

LESSON FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 6:5-8

LESSON FROM THE PROPHETS

Daniel 9:1-23

SERMON

Prayer That Makes Self-Deception Impossible

♦HYMN #29

O God, You Search Me

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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 I Need Thee Every Hour Pam O'Brien
♦RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING #607 Trinitarian Doxology
♦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

♦CLOSING SONG

Same God

♦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

♦POSTLUDE

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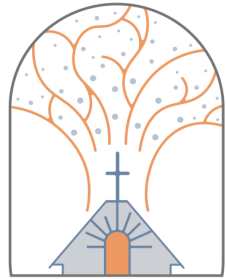
New
Hanover
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Church

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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!





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, October 22, 2023

Season of Prayer, Week 3

❖ = 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.

*Prayer is a fundamental honesty, and therefore grants us knowledge of our motives. Of course, prayer also can be made an "escape." But the fact that an endeavor can be perverted does not condemn it.... Thus we might say, "Sincere prayer will keep you from self-deception, or self-deception will keep you from your prayers." For Christ is "the brave Son of Fact," and God conceived under the image of Christ is realism.... Others had said, "Thou shalt not kill," but he drove the issue back to the motive: How quickly Jesus pierced our rationalizings. George Buttrick, *Prayer* (1931)*

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Stan Parcell

Welcome Visitors!

PRELUDE All Creatures of Our God and King

Elder Pam O'Brien

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

The Rev. Dr. Robert Johnson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalms 32 & 33

This is the day that you have made, Lord.

Help us to rejoice in it and be glad!

Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as your people:

to come to you in these moments,
to confess our sins,
to receive forgiveness and give it,
to pray and sing and listen,
to renew our fainting spirits,
to rest in all your promises.
Open our eyes to see you, Lord.
Open our ears to hear your Word.
**Visit us through your Holy Spirit,
and help us to celebrate our faith. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*OPENING HYMN #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

**O God. You call us to be servants of Christ and stewards of your mysteries,
Yet, we resist the basin and towel of discipleship and Hesitate to invite others to wash with the waters of our baptism.
We shy away from the mysteries of the gospel and settle for comfortable truths.
We know it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy, yet we are seldom worthy of the trust you place in us.
Bring to light the things now hidden in darkness as in Christ you forgive us our sin
For it is in Christ's name we pray, Amen. *(silent prayer)***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #612

We Praise You, O God

THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Elder Marianne Vermeer

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

LESSON FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 39