



December 31, 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 after Christmas Day

HYMN, 240

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”
Verses 1-3

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.

***HYMN OF PRAISE, 217**

“Away in a Manger”
Verses 1-3

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

“Lamb's Corner”

OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Psalm 148
Galatians 4:4-7

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

“Worship and Bless”
Luke 2:22-40

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**

“Wonderful Merciful Savior”

Recessional

Verse 1

Wonderful merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men
Oh You rescue the souls of men

Verse 2

Counselor Comforter Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts
Have hopelessly lost the way
Oh we hopelessly lost the way

Chorus

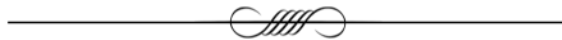
You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh our hearts always hunger for

Verse 3

Almighty infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh we're falling before Your throne

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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



Worship and Bless

Luke 2:22-40

20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told. 21 On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived. 22 When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord.") 24 and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons." 25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27 Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: 29 "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. 30 For my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel." 33 The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, 35 so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." 36 There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37 and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. 38 Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. 39 When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. 40 And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

Lectionary Devotional Readings
for the week of December 31

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalms 148

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:20-40

END OF YEAR
Giving

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

Contributions will continue to be accepted for 2023 through December 31. To receive credit for your 2023 donations they need to be turned in on or before this date. Any contributions received after December 31 will be posted to your 2024 giving statement. Annual statements will be sent by email to the email address that is listed in the church database around the second week of January 2024. Please make sure your email address is up-to-date. Members without e-mail addresses will have their statements mailed. Any questions, please contact Dale Purvis, Financial Secretary at the Church Office.

Let's learn and grow together!

Sunday
SCHOOL

TIME 9:00AM

EDUCATION BUILDING

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MORE INFORMATION 803.736.6386

A COMMUNITY OF HOPE
NORTHEAST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

To Know Jesus and Make Him Known

Overcomers (Room 212)

Instructor: Brooks Shealy
The Parables of Jesus

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

- **Jim Wheeler**, for his health and healing.
- **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 Bredezen:** Nakalanda, Uganda
 - Ben & Jenny Reyes**

BLESSING BOX PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Latory, Donovan, 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 Danna Griner	COMMUNION PREPARER Dianne Markham
COMMUNION SERVERS Larry & Danna Griner & Melanie Hafner	COMMUNION SERVERS Dianne Markham, Sharon Shealy & Ira Sansolo
SCRIPTURE READER Nikki Shafner	SCRIPTURE READER Hannah Cook
PRAYER WARRIOR Ann Henry	PRAYER WARRIOR Jane DeCristofaro
GREETERS Danna Griner & Delina Johnson	GREETERS Ryon & Kristen Miro

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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

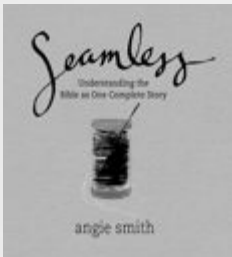
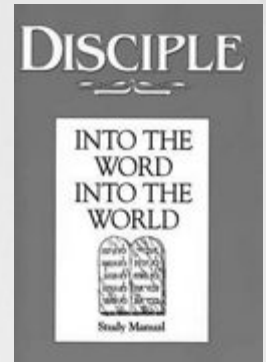
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM: MONDAY - FRIDAY

SMALL GROUP STUDIES

Into the Word, Into the World

Chastity Cherubin and Brooks Shealy are prepared to lead a Disciple II curriculum, a 32 week study. This study proclaims the transforming power of Scripture while teaching Bible study skills that take participants deeper into the Scripture. The importance of keeping Bible study related to witness is reinforced while participants are encouraged to practice spiritual disciplines arising out of Scripture for the purpose of changing habits and transforming lives.

Study begins Sunday, January 21, 2024 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.



Seamless

Charlie Henry will lead a study covering a book called "Seamless." Seamless is a seven-session study that covers major events from the Bible, tying them together into the greater story of all of Scripture. The study provides a good general timeline study of the Bible.

Study begins Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6:30 PM.

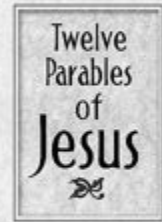
Twelve Parables of Jesus

Jane Scott will be teaching from the book by Maxie Dunnam.

Many of us have heard the parables of Jesus all our lives, and we might even know them by heart. So why study them again? Why take another look at the parables? As our life experiences accumulate, we bring a fresh eye to the Scriptures. This is especially true of the parables, as they deal with people and life and everyday events. In many ways, reflecting on the parables in light of our own lives can bring us closer to Jesus.

Study begins Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

MAXIE DUNNAM



BIBLE STUDY FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

Signup sheets are located in the narthex or scan the QR code.



Also, Elizabeth Chamblee will organize a dinner club to meet monthly at a local restaurant. Dates and time to be announced. Participants may attend as many times as is convenient.



Happy NEW YEAR

You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.

PSALM 65:11



United Women in Faith

The United Women in Faith will meet on Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 7:00 PM in Room 102. All women of the church are invited to attend.

We seek to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.



The United Methodist Men would like to invite all the men of NEUMC to join us on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 6:30 at Very Restaurant, 6729 Two Notch Road Columbia. Please RSVP to Ira Sansolo at (863) 393-5740 so we can reserve the proper tables.