



10:00 Worship Service

March 16, 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

Second Sunday in Lent

*HYMN, 116

"The God of Abraham Praise"
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.

*HYMN OF PRAISE, 295

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"
Verses 1-3

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

"Lamb's Corner"

OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Genesis 15:1-12
Philippians 3:17-21

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

"God Moves...past All Obstacles"
Luke 13:31-35

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**

“The Power of the Cross”

Verse 1

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day
Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then
Nailed to a cross of wood

Chorus 1

This the pow'r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross

Verse 2

Oh to see the pain written on Your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow

Verse 3

Now the daylight flees now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head
Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life
Finished the vict'ry cry

Verse 4

Oh to see my name written in the wounds
For through Your suff'ring I am free
Death is crushed to death life is mine to live
Won through Your selfless love

Chorus 2

This the pow'r of the cross
Son of God slain for us
What a love what a cost
We stand forgiven at the cross

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POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able.

Inviting friends and acquaintances to church may seem like a small gesture, but it can have an eternal impact. As God places people in your path, will you make a conscious effort to invite them?

1. Make a new commitment to invite people once a month. Make a checklist of people you often encounter: grocery clerk, boss, teacher, physical therapist, friend, yard guy, nail tech, relative, hair stylist, food server, dentist, mail carrier, employee, neighbor, etc.
2. When you grab lunch at a drive-through restaurant, give the person who takes your order a printed invitation to church.
3. Extend an invitation to someone for a church event or small group gathering.
4. Instead of tossing your bulletin, consider passing it along to someone—your grocery clerk, teacher, physical therapist, friend, yard worker, nail tech, relative, hair stylist, food server, dentist, mail carrier, neighbor, etc.
5. Have a Christian book or Bible on your desk. If someone comments about it, chat about your relationship with God and your church. Invite them.
6. Your social media (Facebook, etc.) offers a great way to invite people. Post a photo, tell a story about how church impacts your life, link to the church website, or say, "Join us Sunday at 10:00 AM!" You never know who's reading.
7. Display a car magnet with the church name and share an invitation if someone asks you about it.
8. Use the NEUMC pen when signing your name. Afterward, pass the pen along to the person you're interacting with, offering them a simple gesture of connection.

Sermon NOTES



The Upper Room for Lent

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.

The Upper Room has been following the Book of Psalms, but for the season of Lent, we will follow the book *“Pauses for Lent”* by Trevor Hudson.

God Moves...past All Obstacles Luke 13:31-35

31 At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.”

32 He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’”

33 In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

34 “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.

35 Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

Lectionary Devotional Readings for the week of March 16.

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

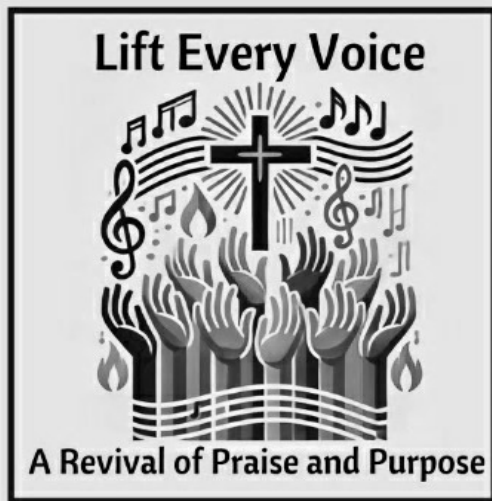
Psalms 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35



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.



March 27th, 6:00pm

Francis Burns United Methodist Church
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United Methodist Churches*

Let's learn and grow together!

Sunday
SCHOOL
TIME: 9:00 AM

Overcomers (Room 212): Who is Jesus? (From the Book of John)
Pairs & Spares (Room 214): He Chose the Nails (Lenten Study)
Iron Sharpens Iron (Room 208): Reading & Discussing the
Old Testament
Older Kids & Youth (Room 213): Lessons in the Bible
Preschool & Young Kids (Room 206)



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.

- **Mark Seeley**, for restored health.
- **Courtney Cox-Manser**, for restored health.
- **Families** impacted by the South Carolina wildfires.
- **Jim Smyrl**, pray for his overall health.
- **Tammie Sloop**, pray for her overall health.
- **Bethany Shoup**, wife of Matthew Shoup, who has had a recurrence of cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy.
- **The victims** of the California wildfires.
- **Larry**, Lorie Beth Wissler’s uncle, recovering from a stroke.
- **Liz Hetzler**, Forrest Horn’s sister, who is suffering with dementia.
- **Gary Hartman**, recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- **Joyce Noga**, for improved health after a medical procedure to help control her diabetes.
- **Marion Crowell**, Stephen Crowell’s mother, for continued strength and recovery.
- **Those going through cancer treatment: John Lockard, Elizabeth Hebert & Jim Wheeler**
- **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 one is needed. Prayer Shawl Ministry Team

ACOLYTE

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| TODAY | NEXT WEEK |
|---|--|
| LAY LEADER Jane Scott | LAY LEADER Larry Griner |
| COMMUNION PREPARER Dianne Markham | COMMUNION PREPARER Karen Evans |
| COMMUNION SERVERS Dianne Markham, Debbo Lackore & Hannah Cook | COMMUNION SERVERS Karen Evans, Dianne Markham & Diane Horn |
| SCRIPTURE READER Stephen Crowell | SCRIPTURE READER Felix Ehuren |
| DESIGNATED FRIENDS Melanie Hafner & Jane DeCristofaro | DESIGNATED FRIENDS Charlie & Ann Henry |
| GREETERS Don & Janice Starner | GREETERS Forrest & Diane Horn |
| PRAYER WARRIOR Tammie Sloop | PRAYER WARRIOR Dianne Markham |
| OFFERING COUNTERS Stephen Crowell & Larry Griner | OFFERING COUNTERS Tom DeCristofaro & George Evans |

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