

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

LESSON FROM THE PROPHETS

Isaiah 60:1-3

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Cor. 5:16-21

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 15:3-32

SERMON

*Laughingstock*

✦HYMN #726

*Will You Come and Follow Me (v 1-4)*

### ***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

✦RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING #607

*Trinitarian Doxology*

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### ***SENDING***

✦HYMN #771

*What is the World Like (v 1-3, 5)*

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦POSTLUDE

\*Today's Prayer of Confession is adapted from the song "Slow Me Down" by Leslie Jordan, Sandra McCracken, Matthew Kaemingk, Wendell Kimbrough and Kate Bluett

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# NEW CLOTHING



# NEW LIFE



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

**Our Vision:** *Make Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection relevant today*

**Our Mission:** *As a welcoming community of believers in Jesus Christ, we will unite our faith and works to share God's love*

**Our Values:** *Based on our understanding of the Bible,*

*New Hanover Presbyterian Church believes that love, acceptance, inclusion, redemption, mercy and equity are values Jesus Christ taught and demonstrated.*

The Lord's Day, August 27, 2023

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN PENTECOST

❖ = 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:

*Our Lord, You have made us as the daughters and sons of your family. Yet we often do not feel like daughters and sons. Help us to believe what You say about us, And so live the abundant life of the children of God. Amen.*

**GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Christy Presseau

*Welcome Visitors!* ☩

PRELUDE

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

The Rev. Dr. Felecia Douglass

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

It is time to follow the Prodigal Son, and to return home.

**Why should we go home?**

Because God loves us.

**What will we find when we get home?**

The compassion of a loving parent.

**What will God demand of us?**

Nothing! This is the free gift of God.

**Must we not first change into clean clothing?**

The free gift comes while we are still in our rags.

**But surely, at some point, we must change.**

The work of sanctification comes after the free gift.

**How will God treat us when we reach home?**

God will put the family ring on our finger.

**WHAT AMAZING GRACE THIS IS!**

❖PRAYER OF ADORATION

❖SONG

*FOR God So Loved*

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Eric Douglass

CONFESSION OF SIN\*

**Our Lord:**

**We have listened to the world,**

**which says that we are inadequate,**

**in our appearance, in our thinking,**

**in our beliefs, and in our possessions.**

**But you say that we are Your children,**

**Your daughters and sons,**

**and that we are loved.**

**You tell us that we are molded**

**in the image of your Son.**

**You invite us into Your family**

**You sit us down at Your table.**

**Forgive us for listening to voices**

**that tell us otherwise.**

**Teach us to believe what You say about us.**

**In Jesus' name, Amen.**

*(silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖RESPONSE OF PRAISE #447

*We Are Forgiven*

**THE WORD**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Felecia Douglass