



December 3, 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

## First Sunday of Advent

HYMN, 202

*“People, Look East”*  
Verses 1, 3 & 4

Processional

### 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 (Pat Christiansen):** In the days of exile and uncertainty, the prophet Isaiah cried out: O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence. As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. (Isaiah 64:1-3)

**Reader 2 (Mary Mason):** In the midst of our own encounters with uncertainty and upheaval and our longing for deliverance, Jesus calls to us, “Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come” (Mark 13:5).

**Congregation: We wait as people, surprised again and again by God who shakes us out of our complacency and wakes us up to the work of the kingdom all around us.**

**Reader 3 (Amy Flanders):** We light this candle as a sign of our shocking hope. May we stay awake to God's activity in the world as we wait in expectation that even now God is with us, working to restore us to the fullness of life with God and one another. Amen.

*Light the first candle of the Advent wreath.*

\*HYMN OF PRAISE, 196

*“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*“Lamb's Corner”*

#### OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 | Corinthians 1:3-9

#### 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

*“Keep Awake”*  
Mark 13:24-37

#### NEW MEMBERS CEREMONY

See Insert

Raul & Stacy Cruz, Felix Ehuren & Lenna Crentsil, Deborah Lackore, Joyce Sawyer

## **THE NICENE CREED, 880**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **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**

*"My Worth Is Not In What I Own"*

Recessional

**Verse 1**

My worth is not in what I own  
Not in the strength of flesh and bone  
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

**Verse 2**

My worth is not in skill or name  
In win or lose in pride or shame  
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

**Chorus**

I rejoice in my Redeemer  
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul  
I will trust in Him no other  
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

**Verse 3**

As summer flowers we fade and die  
Fame youth and beauty hurry by  
But life eternal calls to us at the cross

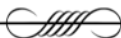
**Verse 4**

I will not boast in wealth or might  
Or human wisdom's fleeting light  
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross

**Verse 5**

Two wonders here that I confess  
My worth and my unworthiness  
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross

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\* Please stand as you are able.



Lectionary Devotional Readings  
for the week of December 3



Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

# 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**

4000 HARD SCRABBLE RD, COLUMBIA 29223

MORE INFORMATION 803.736.6386

A COMMUNITY OF HOPE  
**NORTHEAST**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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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.

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- 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.

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**(NAME)**

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**(EMAIL ADDRESS)**

**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
<b>COMMUNION PREPARER</b> Danna Griner	<b>COMMUNION PREPARER</b> Dianne Markham
<b>COMMUNION SERVERS</b> Larry & Danna Griner & Melanie Hafner	<b>COMMUNION SERVERS</b> Dianne Markham, Sharon Shealy & Ira Sansolo
<b>SCRIPTURE READER</b> Elizabeth Chamblee	<b>SCRIPTURE READER</b> TBD
<b>PRAYER WARRIOR</b> Dianne Markham	<b>PRAYER WARRIOR</b> Jane Scott
<b>GREETERS</b> Danna Griner & Delina Johnson	<b>GREETERS</b> TBD

**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](http://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



# New Members Ceremony

## PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

I present                    who come seeking professing membership of  
Northeast United Methodist Church.

## RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The pastor addresses the candidate(s):*

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:  
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,  
    reject the evil powers of this world,  
    and repent of your sin?

**I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you  
    to resist evil, injustice, and oppression,  
    in whatever forms they present themselves?

**I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,  
    put your whole trust in his grace,  
    and promise to serve him as your Lord,  
    in union with the Church which Christ has opened  
    to people of all ages, nations, and races?

**I do.**

*The pastor addresses the congregation:*

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life  
    and include these members now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news  
    and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround these persons with a community of love and  
forgiveness,**

**that they may grow in their trust of God,  
    and be found faithful in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them,  
    that they may be true disciples  
    who walk in the way that leads to life.**

## RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*The pastor addresses the candidate(s):*

As members of Christ's universal church,  
will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church, and do  
all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

**I will.**

## RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

As members of this congregation,  
will you faithfully participate in its ministries by  
your prayers, your presence,  
your gifts, your service, and your witness?

**I will.**

*Certificate of membership is presented to new member(s).*

## COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God,  
I commend these persons to your love and care. Do  
all in your power to increase their faith, confirm  
their hope, and perfect them in love.

**Through baptism**

**you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into  
God's new creation  
and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We  
are all one in Christ Jesus.**

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you as  
members of the family of Christ.**

Now it is our joy to welcome  
our new brothers and sisters in Christ!

## BLESSING PRAYER



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.

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NEUMC continues to support Sandlapper Elementary School through the Richland Two Backpack Program.

The goal is to decrease weekends without adequate nourishment by providing additional foods as a supplement for families. Food items will be collected the first Sunday of each month.

A collection box is located in the narthex for the items. The congregation is invited to stay after church today to help assemble the bags and pray for the children receiving them. To view a list of suggested menu items, please visit our website at [neumc.com](http://neumc.com) and click on Outreach.



**JOIN US THIS SEASON OF ADVENT AT NEUMC**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**10:00 AM**

**December 10**

**Get Ready - Mark 1:1-8**

**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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