

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS AND COMMITMENTS

### OFFERTORY

\*RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING #607

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...the prayer Jesus taught us, saying:

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into  
temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the  
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

#### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

#### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(Everyone who acknowledges Jesus as Savior and Lord is welcome at the table. To receive,  
please come up from the back rows in each section first, following the direction of the ushers.)

COMMUNION MUSIC *Come to the Table* (McDonald, Glover, Frey) Drew McFayden

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### SENDING

*An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*

\*HYMN #202

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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# New Hanover

P R E S B Y T E R I A N C H U R C H

February 26, 2023

## It's Good for the Soul



New Hanover Presbyterian Church is a congregation  
of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Presbytery  
of the James. We welcome you!



# New Hanover Presbyterian Church

We Seek to Nurture Disciples of Jesus Christ to be Active Witnesses in the World  
to the Good News of God's Transforming Grace in Jesus Christ Our Lord

The Lord's Day, February 26, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

❖ = Please stand if able • Unison responses are in **bold print**

Greet each other in the name of Jesus and prepare for worship.

You may use this prayer to assist you in your preparation:

*O God, by your power may we, with all the saints,  
comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ  
that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with your fullness. Amen.*

## **GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Drew McFayden

Welcome Visitors! ♣

PRELUDE

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

The Rev. Dr. Robert Johnson

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses to God's faithfulness!

**Let us be rid of the persistent distraction of sin and fix our eyes on Jesus.**

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith,

**who for the joy set before him endured the cross,**

**scorning its shame and sat down at the right hand of God.**

Let us consider him who endured such opposition from sinful people,  
so that we will not grow weary and lose heart.

**Let us worship God for all God's goodness to us!**

❖ PRAYER OF INVOCATION

❖ SONG

*Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Terry Nathan Diebold

CONFESSON OF SIN

**Almighty God, our Redeemer,  
in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers**

of forgiveness and hope.

**Renew us by your Holy Spirit,  
that we may follow your commands  
and proclaim your reign of love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(silent prayer)

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

You are a chosen race,  
a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people,  
in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts  
of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

**Once we were not a people,  
but now we are God's people;  
once we had not received mercy,  
but now we have received mercy.**

❖ RESPONSE OF PRAISE #670

*From the Rising of the Sun*

❖ THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Exchange the peace of Christ with those in the pew next to you.*

## **THE WORD**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Dr. Eric Douglass

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Psalm 32

PSALTER

Luke 18:9-14

GOSPEL LESSON

1 John 1:5-10

EPISTLE LESSON

Dr. Johnson

SERMON

*It's Good for the Soul*

*Just As I Am Without One Plea*

❖ HYMN #442