

SERMON

Being ONE No Matter WHAT

✦HYMN #300

We Are One in the Spirit

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

OFFERTORY *Crowded Table* (Carlile, Hemby, McKenna) New Hanover Band & Choir

✦RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING #607

Trinitarian Doxology

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

✦HYMN #306

Blest Be the Tie that Binds (v1,3 &5)

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦POSTLUDE

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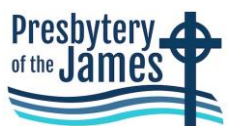
New Hanover

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 21, 2023



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, May 21, 2023

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

❖ = 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.

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

*Triune God, you have called us to live in unity with each other
and with our brothers and sisters around the world.*

Help us to sense that our love for Jesus binds us together.

*May our worship today be a witness
to the kind of unity that comes only
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Dr. Debbie Blackburn

Welcome Visitors! ☩

PRELUDE

Kayla Nielsen Jarvis

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

The Rev. Dr. Robert Johnson

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 31

How very good and pleasant it is
when communities live together in unity!
**It is like soothing ointment on the head,
Poured out in abundance.**

It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the Lord ordained his blessing – life forevermore.

Come, let us all worship and bow down together,
let us kneel together before the Lord, our maker.

**For the God is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

❖PRAYER OF ADORATION

❖SONG

Always

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Felecia Douglass

CONFESSION OF SIN

**God of grace,
we grieve that the church,
which shares one Spirit, one faith, one hope, and one calling,
has become a broken communion in a broken world.
The one body spans all time, place, race, and language,
but in our fear
we have fled from and fought one another,
and in our pride
we have mistaken our part for the whole.
Yet we marvel that you gather the broken pieces to do your work,
that you bless us with joy, with growth, and with signs of unity.
Forgive our sins and help us to commit ourselves
to seeking and showing the unity of the body of Christ.
O Jesus Christ, life of the world and of all creation,
forgive our separation and grant us peace and unity.
All this we pray in your holy name, Amen.**

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖RESPONSE OF PRAISE #1

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Elder Janice Reagan

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

John 17:1-11

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Peter 4:1-11