

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS AND COMMITMENTS

OFFERTORY

RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING #607

The Trinitarian Doxology

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(Everyone who acknowledges Jesus as Savior and Lord is welcome at the table. The ushers will bring the elements to the ends of the rows. Please serve yourself and pass to your neighbor. If you are on the opposite end from the ushers, please hand the plate to the person behind you.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

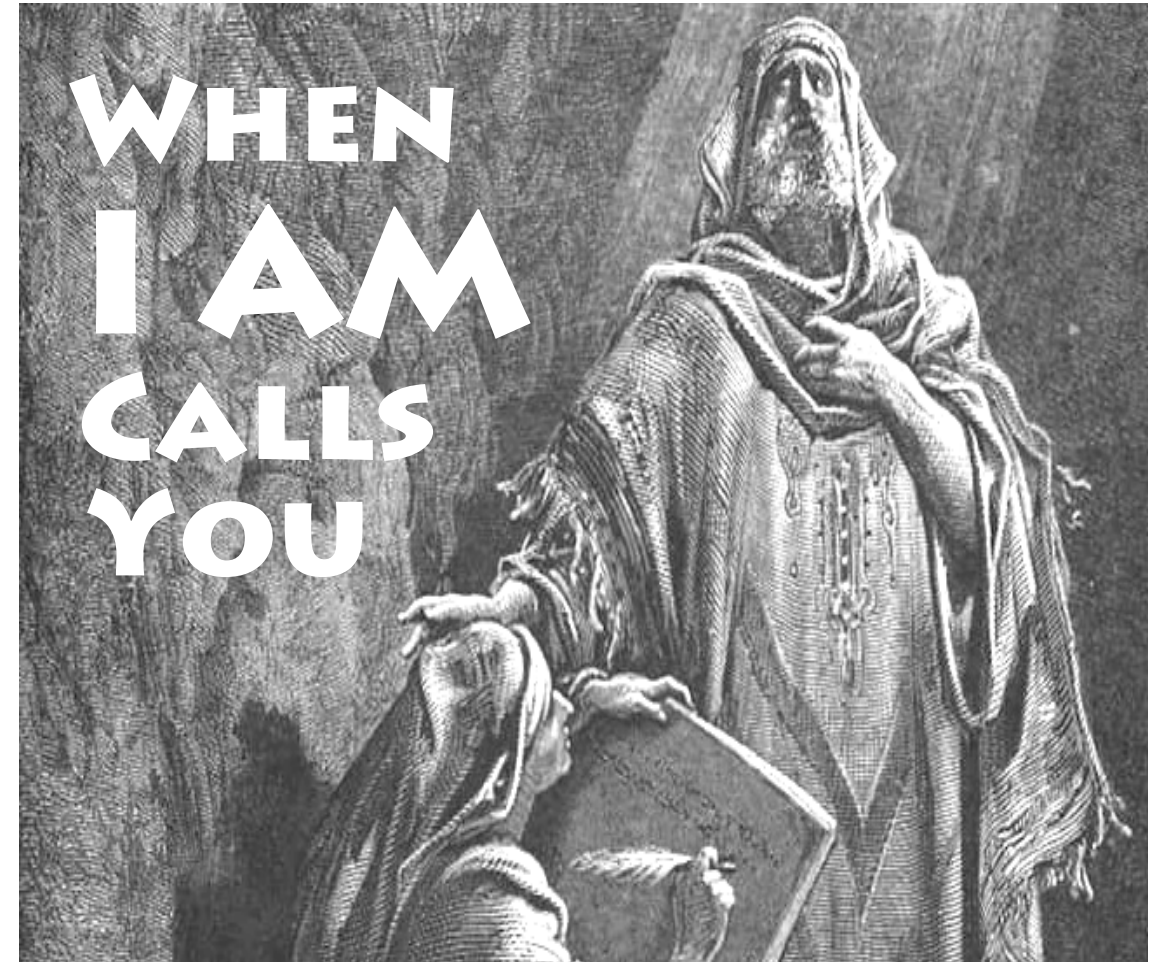
✦SONG

The Blessing

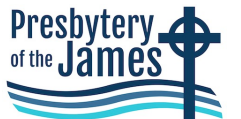
✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦POSTLUDE

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





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, September 3, 2023

THE FOURTEENTH 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:

Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the universe.

In your wisdom you have made all creation to worship you.

You call us to worship you now in this time and place,

in unity with prophets, martyrs, and saints from all times and places.

May our worship be acceptable to you through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Margaret Elliot

Welcome Visitors! ☩

PRELUDE

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

The Rev. Dr. Robert Johnson

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 26

I will sing a song of thanksgiving, O Lord,
and tell of all your wondrous deeds.

**O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell,
and the place where your glory abides.**

Probe me, O LORD, and try me,
test my heart and mind;

Fix our eyes are on Your steadfast love;

Help us to set our course by it.

Guide us so that we may walk in integrity;

Redeem us, and be gracious to us.

❖PRAYER OF ADORATION

❖SONG

Always

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Felecia Douglass

CONFESSION OF SIN

O God of shalom,

we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies,

but those walls also shut us off from receiving your love.

Break down those walls.

Help us to see that the way to your heart

is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies.

Bless them and us,

that we may come to grow in love for each other

and for you, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖RESPONSE OF PRAISE #612

We Praise You, O God

THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Dr. Eric Douglass

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 16:21–28

LESSON FROM THE EPISTLES

Romans 12:9–21

LESSON FROM THE PROPHETS

Jeremiah 15:15–21

SERMON

When I AM Calls You

❖HYMN #49

The God of Abraham Praise