

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS AND COMMITMENTS

OFFERTORY *Panis Angelicus* (Franck) Pat Davis, soloist

*RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING (on screen) *Doxology Noël*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

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.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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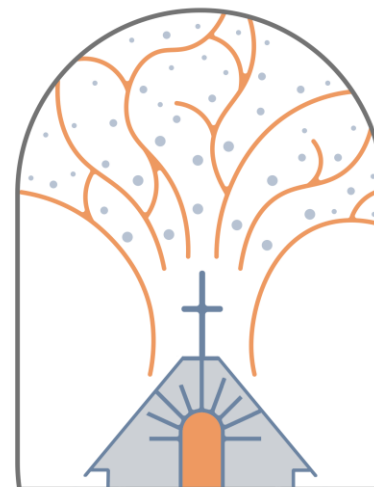
*ADVENT CAROL #106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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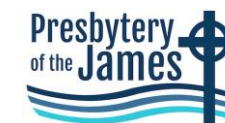
New Hanover Presbyterian Church



The REAL Christmas Story



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





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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 1, 2024

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

❖ = 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:

*O Lord Jesus Christ, whose first coming
'brought joy to your waiting people, keep us in faith and hope
as we eagerly await your coming again. Amen.*

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Spindler

Welcome Visitors!

PRELUDE

Kayla Jarvis, Music Director

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

The Rev. Dr. Robert Johnson

❖LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

The Benjamin Family

Jesus said "I am the Bread of Life."

We rejoice in God's provision to fill the hunger in our souls.

Jesus first coming filled our hearts with joy

And our souls with blessing!

Now, when we gather around the table, we understand

What it means to truly have EMMANUEL – GOD WITH US

The baby in the manger became the Man for Others.

Jesus presence with us now, through the table and the Spirit

Makes us bold with faith so that we may love as Christ did.

O Bread of Life, feed our souls this day!

As we await your Second Advent, help us to be faithful.

O Lord, we await the blessed reunion. Come quickly

We will sing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel #88, v.1

❖PRAYER OF ADORATION

❖ADVENT CAROL #100, v 1&2

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Felecia Douglass

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of the future,

you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.

We confess that we have not expected your kingdom,

for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment.

We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth,

and refuse your justice and peace.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Grant us wisdom to welcome your way,

to seek things that will endure

when Christ comes to judge the world.

For this we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖RESPONSE OF PRAISE #132

Good Christian Friends Rejoice (v.3)

THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

LESSON FROM THE PROPHETS

Isaiah 7:10-20

LESSON FROM THE EPISTLES

Colossians 1:13-23

LESSON FROM THE GOSPELS

John 1:1-14

SERMON

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❖ADVENT CAROL #104 v 1 & 3

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You