



10:00 Worship Service

March 9, 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

## First Sunday in Lent

\*HYMN, 110

*"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*  
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.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE, 117

*"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"*  
Verses 1-3

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*"Lamb's Corner"*

#### OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
Romans 10:8-13

#### 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...into the Desert"*  
Luke 4:1-13

#### CALL FOR OFFERING

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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

*“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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## POSTLUDE

\* Please stand as you are able.

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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



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## 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...into the Desert

Luke 4:1-13

1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. 3 The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.” 4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’” 5 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. 7 If you worship me, it will all be yours.” 8 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’” 9 The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. 10 For it is written: “‘He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; 11 they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’” 12 Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” 13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

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## Lectionary Devotional Readings for the week of March 9.

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms 92:1-2, 9-16


Romans 10:8b-13


Luke 4:1-13



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.



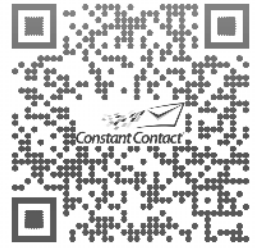
 **UNITED METHODIST MEN**  
The United Methodist Church  
Monday, March 10, 2025  
6:30 PM  
Schiano's  
10120 Two Notch Road, Columbia  
All men of the church are invited to join us.



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):** 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)**



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.

- **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.
- **Faye Ellrott**, who is recovering at home following a car accident.
- **Marion Crowell**, Stephen Crowell’s mother, for continued strength and recovery.
- **Those going through cancer treatment: John Lockard, Tracie Glumm, Mark Seeley, Julie Smith, Lee Safley, Elizabeth Hebert, Mac Kinnett, Jim Wheeler & John Phillips**
- **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  |
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| <b>LAY LEADER</b><br>Stephen Crowell                               | <b>LAY LEADER</b><br>Jane Scott  |
| <b>COMMUNION PREPARER</b><br>Karen Evans                           | <b>COMMUNION PREPARER</b><br>Dianne Markham                                |
| <b>COMMUNION SERVERS</b><br>Karen Evans, Diane Horn<br>& C.J. Miro | <b>COMMUNION SERVERS</b><br>Dianne Markham, Debbo Lackore<br>& Hannah Cook |
| <b>SCRIPTURE READER</b><br>Forrest Horn                            | <b>SCRIPTURE READER</b><br>Stephen Crowell                                 |
| <b>DESIGNATED FRIENDS</b><br>Forrest & Diane Horn                  | <b>DESIGNATED FRIENDS</b><br>Melanie Hafner<br>Jane DeCristofaro           |
| <b>GREETERS</b><br>Danna Griner<br>Elizabeth Chamblee              | <b>GREETERS</b><br>Don & Janice Starner                                    |
| <b>PRAYER WARRIOR</b><br>Dan Christmus                             | <b>PRAYER WARRIOR</b><br>Tammie Sloop                                      |
| <b>OFFERING COUNTERS</b><br>Mike Munn<br>Pat Hoesly                | <b>OFFERING COUNTERS</b><br>Stephen Crowell<br>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](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