



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 December 14, 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. – Third Sunday of Advent

Rev. Dr. Seth Britton, Senior Pastor

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*“People lament the arduous task of waiting in the midst of grief, illness, despair, and injury. To remain steadfast in faith like Job seems unattainable. Hearts are anxious, tongues muted, ears deafened, and bodies crippled. Anguish thrives in the hearts, minds, and bodies of men. Yet followers of Jesus confess and believe the truth—the blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, and the maimed are healed. In Jesus, compassion and mercy prevail, as we wait!”*

Congregational responses are in **BOLD print**.

## PRELUDE

Savior of the Nations Come  
Dr. Linda Brown

Johann Sebastian Bach

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. Your prophets spoke of a day when the desert would blossom and waters would break forth in the wilderness.

**Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.**

Strengthen our hearts as we prepare for the coming of the Lord. May he give water to all who thirst, for he is our light and our salvation.

**Blessed be God forever. Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN

Savior of The Nations, Come



- 1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; show the glo - ry of the Son!
- 2 Not of hu - man seed or worth, but from God's own mys - tic breath,
- 3 Won-drous birth! Oh, won-drous child of the vir - gin un - de - filed!
- 4 God the Fa - ther is his source, back to God he runs his course;



Ev - 'ry peo - ple, stand in awe; praise the per - fect Son of God.  
fruit in Mar - y's womb be - gun when God breathed the Word, his Son.  
Might-y God and man in one, ea - ger now his race to run!  
down to death and hell de - scends, God's high throne he re - as - cends.

## 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.

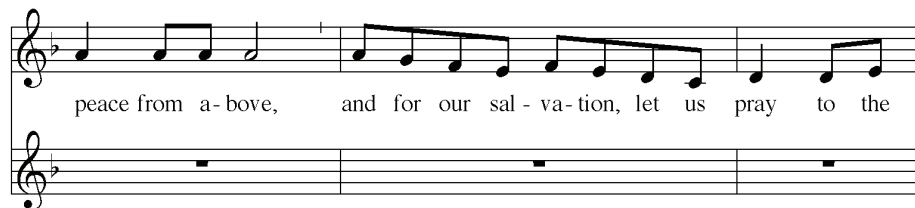
**And also with you.**

## KYRIE *Mark 10:47*

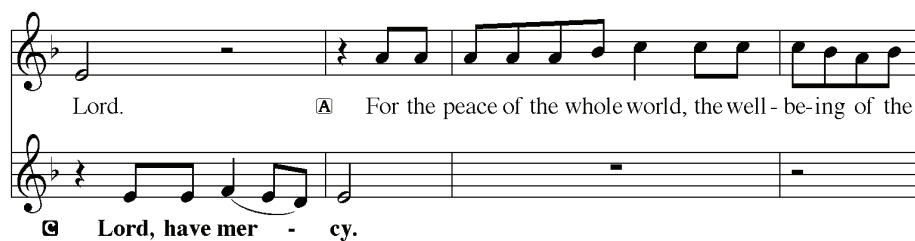


**A** In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. **A** For the

**G** Lord, have mer - cy.

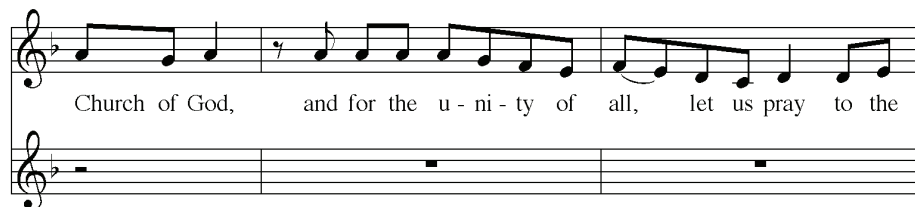


peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the

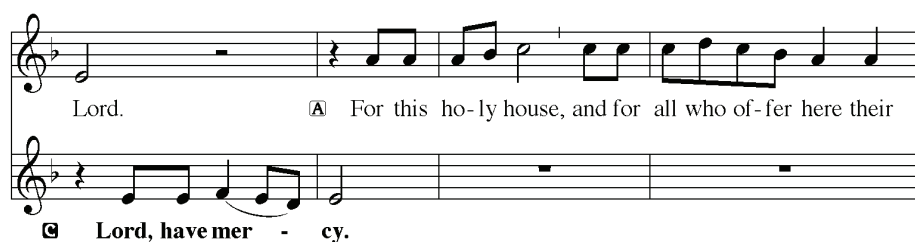


Lord. **A** For the peace of the whole world, the well - be - ing of the

**G** 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

**G** 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

### Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; 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 35:1–10**

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; <sup>2</sup> it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. <sup>3</sup> Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm

the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart,

“Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup>And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

<sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. <sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

## READING

### James 5:7–11

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

### Matthew 11:2–15

Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.”

<sup>11</sup>Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. <sup>12</sup>From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup>For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, <sup>14</sup>and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup>He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

ANTHEM

In dulci jubilo  
*Chancel Choir; MJ Siegert, trumpet*  
*In dulci jubilo let joyful music flow*  
*Hope beyond all measure lies in praesepio*  
*A light of love we treasure matris in gremio*  
*Alpha es et O!*

*arr. Mark Burrows*

*O Jesu parvule, now peace will make a way*  
*Comfort all our sadness O puer optime*  
*Inspire our hearts to gladness, O princeps gloriae*  
*Trahe me post te*

*O patris caritas, O natilenitas*  
*Doubt and desperation per nostra criminal*  
*Have turned to jubilation, coelorum gaudia*  
*O that we were there!*

*Obi sunt gaudia what better place than there?*  
*Thete are angels singing nova cantica*  
*And there the bells are ringing regis curia*  
*O that we were there! O that we were there!*

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

In Dulci Jubilo

*Marcel Dupré*

*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

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+SENDING+

## BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

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

**Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

## SENDING SONG

### It Came Upon the Midnight Clear



- 1 It came up-on the mid- night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
- 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace-ful wings un - furled,
- 3 And you, be - neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
- 4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph-ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
and still their heav'n-ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.  
who toil a - long the climb-ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:  
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."  
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,  
look now, for glad and gold-en hours come swift - ly on the wing;  
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen-dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still-ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless-ed an - gels sing.  
oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!  
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

## POSTLUDE

In Dulci Jubilo

*Johann Sebastian Bach*



## THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

December 13 Jessica Taylor  
December 14 Debra McLaughlin  
December 15 Greg Dulgerian  
December 16 Fatima Nellessen  
December 18 James Aguila, Maggie Radmacher, Megan Stephens  
December 19 Grace Manalac, Cory Reiten  
December 20 Susan Hansen, Meg Neujahr

## ANNIVERSARIES

December 16 Mark and Jennifer Colon  
December 18 Doug and Betty Moran

## PRAYER & CARE

### New Prayers This Week:

Prayers of praise for the completed life of Rosedith Werley; Requested by Dutch Kramer: Prayers for Paula Hopkins & Jeff Kramer's upcoming travels.

### Continued Prayers:

Lori Unis father, Gail, Raymond Castellon, JoAnne Daniels, John McEvers, Anne, Angie Cruz, Carolyn Bergt, Clare McCollum, Tri-sha, 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, 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, Betty Ackerman-Flowers

**Ushers:** 8:00: Chuck Rogers, Jerry Kral, Cathy Anderson, Tom Ronce 10:15: Martha Toft (LEAD), Gary Fortner, Marshall Belgen, Ryan Rieches

**Readers:** 8:00 Carmen Gogosha 10:15 Angela Woodward

**Communion Servers:** 8:00 Ken Hays & Amy Ronce Shannon McNiel (B) 10:15 Melissa Gomez & Charlene Liebelt, Laurie Oard (B)

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

## ALTAR FLOWERS

• *Praise and God's blessings on the engagement of Lorraine Reyes and Kyle O'Hara, daughter of Ann Hernandez*

## WORSHIP and MUSIC

### Holy Baptism

Today we welcome, through the sacrament of Holy Baptism **Abigail Van Hoak**. May God bless and guide Abigail as she begins her new life in Jesus Christ. We also welcome the Sponsors, family, and friends here to celebrate with us today!

### 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!

### Christmas Services at Red Hill!

*Celebrate the reason for the season with us!*

### December 24th - Christmas Eve

3:00 and 5:00pm - Famil worship with live nativity

7:00pm - Traditional candlelight worship

### December 25th - Christmas Day

10:00am - Traditional worship with Holy Communion

### 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” - Final Class Meeting is Today.**

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 regarding opportunities for this upcoming year.

Rebekah Circle: Monday Evenings Peter's Parish

Contact Martha Toft: [martha.toft@gmail.com](mailto:martha.toft@gmail.com)

Deborah Circle: Tuesday Mornings in Peter's Parish

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

Grace Circle: Meeting at the Groves in Irvine.

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.

#### **Contact Our YFM Team:**

- Beth Stoffregen – Director of Youth & Family Ministry | [beths@redhillchurch.org](mailto:beths@redhillchurch.org)
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We're here to support and serve your family—let's connect!

#### **Advent Resources are available!**

Advent is the first season in the church year that highlights waiting and preparing for the birth of our Messiah and Redeemer, Jesus! We have a few resource bags left. 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 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 worshipping 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 “Shepherd Joy.”

### **T.O.T.S. Ministry's "Happy Birthday, Jesus" Party**

Next Sunday, December 21st, at 10:00am, in Classroom 11  
All babies, toddlers, and preschool aged kids are invited to help us celebrate the birth of Jesus at our "Happy Birthday, Jesus" Party next Sunday, December 21st, at 10:00am. Contact Katelyn Der or Brie Longoria for more information.

### **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 3rd Sunday of Advent as well as digging into the part of the Christmas story found in Luke 1:26-38 when the angel Gabriel appears to Mary.

### **K.I.D.S. Ministry's "Happy Birthday, Jesus" Party**

Next Sunday, December 21st, 9:15am-11:15am, in the K.I.D.S. Zone

All children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade are invited to celebrate the birth of Jesus in the K.I.D.S. Zone next Sunday, December 21st, from 9:15am-11:15am. The celebration will take place during both the DiscipleU Educational Hour (9:15am-10:00am) and the Contemporary Worship Service (10:00am-11:15am), and children may join us during one or both of these times. Contact Itzel Mancilla or Beth Stoffregen for more information.

### **No K.I.D.S. Ministry on Sunday, December 28th**

Please note that there will be no K.I.D.S. Ministry programming for Kindergarten-5th Grade on Sunday, December 28th. We invite all families to worship together on that Sunday. K.I.D.S. Ministry programming will resume on Sunday, January 4th, during the DiscipleU Educational Hour (9:15am-10:00am) and the Contemporary Worship Service (10:00am-11:15am) in the K.I.D.S. Zone.

### **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.

### **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 Dark for the Holidays!**

High School and Middle School Ministry will not meet the last two weeks of December

High School and Middle School Ministry will be taking a two-week break for the holidays to promote quality time with family and friends. We hope and pray that this Christmas season is filled with love and joy for everyone! Mid-week meetings will resume on January 6th for High School and January 7th for Middle School, both from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.

### **New Year! New Ministry Hours!**

In January 2026, High School and Middle School Ministry will be from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.

Starting in January, the student ministry will be shifting to shorter meeting hours. This change will allow us to be more intentional with our time—centered on more meaningful conversations, deeper relationships, and a clearer focus on Jesus. Thank you for your flexibility as we continue to shape a program that best serves our students and helps them know Jesus.

### **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 - Concludes this Sunday

Thank you for participating in our Christmas Giving Tree. Your generosity will help brighten Christmas for families who are served through Olive Crest. Thank you for being a light in our community!

Please place your Gift Cards in the box on the Welcome Table that will be delivered to Olive Crest this next week. If you forgot to return your Gift Card today, feel free to drop them by the Church Office by Wednesday, December 17th.

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

**SMALL GROUPS**  
*Living Life Together*  
Beginning January 2026  
Scan the QR Code for more information.

### Red Hill Safety Ministry is Looking for Volunteers!

God calls us to protect and serve one another (Psalm 82:3-4). We're excited to expand the Red Hill Safety Ministry to enhance security and emergency response for our church family.

We're looking for YOU if you have experience as:

- Military veteran or active duty
- EMS/first responder
- Former/current law enforcement
- Firefighter
- Prepared citizen

Your skills can make a real difference! Contact Ken Hays at [focusnit@ca.rr.com](mailto:focusnit@ca.rr.com) / 714-366-9918 or Pastor Seth Britton for more information and to get involved.

Serve with purpose – volunteer today!

**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.

Red Hill Lutheran Church & School

**Moms Book Club**

*Sincerely, Stoneheart*  
INSIGHTS FOR A WOMAN'S HEART IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SCRIPTURE LETTERS  
UNMASK THE ENEMY'S LIES,  
FIND THE TRUTH THAT  
SETS YOU FREE  
EMILY WILSON HUSSEM

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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**

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# ***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 14<sup>th</sup> to be delivered to Olive Crest.

***Scan the QR  
Code to learn  
more about the  
incredible work  
Olive Crest does  
for families in  
need.***







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CHRISTMAS EVE-DECEMBER 24TH

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7:00PM TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

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10:00AM TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



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### Waiting...

*James 5.7-8 Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup> You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.*

### A "Challenge" in Waiting...

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*Matthew 11.2-3 Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples<sup>3</sup> and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?"*

### The "Cure" ...

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*Matthew 11.4-6 And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>6</sup> And blessed is the one who is not **offended** by me."*

σκανδαλίζομαι (*skandalizomai*): "To cause to stumble" (Be trapped/offended)

*Isaiah 35.3-6 Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup> Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." <sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup> then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.*

*Matthew 11.11-15 Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. <sup>12</sup> From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup> For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, <sup>14</sup> and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup> He who has ears to hear, let him hear.*

(Doubts. Direction.)