

♦HYMN #300

We Are One in the Spirit (v1-3)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING

WELCOME

The Apostles' Creed

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

(Donations for the PC/USA Cents-Ability offering will be collected today)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

New Hanover Music Group

Crowded Table

♦RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING #607

Trinitarian Doxology

♦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

♦HYMN #769

For Everyone Born (v1-4)

♦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

♦POSTLUDE

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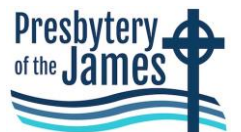
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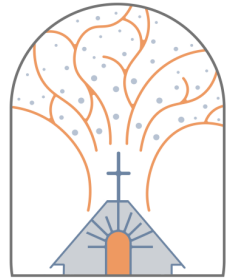


The Concentric Circles of Unselfish Love



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, September 15, 2024 The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

❖ = 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.

...it is certain that humans never achieve a clear knowledge of themselves unless they have first looked upon God's face, and then descend from contemplating God to scrutinizing themselves. For we always seem to ourselves righteous and upright and wise and holy—this pride is innate in all of us—unless by clear proofs we stand convinced of our own unrighteousness, foulness, folly, and impurity. Moreover, we are not thus convinced if we look merely to ourselves and not also to the Lord, who is the sole standard by which this judgment must be measured. John Calvin, (1509-1564)

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder Christy Presseau
Welcome Visitors!

PRELUDE *How Great Thou Art*
Pam O'Brien, flute, Kayla Jarvis, flute

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM The Rev. Dr. Robert Johnson

❖CALL TO WORSHIP inspired by Psalm 22

O Lord you are holy, enthroned on the praises of your people.

In you our ancestors trusted and you delivered them.

All you who are awestruck before the LORD, offer your praise!

All you children of the faithful, glorify our God;

Be overwhelmed, all you who own God as Lord!
We will tell of your name to our brothers and sisters;
In the midst of the congregation we will praise you:
**For dominion belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.**

❖PRAYER OF ADORATION

❖SONG *Mac Powell* *Everlasting Arms*

CALL TO CONFESSION Deacon Karen Chandler

CONFESSION OF SIN

**O gracious God,
Lord of peace, Author of mercy, Provider of all comfort:
we confess before you the evil of our hearts;
we acknowledge that we are too inclined
toward anger, jealousy, and revenge, to ambition and pride,
which often give rise to discord and bitter feelings
between others and ourselves.**

**Too often have we thus both offended and grieved you,
O long-suffering Savior.**

**Forgive us this sin and permit us to partake of the blessing
you have promised the peacemakers,
who shall be called the children of God.**

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord we pray. Amen. *(silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖RESPONSE OF PRAISE #630 *Fairest Lord Jesus (v 4)*

A MINUTE FOR MISSION *A Case For Love* *Brian Ide*

THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON (pg 807) Matthew 25:31-46

GOSPEL LESSON (pg 991) 1 John 4:7-21

SERMON *Which Comes First?*