



February 25, 2024

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 in Lent

HYMN, 116

“The God of Abraham Praise”
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, 415**

“Take Up Thy Cross”
Verses 1-4

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

“Lamb's Corner”

OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Genesis 17:1-7; 15-16
Romans 4:13-25

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

“What Matters Most”
Mark 8:31-38

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERING

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

***DOXOLOGY, 95**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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 highest.

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.

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.**

***CHARGE**

***BENEDICTION**

***HYMN**

“Step by Step”

Recessional

Chorus

God You are my God
And I will ever praise You
O God You are my God
And I will ever praise You
I will seek You in the morning
And I will learn to walk in Your ways
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days

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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



What Matters Most

Mark 8:31-38

31 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again.

32 He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

33 But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

34 Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

35 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.

36 What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?

37 Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

Lectionary Devotional
Readings for the week
of February 25

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalms 22:23-31

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38



OF PRAYER

MARCH 1, 2024

Sunday, March 3, 2024



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 next Sunday to help assemble the bags and pray for the children receiving them. Visit our website to view a list of food items.

Let's learn and grow together!

Sunday
SCHOOL

TIME: 9:00 AM
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Overcomers (Room 212)

Instructor: Brooks Shealy
The Parables of Jesus

Pairs & Spares (Room 214)

Instructor: Tammie Sloop
Witness at the Cross by Amy Jill Levine

Iron Sharpens Iron (Room 208)

Reading & Discussing the New Testament

Older Kids & Youth

Instructors: Heather Cook & Bianca Brazell
Lessons in the Bible

Preschool & Young Kids

Instructors: Pat Hoesly, Mary Anne Lockard
& Sharon Shealy

MINISTRY AND PRAYER NEEDS

- **Lee Safley and his wife, Suzanne**, as Lee is recovering from surgery to remove cancer from his liver. He will begin chemo after his recovery.
- **Kynslee**, 13-year-old, diagnosed with leukemia. Please keep her and family in prayer. She's the daughter of Chastity Cherubin's colleague.
- **Shaffner/Pizzello family**, on the passing of Bob Shaffner's father, Richard Shaffner.
- **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.
- **Teddy Szilagyi**, who is waiting for a heart transplant.
- **Those going through cancer treatment: John Lockard, Lee Chandler, Tracie Glumm, Scott Schuch, Mark Seeley, Courtney Cox-Manser, Julie Smith, Lee Safley & Elizabeth Hebert**
- **The family of Hazel Lockard** for strength and guidance.
- **Mattia Hilmer**, pray for her overall health.
- **Larry Markham & Owen Markham (grandson of Larry & Dianne)**, for continued strength and recovery.
- **Ernst Cousin**, brother of Fred Cousin, for continued strength and recovery.
- **Our military and first responders.**
- **Our missionaries:**
 - Matt & Jenny Williams:** Athletes in Action Cru
 - Steve & Stephanie Bredesen:** Nakalanda, Uganda
 - Ben & Jenny Reyes**

BLESSING BOX PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Latory, Donovan, and Latory's children**
- **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

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TODAY	NEXT WEEK
LAY LEADER Stephen Crowell	LAY LEADER Jane Scott
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 Hannah Cook	SCRIPTURE READER C.J. Miro
PRAYER WARRIOR Jane DeCristofaro	PRAYER WARRIOR Dan Christmus
OFFERING COUNTERS Pat Hoesly & George Evans	OFFERING COUNTERS Tom DeCristofaro & Larry Griner

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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