



10:00 Worship Service

March 1, 2026



**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, 389

*“Freely, Freely”*

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

*“Living Hope”*

##### Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written  
Jesus Christ my living hope

##### Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior I’m Yours forever  
Jesus Christ my living hope

##### Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There’s salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope

##### Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
(REPEAT)  
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

##### Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope  
Oh God You are my living hope

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#### CHILDREN’S MOMENT

*“Lamb’s Corner”*

Weston Cheatham

#### OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Psalm 121  
Romans 4:1-5

#### 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

*"Hush-Hush"*

John 3:1-17

## **\*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

## **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

*"Blessed Assurance"*

#### Verse 1

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation the purchase of God  
Born of His spirit and I'm washed in His blood

#### Chorus

This is my story this is my song  
I'm praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story this is my song  
I'm praising my Savior all the day long

#### Verse 2

Perfect submission now all is at rest  
'Cause I in my Savior I am happy and blessed woaah  
And I'm watching and waiting and I'm looking above  
'Cause I'm filled with His goodness  
And I'm washed in His blood

## POSTLUDE

#### Bridge

This is my story I'll testify  
That God is good all the time  
He saw me and heard my cry  
Now I am His

#### Tag

And He is mine  
He is mine

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\* Please stand as you are able.

# Sermon NOTES



## “Hush-Hush”

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2 He came to Jesus[a] by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” 3 Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”[B] 4 Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” 5 Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You[c] must be born from above.’[d] 8 The wind[e] blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” 9 Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” 10 Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 11 “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you[f] do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.[g] 14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.[H] 16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17 “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Lectionary Devotional  
Reading for the week  
of March 1

Genesis 12:1-4a  
Psalm 121  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
John 3:1-17



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.

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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 are collected the first Sunday of each month. A collection box is located in the narthex for the items or place an order online. The congregation is invited to stay after church today to help assemble the bags and pray for the children receiving them. To view a list of suggested menu items, please visit our website at [neumc.com](http://neumc.com).

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Join Pastor Antoinette and other members of our congregation as they lead a morning devotion and prayer each Wednesday morning. Please encourage friends, family, and others in our community to join this time of devotion and prayer.

**Time:** 6:00 AM (duration 15-20 minutes)

**Dial-in Number:** (605) 313-5873

**Access Code:** 2888884#

Please note, the dial-in number is a conference call line designated for our time of prayer.

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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



Join Our Mailing List!  
Want to receive the church emails?  
Please scan the QR code to sign up.

## MINISTRY AND PRAYER NEEDS

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

- **Crystal Miller and family**, upon the death of her uncle, Michael Hardy.
- **Luca Pizzello and his family**. Baby Luca is having neurological issues and the doctors are struggling to find a cause.
- **Dave Christiansen**, recovering from surgery.
- **Larry Markham**, who is at Wildwood Downs.
- **Carol Rytlewski**, Nikki Shaffner's mother, for continued healing from her accident.
- **Dallas Petty**, recovering from the flu and has cancer.
- **Chris & Kara Bishop**. Chris has been diagnosed with frontotemporal dementia.
- **Kathy, Lori Beth Wissler's sister**, who is experiencing medical issues.
- **Enda Huggins**, Sylvia Cousin's sister, experiencing stomach problems.
- **Betty McCall**, Sylvia Cousin's aunt, who has heart problems.
- **Wanda Chandler**, Bianca Brazell's mother, who is undergoing chemotherapy.
- **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. 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.
- **Tammie Sloop, Brooks Shealy & Mattia Hilmer** for their overall health.
- **Liz Hetzler**, Forrest Horn's sister, who is suffering with dementia.
- **Those going through cancer treatment: John Lockard & Mark Grace**
- **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

Youth

TODAY	NEXT WEEK
<b>LAY LEADER</b> Larry Griner	<b>LAY LEADER</b> Stephen Crowell
<b>COMMUNION PREPARER</b> Elizabeth Chamblee	<b>COMMUNION PREPARER</b> Diane Horn
<b>COMMUNION SERVERS</b> Elizabeth Chamblee, Jennifer Wargel & Dianne Markham	<b>COMMUNION SERVERS</b> Diane Horn, Pat Christiansen & Nikki Shaffner
<b>SCRIPTURE READER</b> Karen Evans	<b>SCRIPTURE READER</b> Forrest Horn
<b>DESIGNATED FRIENDS</b> Dianne Markham & Mary Anne Lockard	<b>DESIGNATED FRIENDS</b> Heather Cook & Pat Hoesly
<b>GREETERS</b> Charlie & Ann Henry	<b>GREETERS</b> George Evans & Elizabeth Chamblee
<b>PRAYER WARRIOR</b> Charlie Henry	<b>PRAYER WARRIOR</b> Gil Johnson
<b>OFFERING COUNTERS</b> Bill Hoesly & Buck Brazell	<b>OFFERING COUNTERS</b> Duane Scott & Mary Mason
<b>THE UPPER ROOM</b> <b>MARCH 4</b> Pastor Antoinette	<b>THE UPPER ROOM</b> <b>MARCH 11</b> Charlie Henry

## 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](http://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

# Explore – Connect – Join

You may have visited Northeast UMC (NEUMC) a few times and decided that it feels like home. Or, you may have been attending for a long time yet haven't officially joined.

Whether you are new to church membership or transferring from another church community, the decision to join a church family is a step in your faith journey and we'd love for you to become part of the Northeast family!

## Membership Process

Becoming a member of Northeast is not a requirement for attendance or involvement, but it does involve a few vital steps. We believe you'll find the process both enriching and enjoyable. And you will meet new friends who, like you, want to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ.

The NEUMC's new member pathway consists of three classes designed to connect you with others new to Northeast, discuss areas related to the Christian faith and the United Methodist Church, and discover ways that you can serve and be served in the church community.

## Upcoming Prospective Member Classes

- **Session 1: Sunday, March 12, 9:00-9:50 AM**
- **Session 2: Sunday, March 22, 9:00-9:50 AM**
- **Session 3: Sunday, March 29, 9:00-9:50 AM**
- **Membership Vows & Celebration during the 10:00 AM worship service on April 5.**

A Continental Breakfast and childcare provided each Sunday.

For more information, or to let us know you will be attending, please register using the QR Code, visit our website or contact the Church Office at [northeast@neumc.com](mailto:northeast@neumc.com).

For the body is not one  
member, but many.

1 Corinthians 12:14

**YOU  
BELONG**



March 6, 2026

World Day of Prayer



United  
Women  
in Faith

March 8, 2026

11:30 AM

Room 102

An invitation is extended to the women of the church.