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Make Christ Known.

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RED HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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We're glad you're here!

10:15am Worship for the Week of December 21, 2025

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

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

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

WELCOME TO RED HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH!

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

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

Sunday Morning Schedule:

•8:00 to 9:00 am Classical worship

•9:15 to 10:00 am Bible studies and groups for all ages ("DiscipleU")

•10:15-11:15 am Contemporary worship

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RED HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH

10:15^{AM} Fourth Sunday of Advent

Rev. Dr. Seth Britton, Senior Pastor

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel” (Isaiah 7:14). A stunning truth, unthinkable circumstances for a child, expectant mother, and pensive father. All are faithful, yet all would be shunned. And yet no one well-intentioned, unnerved, or suspect would redirect God’s plan of salvation. Mary bore Jesus, Joseph named Him Jesus, and Jesus is the very Son of God—in the flesh, for the salvation of sinners.”

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

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. In your Son, Emmanuel, you have shown us your light and saved us from the power of sin.

Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.

Increase our longing for your presence, that at the celebration of your Son’s birth his Spirit might dwell anew in our midst, for he is our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God forever. Amen.

FIRM FOUNDATION (HE WON’T) Austin Davis | Chandler Moore | Cody Carnes

Christ is my firm foundation, the rock on which I stand
When everything around me is shaken, I’ve never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus, ‘cause He’s never let me down
He’s faithful through generations, so why would He fail now

He won’t, He won’t

I’ve still got joy in chaos, I’ve got peace that makes no sense
So I won’t be going under, I’m not held by my own strength
‘Cause I’ve built my life on Jesus, He’s never let me down
He’s faithful in every season, so why would He fail now

*He won’t, He won’t, He won’t fail
He won’t fail*

Bridge:

Rain came and wind blew, but my house was built on You
I’m safe with You, I’m going to make it through

Vamp:

Yeah I’m going to make it through, ‘Cause I’m standing strong on You
Yeah I’m going to make it through, ‘Cause my house is built on You

*He won’t, He won’t, He won’t fail
He won’t fail, no, He won’t*

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Matthew 28:19; [18:20]

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

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1: 8-9*

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

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

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

SILENT NIGHT John Freeman Young | Joseph Mohr | Pete Kipley | Phil Wickham

Silent night holy night, all is calm all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child, Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night holy night, shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born

Silent night holy night, Son of God love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord at Thy birth, Jesus Lord at Thy birth

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

+WORD+

READING

Isaiah 7:10–17

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: ¹¹“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹²But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. ¹⁷The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria!”

READING

Romans 1:1–7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, ⁷To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY BAPTISM

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

Charles Wesley | Rowland Hugh Prichard

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

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18–25

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:
²³“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel”
(which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MORNING MESSAGE

Pastor Seth Britton

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

The Real Christmas Story

Tom Waldron

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

OFFERTORY **IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR (CAROL)**

Hamilton Sears, Richard Storrs Willis

It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth, To touch their harps of gold
Peace on the earth good will to men, From heaven's all gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay, To hear the angels sing

Still thro' the cloven skies they come, With peaceful wings unfurled
And still their heavenly music floats, O'er all the weary world
Above its sad and lowly plains, They bend on hovering wing
And ever o'er its Babel sounds, The blessed angels sing

And ye beneath life's crushing load, Whose forms are bending low
Who toil along the climbing way, With painful steps and slow
Look now for glad and golden hours, Come swiftly on the wing
O rest beside the weary road, And hear the angels sing

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+SACRAMENT+

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

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

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

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

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen**

COMMUNION

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

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

O COME TO THE ALTAR

Brown | Brock | Furtick | Joye

Verse 1:

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

*O come to the altar, the Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with, the precious blood of Jesus Christ*

Verse 2:

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Bridge:

Oh what a Savior, isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him, for he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Verse 3

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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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!



GET READY FOR

CHRISTMAS

AT RED HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE-DECEMBER 24TH

3:00PM&5:00PM FAMILY SERVICE WITH LIVE NATIVITY
7:00PM TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

CHRISTMAS DAY-DECEMBER 25TH

10:00AM TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



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THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

December 21 Noel Neujahr, Patti Sullivan
December 22 Patrick Hickey, Caleb Tuthill
December 25 John Woodward
December 27 Arthur Kitano
December 28 Carol Haver, Jeremy Martinez

ANNIVERSARIES

December 28 Clint and Sonja Scott

PRAYER & CARE

New Prayers This Week:

Melissa Bower - Prayers for healing and recovery from brain tumor; Prayers of good health and wellness for all suffering from cold, flu, and illness this season; Rick Gertonson, recovery after surgery.

Continued Prayers:

Paula Hopkins, Jeff Kramer, 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, 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.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to pray for you this week. If you would like your prayer request to be added to our Weekly Prayers in the Sunday Bulletin, please be sure to check the box on your Worship Response Card indicating "Weekly Announcements". Prayers will remain on this list for three weeks.

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 Clint Scott 10:15 Craig Spencer

Communion Servers: 8:00 Ken Hays & Harko DeBoer, Marie DeBoer (B) 10:15 Jodi Sprosty & Laurie Oard, Melinda Olmedo (B)

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

• *In honor and memory of Donald and Elizabeth Marousek, Donna Wiksell's parents.*

WORSHIP and MUSIC

Holy Baptism

Today we welcome, through the sacrament of Holy Baptism **Scarlett Storm Chavez**. May God bless and guide Scarlett 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

TODAY 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. 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

"Emotionally Healthy Discipleship (EHD) Course."

Begins Sunday, January 4th through Sunday, February 15th. 9:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. In the Christian Life Center (CLC).

Teacher: Pastor Seth

At Red Hill, our mission is to make disciples of Jesus. Discipleship is a life-long commitment to Jesus and His way of living and loving. As such, discipleship encompasses our whole selves: Body, mind, spirit, and soul. Consequently, spiritual maturity, another way of describing growing as a disciple of Jesus, encompasses our thinking as well as our emotions. This is why one of our core values is to integrate emotional health with our discipleship. Emotional health and spiritual maturity are inseparable.

“The Emotionally Health Discipleship (EHD) Course” explores our relationships with God and others, focusing on how our needs, vulnerabilities, patterns of communication—especially how we deal with conflict and anger—influences those relationships. EHD flows from one’s identity in Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit transforming the deep places in the soul, where our true self, as created in the image of God, exists (Matthew 5.21-48; Ephesians 2.11-22).

Please plan to join us as we continue to grow as disciples of Jesus and glorify Him through our lives and relationships!

Board Game Night - An Evening of Friendly Competition and Community

You’re invited to our first Board Game Night full of laughter, friendly competition, and community! This evening is open to everyone—all ages, church and school families, friends, and neighbors. Come as you are and enjoy time together around the table.

Sunday, February 1st from 4:00pm - 7:00pm in the CLC

The cost is just \$10.00 per person and includes sandwiches, chips, drinks, and snacks to keep us fueled for the fun.



Want to help?

Volunteers are needed to create a warm and welcoming evening! We have many opportunities to help with this event from table hosts to hospitality, to sharing your favorite game with us. Sign up on the patio to let us know how you want to be involved.

Just want to join in on the fun? Scan the QR Code or register on the Patio to let us know you are coming.

We can’t wait to see you and enjoy some friendly competition, make new connections, and spend a relaxed evening building community together!

Have questions? Contact Stephanie McArthur at smcarthur@redhillchurch.org

Meal Packing Event – Mission of Hope

Join us for our annual, hands-on meal packing event supporting Mission of Hope on Thursday, January 29! There are several one-hour time slots available beginning at 2:00 pm, and you are welcome to sign up for one hour or stay for the entire event.

This truly is an all-hands-on-deck opportunity, and we would love to serve alongside you. Every box we pack provides 216 meals, and together—our church and school—we are aiming to pack 20,500 boxes, which means over four-million meals for those in need!

Scan the QR code to register for a time slot, or sign up on the Patio at the Welcome Table.



If you have questions, please contact Stephanie McArthur at smcarthur@redhillchurch.org

We can’t do this without you—we need your help!

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

Deborah Circle: Tuesday Mornings in Peter’s Parish

Carmen Gogosha: 4gogosfam@gmail.com

Grace Circle: Meeting at the Groves in Irvine.

Contact Marlene Thorson: emthor@cox.net

Mensday Bible Study

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

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Red Hill Youth & Family Ministry

Are you interested in learning more about Red Hill’s Youth & Family Ministry (YFM)? Stop by our table on the patio to say hello, or email our team. We’re here to support and serve your family—let’s connect!

Contact Our YFM Team:

- Beth Stoffregen – Director of Youth & Family Ministry | beths@redhillchurch.org
- Brie Longoria – Early Childhood Ministry Co-Coordinator | blongoria@redhillchurch.org
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- Itzel Mancilla – Children’s Ministry Coordinator | imancilla@redhillchurch.org
- Tim Rivera – Student Ministry Coordinator | trivera@redhillchurch.org

T.O.T.S. Ministry “Happy Birthday, Jesus” Party

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 prais-

es to God, and grow excited about joining the worshipping community. All babies, toddlers, and preschool aged kids are invited to join us today as we celebrate the birth of Jesus at our “Happy Birthday, Jesus” Party.

K.I.D.S. Ministry “Happy Birthday, Jesus” Party

Today - 9:15am-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. All children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade are invited to help us celebrate the birth of Jesus during our DiscipleU Educational Hour, 9:00am–10:00am, and during our Contemporary Worship Service, 10:00am–11:15am. All are welcome to join us during one or both of these times.

No K.I.D.S. Ministry Next Sunday, December 28th

Please note that there will be no K.I.D.S. Ministry programming for Kindergarten–5th Grade next Sunday, December 28th. We invite all families to worship together. Regular 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 are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Tim Rivera.

No Student Ministry Confirmation Classes

Sunday, December 28, 2025

Confirmation classes will take a brief pause on Sunday, December 28, 2025. We encourage students and families to worship together next Sunday. Student Ministry Confirmation Classes will resume on Sunday, January 4, 2026, in Peter’s Parish.

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 | 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-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 - Thank you for supporting Olive Crest.

Thank you to all who participated in donating gift cards for families served by Olive Crest. As a congregation we collected over 70 gift cards that will go to supporting these families in need.

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

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:

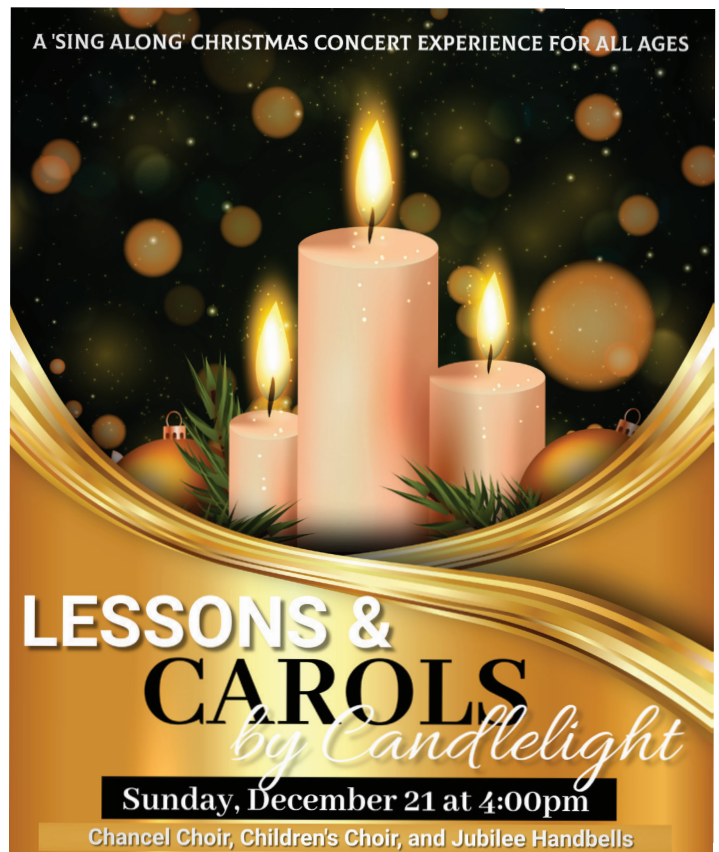
- Military veteran or active duty
- EMS/first responder
- Former/current law enforcement
- Firefighter
- Prepared citizen

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

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The Birth of Christ...The Greatest Gift is Coming...

The Gift of Hope!

Isaiah 7.14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

The _____ of Darkness Threatens Our Hope.

Matthew 1.18-19 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

*Psalms 23.4 Even though I walk through the valley of the **shadow of death**, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

שְׁלִיטָה (šāl·mā·wēṭ): Lit., "Death shadow" (Deep Darkness)

God's _____ Has Come to Give Us Hope.

Matthew 1.20-23 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us)

John 1.4-5 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

(Answers: Presence. Presence.)