



December 10, 2023

10:00 Worship Service



Welcome to NEUMC!

We're glad you're here! Thank You for joining us today!

Our Mission is to Know Jesus and Make Him Known

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

Second Sunday of Advent

HYMN, 220

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Processional

Verses 1-3

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LORD'S PRAYER

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, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY

Reader 1 (Charlie Henry): In days when God's people longed for peace, Isaiah declared, "Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins" (Isaiah 40:1).

Reader 2 (Ann Henry): We who gather today also seek comfort and peace, yet we are unsatisfied with ideas of peace that tell us to keep quiet and go with the flow. We long for real peace, true peace, just peace.

Congregation: We wait as people who yearn for peace that bears the fruit of community, equity, and flourishing for all.

Reader 1 (Charlie Henry): We light these candles as signs of God's shocking hope and just peace. May they be beacons calling us to repent and to live the good news of Jesus Christ as we wait and watch and labor for the day when all people can gather together to worship and glorify God. Amen.

Light two candles of the Advent wreath.

*HYMN OF PRAISE, 216

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Verses 1-3

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

"Lamb's Corner"

OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Psalms 85:8-13 & 2 Peter 3:8-15a

SONG

"Sanctuary"

Sing Twice

Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

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SERMON AND INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Pastor Antoinette

"Get Ready"

Mark 1:1-8

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERING

There are 4 ways to give. See back of bulletin.

HOLY COMMUNION

Wine and grape juice are used for communion. The chalices have wine.

Grape juice and gluten free bread are available in the center.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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 high

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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***CHARGE**

***BENEDICTION**

***HYMN**

“Not That Far From Bethlehem”

Recessional

Verse 1

Underneath the stars just a simple man and wife
Somewhere in the dark his words cut the silent night
Take my hand
For the Child that you carry is God's own
And though it seems the road is long

Chorus

We're not that far from Bethlehem
Where all our hope and joy began
For in our arms we'll cherish Him
We're not that far (from Bethlehem)

Verse 2

Let us celebrate as the Christmases go by
Learn to live our days
With our hearts near to the Child
Ever drawn ever close
To the only love that lasts
And though two thousand years have passed

Ending

Ending
We're not that far
From Bethlehem
From Bethlehem

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* Please stand as you are able.



We are delighted that you have joined us in worship!
We hope your experience at NEUMC was enjoyable and encouraging. Please join us for *Cookie Time* fellowship following the service.

Sermon NOTES



Get Ready

Mark 1:1-8

1 The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God,

2 as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:
 “I will send my messenger ahead of you,
 who will prepare your way”—

3 “a voice of one calling in the wilderness,
 ‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
 make straight paths for him.’”

4 And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

5 The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

6 John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

7 And this was his message: “After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.

8 I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Lectionary Devotional Readings
for the week of December 10



Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8

END OF YEAR *Giving*

Donate before December 31 to count
towards your 2023 giving tax deductions

Let's learn and grow together!

Sunday **SCHOOL**

TIME 9:00AM

EDUCATION BUILDING

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NORTHEAST
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Overcomers (Room 212)

Instructor: Brooks Shealy

Life of David

First & Second Samuel

Pairs & Spares (Room 214)

Instructor: Tammie Sloop

Bible Stories for Grown-Ups by Josh Scott

Proverbs 17 (Room 208)

Older Kids & Youth

Instructors: Heather Cook & Bianca Brazell

Lessons in the Bible

Preschool & Young Kids

Instructors: Pat Hoesly, Mary Anne Lockard & Sharon Shealy

Lessons in the Bible

MINISTRY AND PRAYER NEEDS

- **Tanya Organ** of Covington, GA, undergoing gallbladder chemotherapy.
- **Franklin Holmes** of Troy, NY, recovering from addiction.
- **Chris Coxson, in Pennsylvania**, who is paralyzed from the waist down as a result of a surgical procedure.
- **Catherine, Suzy and Charlie**, who are in difficult circumstances.
- **Pat Stevenson**, friend of Pat Christiansen, who has a mass on her brain.
- **Teddy Szilagyi**, who suffered another heart attack and is currently waiting for a transplant.
- **Those going through cancer treatment: Tracie Glumm, Scott Schuch, Mark Seeley, Courtney Cox-Manser & Julie Smith**
- **Lee Chandler**, who has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer.
- **The family of Hazel Lockard** for strength and guidance.
- **Owen Markham**, grandson of Larry & Dianne Markham, recovering from a skiing accident in Colorado.
- **Mattia Hilmer**, pray for her overall health.
- **Anita Cook**, Mike Cook's mother, who needs prayer.
- **Larry Markham**, for continued strength and recovery.
- **Johnathan Moss**, for continued strength and recovery.
- **John Lockard**, for continued strength and recovery.
- **Ernst Cousin**, brother of Fred Cousin, for continued strength and recovery.
- **Our military and first responders.**
- **Our missionaries:**
 - **Tom & Emma Henry:** Appalachian Mountain Leadership
 - **Matt & Jenny Williams:** Athletes in Action Cru
 - **Steve & Stephanie Bredesen:** Nakalanda, Uganda
 - **Ben & Jenny Reyes**

BLESSING BOX PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Latory, Donavan, and Latory's children**
- **Damaryan Hunter**, a sailor going to Israel.
- **Stefka and Antonio**, in the midst of divorce with a 7 year-old child. Better job for food and bills.

HOMEBOUND AND ELDERLY

We are a family and we encourage anyone who feels led by God to visit those who are sick or homebound. Following are our homebound:
Lee Chandler George Eberhardt Sandra Miller Sabra Stewart

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Team create shawls and other items for you to share with those who need encouragement. When you give a shawl away, you are sharing the love and prayers of NEUMC. The prayer shawls are kept in the Prayer Center if one is needed. Prayer Shawl Ministry Team

PRAYER REQUEST

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people.

1 Timothy 2:1

Please write your request(s) here and place this card in the offering plate.

- Pastor Only
- Prayer Chain
- Bulletin
- I would like someone to contact me to pray over a more confidential matter.



Want to receive our emails or update your mailing choices? Please take a moment to fill out this form with your choices. Place the form in the offering plate or turn it in at the Church Office.

(NAME)

(EMAIL ADDRESS)

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EMAILS

- Prayer Concerns
(these go out as needs arise - several each week)
- General information and appeals from NEUMC
(a few each month)
- Sunday Bulletin

ACOLYTE

Youth

TODAY	NEXT WEEK
COMMUNION PREPARER Dianne Markham	COMMUNION PREPARER Karen Evans
COMMUNION SERVERS Dianne Markham, Sharon Shealy & Ira Sansolo	COMMUNION SERVERS Hannah Cook, C.J. Miro & Karen Evans
SCRIPTURE READER C.J. Miro	SCRIPTURE READER Stephen Crowell
PRAYER WARRIOR Jane Scott	PRAYER WARRIOR Charlie Henry
GREETERS Charlie & Ann Henry	GREETERS Dave & Pat Christiansen

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There are 4 ways to give:

- (1) as offering is collect
- (2) mail a check to the church
- (3) setup recurring giving online: neumc.com/give
- (4) use the QR Code to give online

Scan to Give Online



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OFFICE HOURS

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM: MONDAY - FRIDAY



Poinsettias

In Memory of

Carl Burgess

Verdie Christmus (Dan's Mother)
Norma Groover (Gaye's Mother)

James McCall
Lousie McCall

Ruth & Sam Williford (Ann's Parents)
Gene & Charles Henry

Clair Lockard
Tom Hambrick
Vivienne Hambrick

Sam Luckey

Jeanne R. Miro (Ryon's Mother)

Patty Munn

Steve Owen

Glenn Sawyer

John Redmon

Given by

Kay Burgess

Dan & Gaye Christmus

Fred & Sylvia Cousin

Charlie & Ann Henry

John & Mary Anne Lockard

Gail Luckey

Ryon & Kristen Miro

Michael Munn

Laraine Owen, Jenny Brazell
& Braedyn Ross

Joyce Sawyer

Duane & Jane Scott



Poinsettias

In Memory of

Sylvia Barker Cumbie
Lois Shealy
Pope Shealy

All the Saints who have gone
home to Jesus before us

The Sansolo & Chamberlain
Families

James & May Nell Wheeler
Martha Ann Wheeler
Nancy Eury

In Honor of

Our Granddaughters &
Great Grandson

Marie, Randy & Dixie Siegfried

Hazel Lockard

Our Grandchildren

Tammie Sloop

Given by

Brooks, Sharon & Sara Shealy

The Wargel Family

Ira & Melissa Sansolo

Jimmy Wheeler

Given by

Dave & Pat Christiansen

Larry & Danna Griner

John & Mary Anne Lockard

Duane & Jane Scott

Barry Sloop



Second Sunday of Advent, December 10 "Get Ready"

Please complete the multiple choice and short answer questions. This is simply an opportunity to recall and reflect on where you've been and where you are in your faith journey during this season of Advent. Some of the answers may be shared anonymously next Sunday as we seek to grow and learn from one another.

In Mark 1:1-8, John the Baptist preached about getting ready for someone greater than himself. How might getting ready in this context relate to the concept of resonance?

- a) Getting ready is a distraction from meaningful experiences.
- b) Getting ready is about finding resonance in meaningful connections, experiences, and events in anticipation of Jesus' arrival.
- c) Getting ready involves distancing oneself from meaningful moments.
- d) I'm not sure how getting ready connects to resonance.

In the context of Mark 1:1-8, confession is often associated with acknowledging wrongdoing and preparing one's heart. How might this act of confession relate to the concept of resonance?

- a) Confession is unrelated to the concept of resonance.
- b) Resonance is felt through deep and profound connection even in the process of confession and personal reflection.
- c) Confession should only be a personal and private experience.
- d) I'm not sure how confession connects to resonance.

In your understanding, what is the primary purpose of confession?

- a) To seek forgiveness for specific wrongdoings and experience God's grace.
- b) Confession fosters a sense of community by sharing and understanding each other's struggles.
- c) I don't see any purpose in the practice of confession.
- d) Confession is a cultural tradition with no spiritual significance.
- e) Both A and B.

As we "get ready," what challenges or questions do you currently face in your spiritual journey?



JOIN US THIS SEASON OF ADVENT AT NEUMC

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:00 AM

December 17

Testify - John 1:6-8, 19-28

Blue Christmas Service, The Longest Night

Thursday, December 21

5:30 PM

December 24

Be Courageous - Luke 1:26-38

Christmas Eve, Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 24

5:30 PM

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