2nd Sunday & Directory Photos
TODAY | After Service | Light Lounge
Join us for some hot cider and delicious pie!
Make sure to get your directory photos taken. **November 15th** will be the last day for photos. Contact: laura@hillsidecovenant.org for more info.

Student Worship Workshop
TODAY | After Church | Student Center
Calling all students interested in learning an instrument, practicing vocals, and/or leading worship at Youth Group or on Sunday mornings. This workshop is for you! Questions: contact josh@hillsidecovenant.org

Surviving The Holidays
Sunday November 14 | 10AM-12PM | Student Center
If you have lost a loved one this year and are wondering how you're going to manage the holidays, please join us for this event. You will leave feeling better equipped and supported. Sign up: hillsidecovenant.org/events

Student Ministries Update: Tom Gilles has been hired to serve as our temporary Student Ministries director! His 1st ministry project is…

FED TO FEED: A friendsgiving Service Day
Thursday November 19 | Community Center
Student Ministries is joining Hillside's mission to Serve the World by partnering with Convoy of Hope for a community service night!

Convoy of Hope will provide nonperishable food items for students, Hillsiders, and anyone interested in joining us to bag and deliver food to our ministry partners and local food banks. We would love for 25 Hillsiders to serve alongside our youth! Sign up at the Welcome Counter.

Lunch Bunch
Wednesday November 18 | 11:30AM - 1:15PM | Community Center
Our very own Mary Matas, with a little help from a few others, will share the story of the quilts made by Grateful Threads that recently traveled to Ukraine. And, of course, we'll enjoy our traditional Lunch Bunch Thanksgiving feast! Sign up with Tony or call (925) 934-1110

Hanging of the Greens
Sunday November 22 | After Church | Meet in the Light Lounge
Join us as we deck the halls of the church for Christmas! We'll have pizza, plenty of laughs, and lots of holiday cheer. We hope to see you there!

Weekly News and Events
Don't miss out on the great things happening at Hillside.
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Preschool
Head downstairs before church begins.

K- 5th grade
Check in at the Welcome Counter.
Dismissed during announcements.

Students
10AM in Student Center.
1st Sunday Stay in Service for Communion.

Order of Service
Praise: How Great Thou Art, How Great Is Your Love
Welcome & Prayer
Announcements
Serve The World & Pastoral Prayer
Praise: You've Already Won, Christus Victor
Sermon: Becky Garner
Praise: This I Believe
Benediction

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We are the Temple Where God Dwells
Ephesians 2:17-22
Becky Garner – November 8, 2026

Ephesians 2:17-22 NIV 17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. 19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become holy temple in the Lord. 22 And a in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

SERIES BIG IDEA: To be a believer is to be a citizen of God's still "under construction," wisdom-displaying city in a time of "war."

Ephesians 3:10 NIV His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms,

"The true humanity of Jesus' followers is designed to display to the world what human life was meant to be like... think of the vocation of the church as a call to live as **a small working model of new creation**."

- N.T. Wright, *The Vision of Ephesians,* p.5

"I will build my church,

and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

– Jesus, Matthew 16:18

1. Through Christ we are _____ people.

2. As God's brand-new people we have the opportunity and responsibility to give the world a picture of a _____ society ruled by Jesus.

3. Through Christ we are _____.

4. Through Christ we are _____.

A Lesson on God's Wisdom to the Dark

Spiritual Forces in the Heavenly Realms:

Every Christian is joined to the living and growing body of Christ, the Church, that is rising up and becoming the holy temple where God dwells in the world.

5. Church, we are the _____ where God _____ in the world!

"It is grace, nothing but grace, that we are allowed to live in community with Christian brethren."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*, pp.18-19

My Takeaway:_____