



10:00 Worship Service

December 21, 2025



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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

***HYMN, 240**

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

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 (Harry Berry): Today, we come face to face with the scandal of Advent: Mary, the unmarried mother; God Incarnate growing in Mary's womb as a vulnerable baby; Joseph contemplating leaving Mary because of her pregnancy; God's love at work in ways that society and propriety could not understand; God calling Mary and Joseph to faithfulness despite the fear of disgrace.

Congregation: With Mary and Joseph, we choose to wait, watch, and listen for the way of Love instead of responding in fear to the world's judgment.

Reader 2 (Christopher Armstrong): We light this candle of LOVE as a sign of our faithfulness as we seek, find, and follow Emmanuel, God with us.

Light the four outer candles of the Advent wreath.

***HYMN OF PRAISE, 211**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Verses 1-3

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

"Lamb's Corner"

SPECIAL MUSIC

"One King"

OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Psalms 80:1-7

Romans 1:1-7

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

"Somewhere Between Above and Below"

Isaiah 7:10-16

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 is available in the center. Gluten free bread is used for communion.

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.

THE PEACE

Sharing "peace" with one another is an ancient Christian tradition rooted in the teachings of Jesus and practices of the Christian community. It also serves as a way for members to reconcile before receiving Holy Communion. Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love. God's peace be with you.

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:

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.

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, 251

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"
Verses 1-3

POSTLUDE

* 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.

Let's learn and
grow together!

Sunday
SCHOOL

TIME: 9:00 AM

Overcomers (Room 212) | Living Into God's Promises

Pairs & Spares (Room 214) | The Case for Christmas by Lee Strobel

Iron Sharpens Iron (Room 208) | The Upper Room - Disciplines

Older Kids & Youth (Room 213) | Lessons in the Bible

Preschool & Young Kids (Room 206) | Lessons in the Bible

Sermon NOTES



“Somewhere Between Above and Below”

Isaiah 7:10-16

10 Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying,

11 “Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.”

12 But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.”

13 Then Isaiah said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also?

14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel.

15 He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

16 For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

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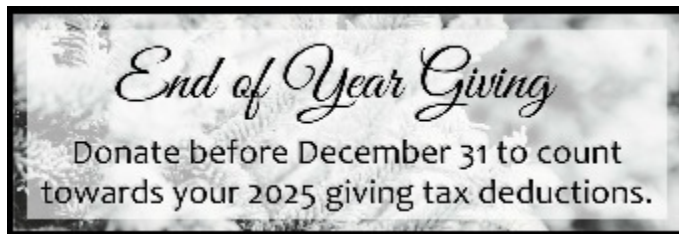
**Lectionary Devotional
Reading for the week
of December 21**

Isaiah 7:10-17

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25



Contributions will continue to be accepted for 2025 through December 31. To receive credit for your 2025 donations they need to be turned in on or before this date. Any contributions received after December 31 will be posted to your 2026 giving statement. Annual statements will be sent by email to the email address that is listed in the church database around the third week of January 2026. 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.



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MINISTRY AND PRAYER NEEDS

Prayer request cards are located in the card holders on the back of the chairs.

- **Enda Huggins**, Sylvia Cousin's sister, experiencing stomach problems.
- **Betty McCall**, Sylvia Cousin's aunt, who has heart problems.
- **Orvie Hetzler**, Forrest Horn's brother-in-law, diagnosed with cancer.
- **Wanda Chandler**, Bianca Brazell's mother, who is undergoing chemotherapy.
- **Roger Rexroad and his wife Trisha**, neighbors of Debbo Lackore and Joyce Sawyer. Roger is hospitalized at Lexington Medical Center with a blood infection and suffers with severe osteoporosis arthritis.
- **Marion Crowell**, Stephen Crowell's mother, who experienced complications from her pacemaker lead.
- **Jean**, co-worker of Karen Evans, who has been diagnosed with uterine serous carcinoma. She has completed three of the six chemotherapy and immunotherapy treatments. Please continue to pray for her family and her doctors to determine the best treatment plan.
- **Doug Miro**, Ryon Miro's father, recovering from a stroke.
- **Ken Harling**, brother of Debbo Lackore, who has kidney failure. Also, pray for his daughter and caregiver, Alicia Harling.
- **Brooks Shealy**, pray for his overall health.
- **Tammie Sloop**, pray for her overall health.
- **Liz Hetzler**, Forrest Horn's sister, who is suffering with dementia.
- **Gary Hartman**, treatment of peripheral neuropathy in both feet and chronic arthritis in both ankles.
- **Those going through cancer treatment: John Lockard, Mark Grace & Rebecca DiPascali**
- **Mattia Hilmer**, pray for her overall health.
- **Our military and first responders.**
- **Our missionaries:**
 - Matt & Jenny Williams:** Athletes in Action Cru
 - Steve & Stephanie Bredesen:** Nakalanda, Uganda
 - Ben & Jenny Reyes**

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: 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

ACOLYTE

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TODAY	NEXT WEEK
LAY LEADER	LAY LEADER
Jane Scott	Larry Griner
COMMUNION PREPARER	COMMUNION PREPARER
Diane Horn	Danna Griner
COMMUNION SERVERS	COMMUNION SERVERS
Dan & Gaye Christmus & Diane Horn	Danna Griner, CJ Miro & Weston Cheatham
SCRIPTURE READER	SCRIPTURE READER
Crystal Miller	Walker Rosier
DESIGNATED FRIENDS	DESIGNATED FRIENDS
Forrest & Diane Horn	Jane Scott & Debbie Hoesly
GREETERS	GREETERS
Don & Janice Starner	Forrest & Diane Horn
PRAYER WARRIOR	PRAYER WARRIOR
Dan Christmus	Tammie Sloop
OFFERING COUNTERS	OFFERING COUNTERS
Jane DeCristofaro & Dan Christmus	Mike Munn & Pat Hoesly

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

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