### SERMON

### Finally a Member of the Family

### STATEMENT OF FAITH

# The Confession of 1967 Sec. 1B

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the [human] mind. Our thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals God's own love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

\*Нүмn #301

Let Us Build A House (v 1, 4 & 5)

# 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
\*Response of Thanksgiving #607
\*Prayer of Dedication

Kayla Jarvis, Piano Trinitarian Doxology

# SENDING

Together We Serve

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*Postlude

\*HYMN #767

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Our <u>Vision</u>: Make Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection relevant today Our <u>Mission</u>: As a welcoming community of believers in Jesus Christ, we will unite our faith and works to share God's love Our <u>Values</u>: 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, April 28, 2024

The Fifth 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 use this prayer to prepare for worship.

If you are spiritually weary and in search of rest, if you are mourning and you long for comfort, if you are struggling and you desire victory, if you recognize that you are a sinner and need a Savior, We welcome you here in the name of Jesus.

# **GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

Greeting and Announcement	rs Elder JT Matthew Welcome Visitors!	Assurance of Pardon	
Prelude	Kayla Jarvis, Piano	*Response of Praise #1 (v. 1)	Holy, Holy, Holy
Remembering Our Baptism	The Rev. Dr. Robert Johnson	<b>The Word</b> Time With the Children	
*CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted from 1 Chronicles 29 Praise be to you, Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,		Prayer of Illumination	
		LESSON FROM THE EPISTLES	1 John 4:7-21
		Lesson from the Acts of the Apostles	Acts 8:26-40

### for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, Lord , is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Song

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN God of love, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done, we have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us and renew our lives through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (silent prayer) Assurance of Pardon \*Response of Praise #1 (v. 1) Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy Spirit