

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

PSALTER LESSON pg. 435

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SERMON

✦HYMN #175

Psalms 23

John 17:6-24

Romans 8:26-30

*The Essential Step*

*Seek Ye First*

### ***WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD***

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE 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 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.**

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS AND COMMITMENTS

*(Donations for the PC/USA Cents-Ability offering will be collected today)*

OFFERTORY

✦RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING #37

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Let All Things Now Living (v.1)*

### ***SENDING***

✦HYMN #293

*Loving Spirit*

✦CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦POSTLUDE

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# New Hanover

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 19, 2023



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



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# 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*

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The Lord's Day, March 19, 2023

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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## *Saluting Women's History Month*

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❖ = Please stand in body or in spirit • Unison responses are in **bold print**

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

*This month we celebrate the blessing of God in calling women at all stages in life,  
from diverse ages, languages, cultures, races, backgrounds and  
in all circumstances to service and blessing to our God. We celebrate God's gifts  
bestowed upon the women of the church and world to a variety of ministries  
and vocations that bless the world with life, health, knowledge, well-being, peace and  
blessing for the common good "activated by one and the same Spirit" (1 Cor. 12:11).*

### **GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Marlene Jolliffe

*Welcome Visitors!* ✠

PRELUDE

Kayla Jarvis, Music Director

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

The Rev. Dr. Robert Johnson

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

*From Psalm 27*

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

**The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

We desire to live in God's house  
and to seek God in his holy temple.

**We have come with songs of joy,  
to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Teach us your ways and make straight our paths  
in this hour of worship and always.**

❖PRAYER OF ADORATION

❖SONG

*Thy Word*

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Terry Nathan Diebold

CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God,

you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.

**Hear us as we cry to you, O God!**

We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

**Lord, have mercy!**

We have not loved you with a pure heart,  
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.

**Lord, have mercy!**

We have not done justice, loved kindness,  
or walked humbly with you, our God.

**Lord, have mercy!**

Indeed, have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.

**Hear our prayer, O God.**

In your great compassion,  
cleanse us from our sin.

**Create in us a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within us.**

Do not cast us from your presence,  
or take your Holy Spirit from us.

**Restore to us the joy of your salvation  
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*(silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖RESPONSE OF PRAISE #627

*I Love You Lord*

❖THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

**And also with you.**

### **THE WORD**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Elder Dr. Lee Blackburn

THE TESTIMONY OF FAITHFUL WOMEN

Elder Dr. Debbie Blackburn