the tree on the church patio, purchase the gift card listed, and return it to the patio by Sunday, December 14th.

Your generosity will help brighten Christmas for families who need a little extra support this season. Thank you for being a light in our community!

Have questions? Contact Stephanie McArthur at smcarthur@redhillchurch.org or 714-544-3131 x109.

Small Groups are Launching in January!

Life is better together! Our Small Groups are launching, and this is your chance to connect with others, grow in your faith, and walk through life's joys and challenges alongside each other.

Just as it says in 1 Thessalonians 5:11, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up..." It is through your shared stories, prayer, and study that you'll grow together, learn together, and care for one another in meaningful ways. Let us know you are interested by completing our online form and we'll help you find the right group to start building community, your faith and friendships.

Check the box on our "Next Steps" card and place in the offering plate, scan the QR Code or go to our website to locate our online interest form. Have questions or can't access the online form, call or email Stephanie McArthur at smcarthur@redhillchurch.org or 714-544-3131 x109



Sunday, November 30th, 2025
Sermon Series: “The Weary World Rejoices.”
(Advent, 2025)
“Wake Up!” *Matthew 24.3, 36-44; Isaiah 2.4; Romans 13.8, 12, 14.*

The Season of Advent

Matthew 24.3 As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your **coming** and of the end of the age?”

παρουσία (*parousia*): “Presence” “Arrival”

The Attitudes of Advent

Expectation

Matthew 24.36-41 “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left.

Isaiah 2.4 He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

Preparation

Matthew 24.42-44 Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Romans 13.8, 12, 14 Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. . . .¹² The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. . . .¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.