



January 7, 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

First Sunday after the Epiphany Baptism of the Lord

HYMN, 152

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"
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, 604**

"Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God"
Verses 1-3

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

"Lamb's Corner"

OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7
Sing Twice

SONG

"Sanctuary"

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

"God Created. Now What?"
Genesis 1:1-5

THE APOSTLES' CREED, TRADITIONAL VERSION, 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*universal

RECOGNITION OF LEADERS

See Insert

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.**

***CHARGE**

***BENEDICTION**

***HYMN**

“What a Beautiful Name”

Recessional

Verse 1

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

Chorus 1

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Verse 2

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

Chorus 2

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Bridge

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

Bridge

You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

Chorus 3

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Ending

What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

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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



God Created. Now What?

Genesis 1:1-5

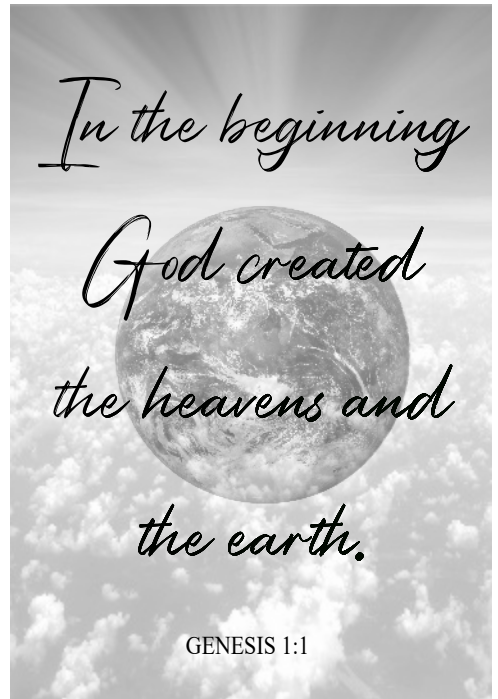
1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

5 God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.



Lectionary Devotional Readings
for the week of January 7

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalms 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11



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. The congregation is invited to stay after church today to help assemble the bags and pray for the children receiving them.



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.

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
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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: John Lockard, Lee Chandler, Tracie Glumm, Scott Schuch, Mark Seeley, Courtney Cox-Manser & Julie Smith**
- **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.
- **Larry Markham**, 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)

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 Hannah Cook	SCRIPTURE READER Jennifer Wargel
PRAYER WARRIOR Jane DeCristofaro	PRAYER WARRIOR Dan Christmus
GREETERS Ryon & Kristen Miro	GREETERS Charlie & Ann Henry

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

AN ORDER FOR THE INSTALLATION OR RECOGNITION OF LEADERS IN THE CHURCH

Dear friends, you have been called by God and chosen by the people of God for leadership in the church. This ministry is a blessing and a serious responsibility. It recognizes your special gifts and calls you to work among us and for us. In love we thank you for accepting your obligation and challenge you to offer your best to the Lord, to this people, and to our ministry in the world. Live a life in Christ and make him known in your witness and your work.

Today we install these leaders.

Do you this day acknowledge yourself a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ?

I do.

Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world?

I will.

Will you so live that you enable this church to be a people of love and peace?

I will.

Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the task for which you have been chosen?

I will.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon these your servants who have been given particular ministries in your church. Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in your service. Keep before them the example of our Lord, who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for us all. Let them share his ministry and consecration, that they may enter into his joy. Guide them in their work. Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge that through them your purposes are accomplished; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Dear friends, rejoice that God provides laborers for the vineyards. Will you do all you can to assist and encourage them in the responsibilities to which they have been called, giving them your cooperation, your counsel, and your prayers?

The congregation responds:

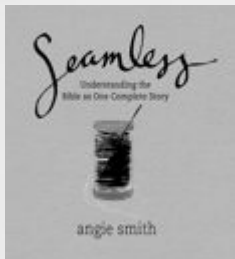
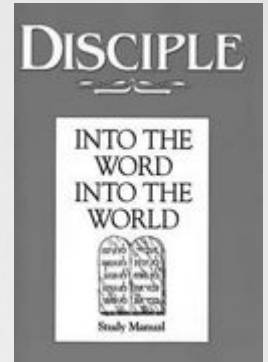
We will.

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.

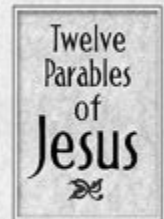
Twelve Parables of Jesus

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.



Elizabeth Chamblee is looking to organize a dinner club to meet monthly beginning in February at a local restaurant. Elizabeth would like to see how many people would be interested in attending. If you have an interest in the dinners, please send an email to the church office, northeast@neumc.com so she can get an estimate.

