



December 8, 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 of Advent

HYMN, 220

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”
Verses 1-4

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 1 (Buck Brazell) The prophet Malachi calls us to watch for the messenger God will send us, a messenger who burns with a passion for God’s coming salvation. “For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness” (Malachi 3:2b-3).

Congregation: In a world driven by a passion to maintain the status quo, we choose to live with a passion for God’s peace, to listen to those who call us to righteousness, and to submit ourselves to God’s grace, that we might be refined and purified until we reflect God’s love throughout the earth.

Reader 2 (Bianca Brazell) We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to passionately pursue the work of making peace in our hearts, our families, our communities, and throughout the earth until God’s kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven.

Light two candles of the Advent wreath.

***HYMN OF PRAISE, 230**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”
Verses 1-3

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

“Lamb’s Corner”

OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Malachi 3:1-4
Philippians 1:3-11

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

“Boundless Joy”
Philippians 1:3-11

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

"Not That Far from Bethlehem"

Verse 1

Underneath the stars just a simple man and wife
Somewhere in the dark his words cut the silent night
Take my hand
For the Child that you carry is God's own
And though it seems the road is long

Verse 2

Let us celebrate as the Christmases go by
Learn to live our days
With our hearts near to the Child
Ever drawn ever close
To the only love that lasts
And though two thousand years have passed

Chorus

We're not that far from Bethlehem
Where all our hope and joy began
For in our arms we'll cherish Him
We're not that far (from Bethlehem)

Ending

We're not that far
From Bethlehem
From Bethlehem

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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.



NEUMC Christmas Cantata

Today
4:00 PM

The cantata that will be performed is
"Candles & Carols" arranged by Mark Hayes.
Please bring a dessert to share following the cantata.

END OF YEAR *Giving*

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



UNITED METHODIST MEN

The United Methodist Church

Monday, December 9, 2024

6:30 PM

Lizard's Thicket

10170 Two Notch Road, Columbia

All men of the church are invited to join us.



United
Women
in Faith

Thursday, December 12

6:30 PM

Room 102

An invitation is extended to the women of the church.



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.

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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 Nikki Shaffner	LAY LEADER Stephen Crowell
COMMUNION PREPARER Dianne Markham	COMMUNION PREPARER Karen Evans
COMMUNION SERVERS Dianne Markham, CJ Miro & Ira Sansolo	COMMUNION SERVERS Charlie & Ann Henry & Karen Evans
SCRIPTURE READER Forrest Horn	SCRIPTURE READER Bob Shaffner
DESIGNATED FRIENDS Dianne Markham & Mary Anne Lockard	DESIGNATED FRIENDS Heather Cook & Pat Hoesly
GREETERS George & Karen Evans	GREETERS Charlie & Ann Henry
PRAYER WARRIOR Ann Henry	PRAYER WARRIOR Dianne Markham
OFFERING COUNTERS Duane Scott & Dan Christmus	OFFERING COUNTERS Jane DeCristofaro & Charlie Henry

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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

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