

CAROL #134 (v. 1, 2 & 4)

Joy to the World

❖AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles; Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS AND COMMITMENTS

OFFERTORY

❖RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING (on screen)

Doxology Noël

❖PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

❖ADVENT CAROL #113

Angels We Have Heard On High

❖CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

❖POSTLUDE

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





New
Hanover
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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 29, 2024

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER 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.
You may use this reading to assist you in your preparation:

*The Christian does not think
God will love us because we are good,
but that God will make us good because God loves us*
C. S. Lewis (1898–1963)

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Pat Davis

Welcome Visitors!

PRELUDE

Kayla Jarvis, Music Director

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

The Rev. Dr. Robert Johnson

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is born!

Give God glory!

Christ has passed through the heavens for us!

Receive him!

God's Spirit now lives in and among us!

Exalt God for God's providence!

O earth, sing to the Lord!
O you nations, praise him in joy,
for he has been glorified! Amen.

❖PRAYER OF ADORATION

❖OPENING SONG

Glory

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

**God of grace and truth,
in Jesus Christ you came among us
as light shining in darkness.**

**We confess that we have not welcomed the light,
or trusted good news to be good.**

**We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst,
expecting little, and hoping for less.**

**Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope,
so that we may receive the fullness of your grace,
and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen**

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

...People of God, the message of the Scriptures is clear!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

❖RESPONSE OF PRAISE #132

Good Christian Friends Rejoice (v.3)

THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE

1 Samuel 2:18-26

LESSON FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 2:41-52

LESSON FROM THE EPISTLES

Hebrews 4:14-5:10

SERMON

Fulfilling the Call