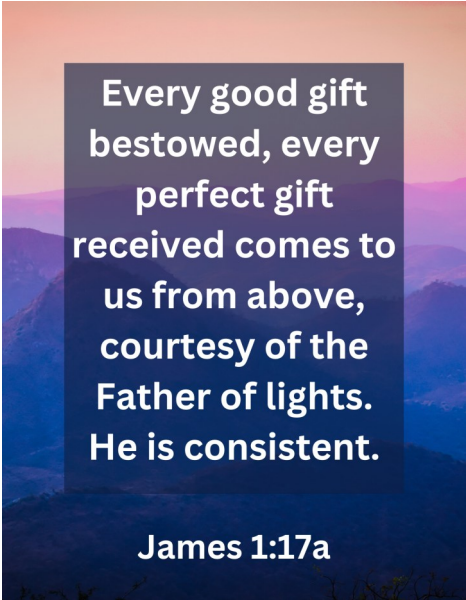


# **North Hills Community Baptist Church**



Every good gift  
bestowed, every  
perfect gift  
received comes to  
us from above,  
courtesy of the  
Father of lights.  
He is consistent.

**James 1:17a**

**March 23, 2025**

**11:00 a.m. Worship Service**

Rev. Dr. Jeremy Hall, Senior Pastor

Rev. Felicia Zamora,

Associate Pastor of Pastoral Care

Christine O'Neil, Director of Youth Ministries

Emmanuel Berrido, Director of Music

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# Welcome Guests!

We are excited to have you worship with us today! If you are a first-time or returning guest, we would like to connect with you. Please take a minute to either scan the QR Code to the right with your phone camera or complete the “We’re Glad You’re Here” card found in the pew racks, and place the card in the offering plate when it comes around.



## Order of Service

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jeremy Hall

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Adam Claus

### SONGS OF PRAISE

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
I Speak Jesus  
Waymaker*

### PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Jeremy Hall

### MOMENT FOR MISSION: CAMP JUDSON

Executive Director: Kevin Saxton

### ANTHEM

*Let us Gather in the Shadow of the Cross*

NHCBC Choir

### MOMENT FOR MISSION: CRESTFIELD CAMP

Program Director: Renee Wallace

### OFFERING INVITATION AND PRAYER

Adam Claus

\* Children are dismissed for children’s church

### OFFERING MUSIC

*Lead Me to the Cross / Crown Him*

### SCRIPTURE

*Matthew 5:13-20 (Page 958)*

Adam Claus

### MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Jeremy Hall  
“Salt and Light”

### CLOSING SONG

*Graves Into Gardens*

### BENEDICTION

#### \* Children’s Church

Children ages 4 through 2nd grade are invited to children’s church.  
*A snack is provided. Please see an usher with any allergy concerns.*

# Announcements

## Prayer Request Cards

Prayer request cards are available in the pew racks and in the narthex.

## Continued Discussion on Membership and Inclusion

### WHEN:

Session 1: March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 p.m. in the Café

Session 2: April 27<sup>th</sup> at 12 p.m., following the church service  
(Lunch provided!)

Session 3: With special guest, Dr. David Gushee, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 a.m.

**WHAT:** We invite you to join Pastor Jeremy for a series of three sessions on what it means to be an inclusive church. The first session on March 23<sup>rd</sup> will serve as an introduction to why this topic matters, exploring the fruits of exclusion, defining key terms like "affirming" and "inclusion," and examining the church's history of changing its mind on important issues. Following this, we'll gather again on April 27<sup>th</sup> for a deeper dive into what the Bible says, and on May 18<sup>th</sup> we will have a special session with Dr. David Gushee, leading Baptist scholar in Christian Ethics, Professor of Christian Ethics at Mercer University, Chair of Christian Social Ethics at Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam, NL, Senior Research Fellow at International Baptist Theological Study Centre. This series is not a political discussion, but a gospel and justice issue that is essential for Christians to address. Together, let's examine why inclusivity matters and how we can live out Christ's love more fully as an affirming community.

We hope you can join us for this vital conversation!

## College Student Care Project

This Spring, as our college students prepare for finals, the Board of Deacons would like to provide each with a gift card to their favorite retailer, restaurant, or coffee shop. We are asking for contributions from our church family to help make this happen. Please prayerfully consider making a donation in one of the following ways **by April 6:**

- place your contribution in the offering plate in an envelope marked 'college student ministry'
- drop your contribution in the box in the back of the sanctuary labeled 'college student donations'
- donate online at <https://my.simplegive.com/app/giving/nhcbc> or click the QR code and specify 'college student ministry' in Notes section



## Faithbuilders (for children in grades 1-5)

It's time for our Easter Egg Hunt! And Game Day! Join us March 30 following worship in Fellowship Hall. We'll have pizza before our Easter egg hunt. Then, it's all games—including scooter time! Friends are welcome!

We are excited to invite you to our **Spring cantata event, *Portraits in Grace* by Joseph M. Martin** on Friday, April 4th, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. *Portraits in Grace* is a musical gallery of faith displaying the life, ministry and passion of Jesus. Through scripture, narration and song, the backdrop is created for the reflections of the Lenten season. As the cantata moves through Christ's extraordinary life, each song displays the sacred beauty of the Savior, and lingers with His many graceful acts of love. For any questions, please message [music@nhcbc.com](mailto:music@nhcbc.com).

**Connect** will meet Thursday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the O'Neil residence. Connect gets together the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month with students in grades 5 - 7 for games, fellowship, and a look at what the Bible has to say about our hunger and being filled.

**Walk MS is April 12!** Join Catalyst Youth in supporting the Zuk family in their fight to end MS. The walk will take place at Point State Park with the opening ceremony beginning at 8:45 a.m. and the walk kickoff at 9 a.m. Please consider joining the family for the walk or donating to their team. Check News and Notes this week for the family's donation link. We hope you can join us in supporting all those who struggle with MS, including one of our own!

**Catalyst Youth** will meet **Tonight from 5:00—7:00 p.m.** After games and dinner we will join in the inclusion discussion with the church from 6:00—7:00 p.m.

**Deacons Fund Collection** - The Deacons Fund is managed by the Board of Deacons and exists solely to provide people who are experiencing a dire, financial emergency with aid on a temporary basis. Not limited exclusively to church members, and entirely confidential, the funds you contribute have helped many people over the years at NHCBC. Make your contribution in one of the envelopes provided in the pews, mark "Deacons Fund" on the envelope and place in the offering plate. The Deacons thank you for this special gift. If you have such a financial need, please see Lynn Berney or Lori Tissue.

Donations of canned and boxed food items for **North Hills Community Outreach's Food Pantry** can be placed in the marked box under the church mailboxes. Their current pantry needs include cereal, macaroni and cheese, pasta sauce, granola bars/snacks, chunky soups and peanut butter.

# Service Teams

Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

## Worship and Music:

**Song Leaders:** Emmanuel Berrido, Jonathan Jones

**Praise Band:** Jonathan Jones (guitar/voice)  
Emmanuel Berrido (keyboard/voice)  
Mark Mendicino (drums)

## Tech:

**Livestream:** Jami Jones

**Video Tech:** Aurora Clark

## Hospitality:

**Childcare:** Meredith Wallace

**Ushers:** Carol Hilliard  
Shannon Porterfield

## **Serving next week (March 30<sup>th</sup>):**

Aurora Clark (childcare), Amy Mendicino (usher)

**1 more usher is needed; please let us know if you can help!**

# Coming Up This Week

**Today:** 3:00 p.m. Choir Cantata Rehearsal  
5:00 p.m. Catalyst  
6:00 p.m. Inclusion Discussion

**Tuesday:** 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  
5:30 p.m. Pleasant Valley Shelter

**Wednesday:** 6:00 p.m. Prayer Group (virtual)

**Thursday:** 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
6:30 p.m. Connect Group

**Next Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. Praise Band Rehearsal  
(March 30<sup>th</sup>) 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
12:15 p.m. Faithbuilders  
3:00 p.m. Choir Cantata Rehearsal  
6:00 p.m. Catalyst