



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 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](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. – 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.”*

Congregational responses are in **BOLD print**.

## +GATHERING+

### PRELUDE

Christmas Medley arranged for Cello and Piano  
*Dave, Coats, cello; Dr. Linda Brown*

*by M. David Kincaid*

### 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.

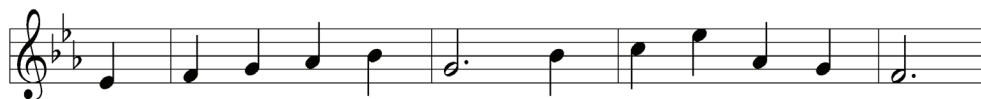
**Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.**

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.**

### OPENING HYMN

#### The Advent of Our God



1 The ad - vent of our God shall be our theme for prayer;  
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son in - car - nate stoops to be,  
3 Come, Zi - on's daugh-ter, rise to meet your low - ly king,  
4 As judge, on clouds of light, he soon will come a - gain,



come, let us meet him on the road and place for him pre - pare.  
him - self the ser - vant's form puts on to set his peo - ple free.  
nor let your faith - less heart de - spise the peace he comes to bring.  
and all his scat - tered saints u - nite with him on high to reign.

### 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

### Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;  
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new

ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.  
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.

Swift - ly wing - ing, an - gels sing - ing, bells are ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:  
Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:

Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!  
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

## 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: <sup>11</sup>“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” <sup>13</sup>And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. <sup>17</sup>The 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, <sup>2</sup>which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, <sup>3</sup>concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup>and 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, <sup>5</sup>through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, <sup>6</sup>including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,  
<sup>7</sup>To 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.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 1<sup>st</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup> but 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

+SACRAMENT+

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

## OFFERING

## In the Bleak Midwinter

*Darke; arr. Linda Brown*

*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.*

COMMUNION MEDITATION O Come, O Come Emmanuel adapted for Cello and Piano by Jon Schmidt

## 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

#### Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive its King; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing  
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

### POSTLUDE

#### Postlude on Helmsley

Paul Fey



## 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](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

### "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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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)

### **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)? 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:

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- Tim Rivera – Student Ministry Coordinator | [trivera@redhillchurch.org](mailto: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 praise-

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](mailto: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](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.

The Winter 2025-26 issue of The Vine is now available! Grab yours today or check it out on our website!



**JOIN US FOR**  
**BOARD GAME NIGHT**

Enjoy some friendly competition and community!

**SUNDAY**  
**FEB. 1ST 4:00 PM**

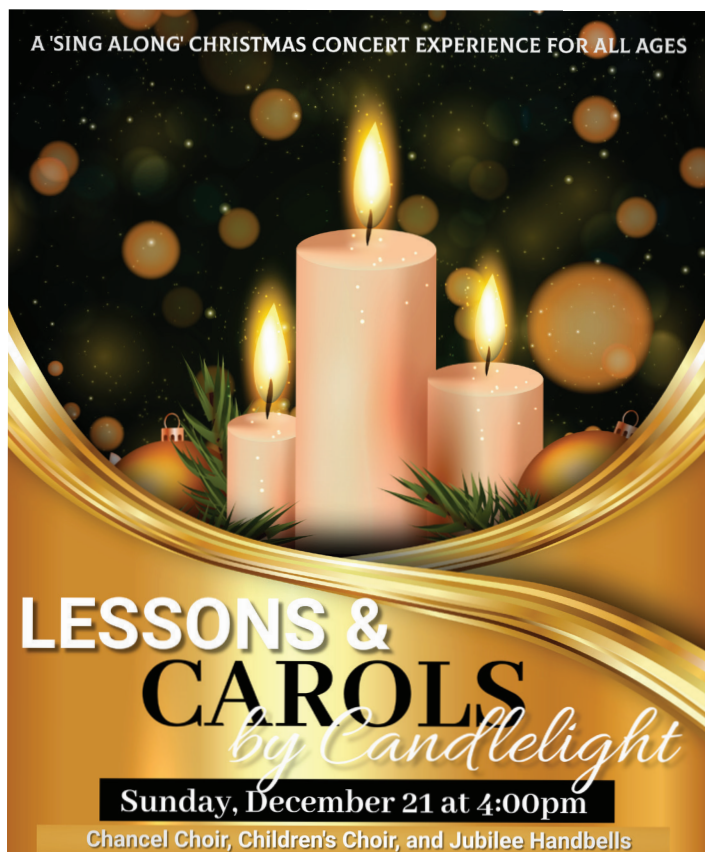
You bring the games, we will provide the food!  
**\$10.00 to attend**

See Bulletin for More Information



**SMALL GROUPS**  
*Living Life Together*

Beginning January 2026  
Scan the QR Code for more information.



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



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**CHRISTMAS EVE-DECEMBER 24TH**  
3:00PM&5:00PM FAMILY SERVICE WITH LIVE NATIVITY  
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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. <sup>19</sup>And 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. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: <sup>23</sup>"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. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

(Answers: Presence. Presence.)