

Sunday, December 6 | After worship in Trinity Hall

Come celebrate the season around the table at Walnut Hill! Members, friends, and guests are all welcome. The Martins and Hilliards are generously providing fried chicken, and we'd love for you to bring a favorite dish to share. Think family casseroles, holiday desserts, and the recipes everyone asks for! **Sign up now!**



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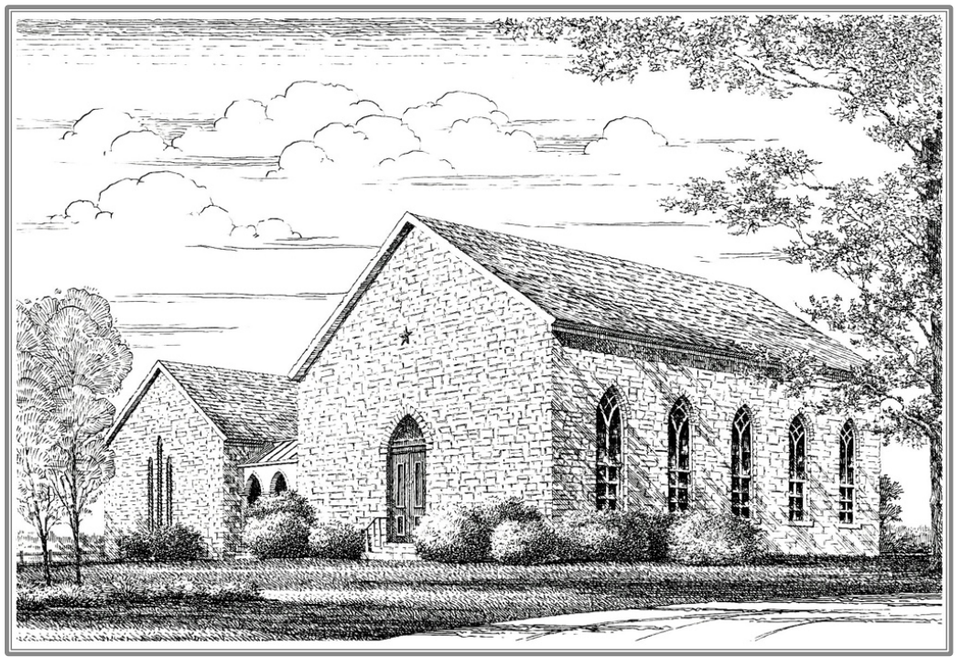
Order of Worship
Last Sunday after Pentecost

November 22, 2026



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Walnut Hill Church

A welcoming, ecumenical congregation embodying the gospel of Jesus Christ, serving the community at large, and the world through worship, education, fellowship, and partnership outreach.

GATHERING

Greetings & Announcements

Prelude

***Hymn #559** *We Gather Together*

Call to Worship (from **Romans 11:33–36**)

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!
For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?
Or who has given a gift to God that he might be repaid?
For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To God be glory forever. Amen.

Invocation

Prayer of Confession (Adapted from **Psalm 51**)

Gracious God, we confess that we do not always live as people who trust that you are with us. We often carry burdens you have invited us to surrender. We look for hope in our own plans and strength instead of in your presence and promises. We confess that our thoughts, words, and actions do not always reflect the love and grace you have shown us. We pray that you forgive us for the ways we have failed to trust and follow you. Cleanse us from our sin and restore in us a joyful desire to know you more fully. By the Holy Spirit, shape us into people who reflect Christ's grace and truth in the world. (Silent Confession) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (from **Romans: 4:7, 8**)

Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed is the person whose sins the Lord will never count against them.
Friends believe the Good News and rejoice; in Christ Jesus God has forgiven and covered our sins.
Thanks be to God!

Hymn #396 *O For a Closer Walk with God*

WORD

Scripture: Hebrews 10:19–25 (Pew Bible, NT, pg. 241)

Sermon *Together* Rev. Shawn Barkley

RESPONDING

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offering

***Doxology** (*The Worship Book,* p. 4) **and Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING

***Hymn #555** *Now Thank We All Our God*

***Benediction**

Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

🎄 GARLAND PARTY + WINTER SOCK DRIVE

Saturday, December 5 | 9 a.m.–noon

A Walnut Hill favorite is back! Drop in anytime to help deck our stone entrance with fresh garland and enjoy warm drinks, tasty bites, and festive fellowship. All ages are welcome, and no crafting experience is needed. We'll provide the greenery and wire.
Bring clippers, gloves, and a friend or two!

🧦 **Help us warm 200 feet at the same time!** Our goal is to collect **100 pairs of winter socks** for neighbors experiencing homelessness, with donations going to The Nathaniel Mission and The Catholic Action Center. Bring socks to the party or drop them off ahead of time in the church office or sanctuary vestibule.
THANK YOU!