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

*Response of Thanksgiving #607

Trinitarian Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

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

SENDING

*HYMN #543 (1,2,4&5)

God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

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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!



^{*}Charge and Benediction

^{*}Postlude



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, February 16, 2025

The Sixth Sunday in Epiphany

* = 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.

O God, you pour out the Spirit of grace and love. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and truth. 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

*Call to Worship From Psalm 1

Leader: How blessed are those who do not follow

the advice of the wicked,

Women: Or stand in the pathway with sinners,

Men: Or sit in the assembly of scoffers.

ALL: The righteous find pleasure in obeying the LORD's commands;

and they meditate on God's commands day and night.

Leader: Yes, those who love God's way of doing things

will be like trees planted by flowing streams;

Women: They yield the fruit of doing what is right at the proper time,

Men: They are evergreen, every season is in season for God's people!

ALL: Certainly the LORD guards the way of the godly, but the way of the wicked ends in destruction.

*Song Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

CALL TO CONFESSION The Rev. Terry Nathan Diebold

CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy and merciful God, for the times we have followed the path of the wicked, stood in solidarity with those who were wrong, or sat quietly and allowed sin to happen, forgive us. Help us to meditate, even delight, in your Word so that we will flourish with the fruit of your Spirit. Amen. (silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Response of Praise #592

Holy, Holy, Holy

THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Children up to fourth grade are welcome to go to their Faith in Life class

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Psalm 1

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 6:17-26

LESSON FROM THE PROPHETS

Jeremiah 17:5-10

SERMON Planning to be Withered

*Song In Christ Alone

*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,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

^{*}Prayer of Adoration