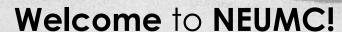


December 22, 2024

10:00 Worship Service



We're glad you're here! Thank You for joining us today!

# A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

# **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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.

# ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY

**Reader I (Felix Ehuren):** When the people were looking for deliverance, the prophet Micah declared, "But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah...from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient day." (Micah 5:2). But what if Micah is also talking to us, proclaiming, "But you, O Northeast United Methodist Church, from you shall come forth for me..." What? What might God be calling forth from us?

Congregation: God invites us to receive the promise of God's salvation and the sustenance of God's mercy and grace, enabling us to live the promise as God-bearers to the world. As Christ was born in Bethlehem, so too we answer God's invitation to have Christ born among us today and every day.

**Reader 2 (Leena Crentsil):** We light this candle of love as a sign of our commitment to live as people of God's promise, a promise of salvation and flourishing for all people that springs forth from God's love for all creation.

Light the four outer candles of the Advent wreath.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE, 217

"Away in a Manger" Verses 1-3

**CHILDREN SINGING** 

"Silent Night"

**OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT READINGS** 

Micah 5:2-5 Hebrews 10:5-10

**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 "Sanctuary" by John W. Thompson & Randy Scruggs
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SERMON AND INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Pastor Antoinette

"Boundless Hope" Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

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.

# 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. Please extend peace to those closest to 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

# Verse I

Behold the King has come
Divinity incarnate
Creator of the world breathing our air
Behold what light has come
And the dark cannot contain it
The Savior of the world is finally here

## Chorus

O come let us adore Him Come let us adore Him For He alone is worthy Christ the Lord

#### Verse 2

Behold the Father's love
Beyond all comprehension
He gave His only Son to die in our place
Go and see that empty tomb
He's not there for He is risen
Every heart prepare Him room
Jesus Christ the King of Heaven

# "Behold"

# Bridge I

We give You all the glory we give You all the glory We give You all the glory Christ the Lord (REPEAT)

# **Bridge 2**

We praise Your name forever We praise Your name forever We praise Your name forever Christ the Lord

# Tag

Christ the Lord He is Christ the Lord

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# **POSTLUDE**

\* Please stand as you are able.

# Sermon NOTES

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Let's learn and grow together!



TIME: 9:00 AM

Overcomers (Room 212): The Parables of Jesus
Pairs & Spares (Room 214): The Grace of God by Andy Stanley
Iron Sharpens Iron (Room 208): Reading & Discussing the
Old Testament

Older Kids & Youth (Room 213): Lessons in the Bible Preschool & Young Kids (Room 206)

# **Boundless Hope**

Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

39 At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, 40 where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! 43 But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. 45 Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!" 46 And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, 48 for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, 49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name. 50 His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. 51 He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. 52 He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble 53 He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. 54 He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful 55 to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors."

# Lectionary Devotional Readings for the week of December 22

Micah 5:2-5a Luke 1:46b-55 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)



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.

# END OF YEAR

# Giving

Donate before December 31 to count towards your 2024 giving tax deductions.

Contributions will continue to be accepted for 2024 through December 31. To receive credit for your 2024 donations they need to be turned in on or before this date. Any contributions received after December 31 will be posted to your 2025 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 2025. 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.

# MINISTRY AND PRAYER NEEDS

- Jane Scott, recovering from surgery.
- Liz Hetzler, Forrest Horn's sister, who is suffering with dementia.
- **Gary Hartman,** recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- Gil Johnson, for overall health.
- Ira & Melissa Sansolo, as they navigate his new health challenges.
- Joyce Noga, for improved health after a medical procedure
- to help control her diabetes. • Faye Ellrott, who is recovering at home following a car
- accident. - Marion Crowell, Stephen Crowell's mother, for continued
- Those going through cancer treatment: John Lockard, Tracie Glumm, Mark Seeley, Julie Smith, Lee Safley, Elizabeth Hebert, Mac Kinnett, Jim Wheeler &
- John Phillips

strength and recovery.

- 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**

# **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

# PRAYER REQUEST

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people. I 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.

one is needed. Prayer Shawl Ministry Team



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 LAY LEADER

Jane Scott

# **COMMUNION PREPARER**

Elizabeth Chamblee

# **COMMUNION SERVERS**

Elizabeth Chamblee, Jennifer Wargel & Debbo Lackore

# SCRIPTURE READER

Felix Ehuren

# **DESIGNATED FRIENDS**

Jane Scott & Debbie Hoesly

## **GREETERS**

Don & Janice Starner

# **PRAYER WARRIOR**

Gil Johnson

# OFFERING COUNTERS

Pat Hoesly & George Evans

# **NEXT WEEK**

**LAY LEADER** 

Nikki Shaffner

# **COMMUNION PREPARER**

Danna Griner

# **COMMUNION SERVERS**

Larry & Danna Griner & Melanie Hafner

# **SCRIPTURE READER**

Jennifer Wargel

# **DESIGNATED FRIENDS**

Melanie Hafner & Jane DeCristofaro

# **GREETERS**

Dave & Pat Christiansen

# **PRAYER WARRIOR**

Ann Henry

# **OFFERING COUNTERS**

Tom DeCristofaro & Larry Griner

# There are 4 ways to give:

- (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

# Scan to Give Online



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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

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

# Merry Christmas

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24

5:00 PM

The Church Office will be closed December 24, 25 & 26.

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.

Titus 3:4-5



# > WHEN

- FRIDAY: JANUARY 17TH, 2025: 5PM-9PM
- SATURDAY: JANUARY 18TH, 2025: 8:30 AM- 4:00 PM

# > LOCATION

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