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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 December 7, 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

8:00 a.m. – Second Sunday of Advent

Rev. Dr. Seth Britton, Senior Pastor

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

“Wisdom, understanding, counsel, and might are unveiled in Jesus of Nazareth. In his letter to the Romans, Paul unwraps the complete truth—Jesus embraces even Gentile nations with divine hope, joy, and peace. John the Baptist, with his abrasive appearance and unexpected rhetoric, forcefully proclaims both judgment against arrogant Pharisees and the need for repentance. Ultimately, Jesus alone casts final judgment on the fate of unbelievers and eternally claims salvation for repentant sinners.”

Congregational responses are in **BOLD print**.

+GATHERING+

PRELUDE

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People
Dr. Linda Brown

Michael Burkhardt

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.

John the Baptist calls all people to prepare the Lord's way
for the kingdom of heaven is near.

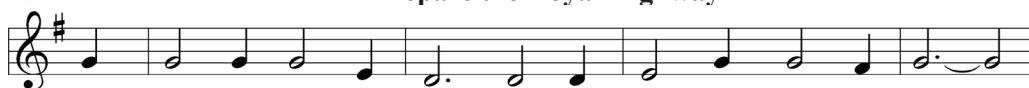
Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.

Baptize us with the fire of your Spirit,
that we may be a light shining in the darkness
welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us,
for he is our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Prepare the Royal Highway



- 1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
- 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
- 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
- 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch-es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's Word!

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 treble staff. The first system includes the lyrics "In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord." and "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" and "Lord, have mer - cy." The third system includes the lyrics "Lord." and "For the peace of the whole world, the well - be - ing of the" and "Lord, have mer - cy." The score is written in a simple, clear style, suitable for a church service.

A In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. **A** For the

A Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Lord. **A** For the peace of the whole world, the well - be - ing of the

A Lord, have mer - cy.

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

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

C Lord, have mer - cy.

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

C Lord, have mer - cy.

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

C A - men

SONG OF PRAISE

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

1 On Jor - dan's banks the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent

that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and hear - ken,
 way for God with - in, and let us all our
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther

for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

+WORD+

READING

Isaiah 11:1–10

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

⁶ The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

⁹ They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

READING

Romans 15:4–13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸ For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,
"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,
and sing to your name."

¹⁰ And again it says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹ And again,

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!

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

Comfort, Comfort Now My People



1 "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
 2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook-ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain!



Com-fort those who sit in dark-ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.
 call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the king-dom now is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign!



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!
 Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way!
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for-ev - er.
 Let the val - leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him!
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

POSTLUDE

Prepare the Royal Highway

Michael Burkhardt

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

December 7 Lindsay Sampson-Block
December 9 Patrick Jarcey
December 10 Trevor Sprosty
December 11 David Henry, Rich Records
December 12 Judy Probst
December 13 Cathy Anderson, Annie Harney, Cricket Hong,
Sandi Queen

ANNIVERSARIES

December 11 Patrick and Kathy Keefe

PRAYER & CARE

New Prayers This Week:

Requested by Scott & Rachel Thoele: Prayers of comfort for Sue Counts on the passing of her husband Walt. Prayers of peace and comfort for Mike and Renni Bejach, and family, on the death of their son, Michael Bejach.

Continued Prayers:

Lori Unis father, Gail, Raymond Castellon, JoAnne Daniels, John McEvers, Anne, Angie Cruz, 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, 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: Chuck Rogers (LEAD), Jerry Kral, Cathy Anderson, Tom Ronce 10:15: Martha Toft (LEAD), Gary Fortner, Marshall Belgen, Ryan Rieches

Readers: 8:00 David Kulcinski 10:15 Jodi Sprosty

Communion Servers: 8:00 Ken Hays & Marie DeBoer, Ann Hernandez (B) 10:15 Melinda Olmedo & Phil Schaffer, Jodi Sprosty (B)

A/V Team: Manny Olmedo, Tom Waldron, James Pace, MJ Siegert, 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.

DiscipleU Advent Bible Study

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

In the CLC 9:15am - 10:00am

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 Evenings Peter's Parish

Contact Martha Toft: martha.toft@gmail.com

Deborah Circle: Tuesday Mornings 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.

Red Hill Youth & Family Ministry

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

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
- Katelyn Der – Early Childhood Ministry Co-Coordinator | kder@redhillchurch.org
- Itzel Mancilla – Children's Ministry Coordinator | iman-cilla@redhillchurch.org
- Tim Rivera – Student Ministry Coordinator | trivera@redhillchurch.org

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

Advent Resources are available!

What is Advent? How Should We Celebrate it?

Advent is the first season in the church year that highlights waiting and preparing for the birth of our Messiah and Redeemer, Jesus! If you haven't already done so, 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 both worship services and during our DiscipleU Educational Hour, 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.!

During the month of December, we will be preparing our hearts for God's greatest gift – Jesus! Today's teaching is "Leaping Babies."

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. During the next three weeks we are inviting 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! Today, we are talking about the 2nd Sunday of Advent as well as dig into the story of John the Baptist's Birth found in Luke 1:5-25, 57-66.

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 9th, and Wednesday, December 10th, from 6:00pm-8:00pm in Peter's Parish

High school students are invited to gather on Tuesday evening to support our middle school Christmas program in the sanctuary, while middle school students will meet on Wednesday evening inside Peter's Parish. Both gatherings will take place from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. 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

As we celebrate the Christmas 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. We'll enjoy a night of fun, fellowship, exchanging gifts, 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.

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 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 contact Tim Rivera, Student Ministry Coordinator, for any questions or more information.



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Giving Tree Gift Cards - Continuing thru December 14th

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 the gift card 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

If you used personalized Giving Envelopes this year, the 2026 envelopes are available for you to pick up on the Usher's Table.

Check out Our Brand New Church Directory!

After years of waiting and a lot of hard work by staff and volunteers, the new/updated Church-wide Pictorial Directory is now available to pick up this morning on the patio.

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

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
RED HILL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Giving Tree Gift Cards



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

Step 1: Take an ornament (or two or three) from the tree on the patio.

Step 2: Purchase a gift card for the amount listed on your ornament.

Step 3: Return your gift card to the patio by December 14th to be delivered to Olive Crest.

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Happy Birthday Jesus Party

December 21st, 2025
9:00am - 11:15am
K.I.D.S. Zone



Are You Ready?

John the Baptizer...Preparing the Way

Malachi 4.5 "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD COMES.

Isaiah 40.3 A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Matthew 3.1,3 In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea....³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'"

Being Ready by...

Repenting

Matthew 3.2 ... "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

μετανοέω (*metanoeō*): "To change one's mind" (Direction)

John 15.5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Receiving

Matthew 3.11-12 "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Isaiah 11.1-2 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.