

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the abode of the dead.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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

**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

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Dick Davis, Soloist *Hello, Out There (Cash)*

✦RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING #607 *Trinitarian Doxology*

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

✦HYMN #543 (v. 1, 2, 4, & 5) *God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦POSTLUDE

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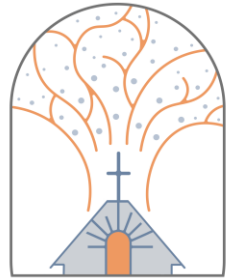


New Hanover Presbyterian Church



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, January 12, 2025

Epiphany Sunday

❖ = 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.

*Perfect Light of revelation, as you shone in the life of Jesus,
whose Epiphany we celebrate, so shine in us and through us,
that we may become beacons of truth and compassion,
enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy.
Amen.*

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Marlene Jolliffe

Welcome Visitors!

PRELUDE

Kayla Jarvis, Music Director

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

The Rev. Dr. Robert Johnson

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the vault of the stars proclaims God's handiwork.
Day and night pours forth speech and knowledge,
and night to night declares knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words;
But their grandeur speaks volumes

and these "words" are heard to the end of the world.
The glory of God echoes throughout the world.
Let us praise the name of the Lord.

❖PRAYER OF ADORATION

❖SONG

God So Loved

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Terry Nathan Diebold

CONFESSION OF SIN

**O God, our guide,
who once used a star to lead people to Christ,
we confess our poor sense of direction.
We let ourselves become confused,
easily distracted, and lose our way.
We fail to follow the signs you provide.
Forgive our waywardness, O God.
Lead us to the Christ
So that we may follow his way to you. Amen.**

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖RESPONSE OF PRAISE #648

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

EPSITL E LESSON

Ephesians 3:1-12

SERMON

In Through a Closed Door

❖HYMN #756 (v. 1, 2, & 4)

O God of Every Nation

❖AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**