

SERMON *The Seven Things You Should Expect to Happen in Worship*

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

- Psalm 100
- Psalm 32:1-5
- Isaiah 29:13-14
- 1 Corinthians 14:26-33
- 1 Timothy 2:1-7
- 1 Timothy 4:6-16
- Romans 6:1-11

♦CAROL #133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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. 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

Doxology Noël

♦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

♦CAROL #132

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

♦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

♦POSTLUDE

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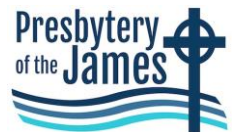
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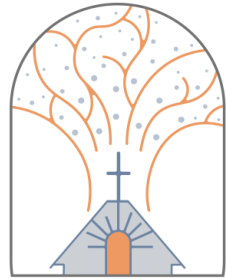


**You Should Expect
to Happen in
Worship**



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, December 31, 2023

The First Sunday in Christmas

❖ = 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.

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:*

*To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.*

Howard Thurman, African American Theologian (1899-1981)

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Stan Parcell

Welcome Visitors!

PRELUDE

Kayla Jarvis, Piano

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

The Rev. Dr. Robert Johnson

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

God is here! The Messiah has come!

**We open our eyes to see Jesus the Christ
and lift our hearts to worship him.**

We have come to exalt the name of Jesus, our Savior and King,
and to bring glory to God the Almighty.

**In our worship we demonstrate the mind of Christ
in declaring to God that God, indeed,
is the supreme authority in our lives.**

We bow before God in submission to our Lord and King.
Come, worship the Lord!

❖PRAYER OF ADORATION

❖CAROL #134

Joy to the World

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Terry Nathan Diebold

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Holy God, you sent a star to guide the Magi to the child Jesus.
We confess that we have not followed the light of your Word.**

**We have not searched for signs of your love in the world
or trusted your good news to be good.**

**We have failed to praise your Son's birth
and refused his birthright: peace on earth.**

We have expected little and hoped for less.

**Forgive our doubt and renew in us all fine desires,
that we may once more hear the glad story of our Savior,**

Jesus Christ, the Lord. Amen.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖RESPONSE OF PRAISE #143

Angels from the Realms of Glory (v.4)

THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Children up to the age of 8 are dismissed for Children's Faith in Life class.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION