



Know Christ.  
Make Christ Known.

# Welcome!

## RED HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## We're glad you're here!

### 8:00am 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](http://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](mailto:info@redhillchurch.org).

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#### 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 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!”*

Congregational responses are in **BOLD print**.

## +GATHERING+

### PRELUDE

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”  
Dr. Linda Brown

setting by Michael Burkhardt

## 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.**

## OPENING HYMN

### O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Verses 1 through 4

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,

*Refrain*  
un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

## 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.**

## 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*

The musical score for the Kyrie consists of three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves. The first system includes the lyrics: "In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. For the Lord, have mer - cy." The second system includes the lyrics: "peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord." The third system includes the lyrics: "For the peace of the whole world, the well - be - ing of the Lord, have mer - cy." The score is written in a simple, clear style, suitable for a church service.

Ⓐ In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. Ⓐ For the  
Ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.

peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the  
Lord.

Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, the well - be - ing of the  
Ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.

Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For this ho-ly house, and for all who of-fer here their

Lord, have mer - cy.

wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, com - fort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.

A - men

## SONG OF PRAISE

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heav'nly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;  
O Sun of justice, now draw near.  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come,  
O Cornerstone that binds in one:  
refresh the hearts that long for you;  
restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

The Lord be 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.**

## READING

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

“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. <sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

## 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. <sup>9</sup>For 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.” <sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup> Besides 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. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> But 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.**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Matthew 24.36-44

“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son,<sup>[a]</sup> but the Father only. <sup>37</sup> For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> 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, <sup>39</sup> and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. <sup>42</sup> Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> 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. <sup>44</sup> 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*

+SACRAMENT+

TITHES & OFFERINGS *If you are worshipping with us online, please consider visiting [redhillchurch.org/give](http://redhillchurch.org/give).*

OFFERING

“Wake, Awake for Night is Flying”

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

*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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. *2 Tim. 4:22*

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Ps. 136*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join them in saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord**

**God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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, 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.*

## AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## COMMUNION BLESSING

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God,  
you provide the true bread from heaven,  
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Grant that we who have received  
the sacrament of his body and blood  
may abide in him and he in us,  
that we may be filled  
with the power of his endless life,  
now and forever. **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. Serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

SENDING SONG

**Wake, Awake For Night Is Flying**

1. Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men on the  
2. Zi - on hears the watch men sing - ing, and in her heart new  
3. Now let all the heav'ns a - dore you, and saints and an - gels

heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.  
joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom,  
sing be - fore you. The harps and cym - bals all u - nite.

Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the thrill - ing  
for her Lord comes down all glo - rious, the strong in grace, in  
Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, where, dwell - ing with the

cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid - ens Night is past. The  
truth vic - to - rious. Her star is ris'n; her light is come. O,  
choir im - mor - tal, we gath - er round your daz - zling light. No

bride-groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad-ness take!" Al - le - lu - ia! Pre -  
come, you Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son, Sing ho - san - na! We  
eye has seen, no ear has yet been trained to hear what joy is ours! Cre -

pare your selves to meet the Lord, whose light has stirred the wait - ing guard.  
go un - til the halls we view where you have bid us dine with you.  
scen - dos rise; your halls re - sound; ho - san - nas blend in cos - mic sound.

POSTLUDE

Fanfare on "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

*Paul Fey*



## 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 Renmi & 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, Kiley 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 Sievert, 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](http://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](mailto:sbritton@redhillchurch.org) or Donna Kunz at [dkunz@redhillchurch.org](mailto:dkunz@redhillchurch.org).

### Join our Church Music Ministry!

To get connected to one of our classical music ministry groups, please email [jharney@redhillchurch.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:martha.toft@gmail.com)

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

Carmen Gogoshia: [4gogosfam@gmail.com](mailto:4gogosfam@gmail.com)

Grace Circle: No meeting in December.

Contact Marlene Thorson: [emthor@cox.net](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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- Tim Rivera – Student Ministry Coordinator | [trivera@redhillchurch.org](mailto: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](http://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 November 30th**

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](mailto: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](mailto:smcarthur@redhillchurch.org) or 714-544-3131 x109



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

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## **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. <sup>37</sup>For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>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, <sup>39</sup>and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. <sup>41</sup>Two 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. <sup>43</sup>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. <sup>44</sup>Therefore 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. . . .<sup>12</sup>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. . . .<sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.*