

## THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

LESSON FROM THE PSALTER

PSALM 51: 5-10

LESSON FROM THE PROPETS

EZEKIEL 36:24-28

GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 3:1-15

SERMON

*The Nature and Author of Regeneration*

Original message by The Rev. Samuel Davies in the 1750's in Hanover County, Virginia

♦HYMN #729

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

## 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

Pam O'Brien, flute

*The God of Abraham Praise*

♦RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING #607

*Trinitarian Doxology*

♦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING

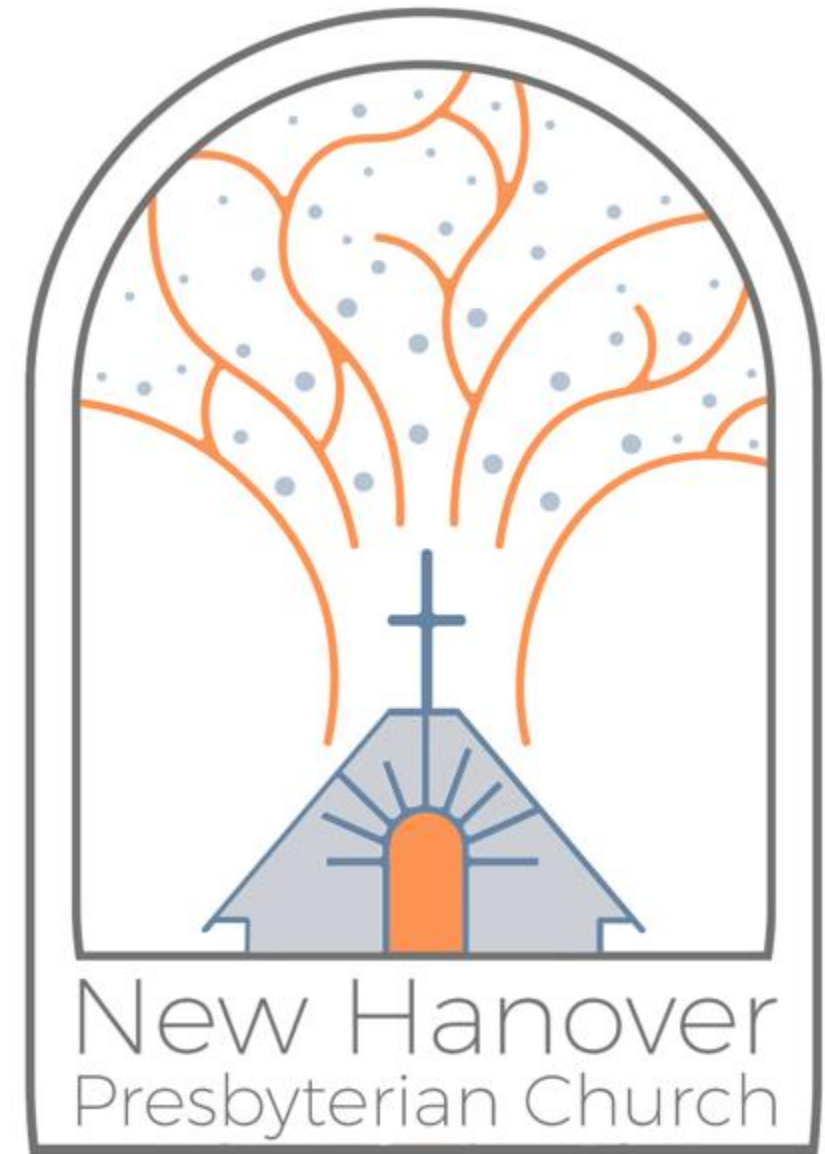
♦HYMN #543 (v. 1,2,4,5)

*God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

♦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

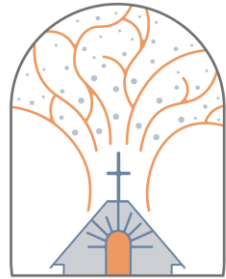
♦POSTLUDE

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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.

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The Lord's Day, May 11, 2025

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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❖ = 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.

*Our Lord: we come to you this morning as new creatures,  
As people born again and living in the morning of our lives.  
This is your work, and we praise you for it. **Amen***

## **GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Stan Parcell

*Welcome Visitors!*

PRELUDE

Pam O'Brien

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

The Rev. Tommy Nance

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

The Psalmist says: "Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?  
**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,  
who do not lift up their souls to what is false."**  
But are our hands clean?  
**The Lord has sprinkled clean water upon them,  
so that we may now ascend the hill of the Lord.**  
Are our hearts pure?

**The Lord has given us new hearts,  
so that we may now ascend the hill of the Lord.  
Why has the Lord done all of this for us.  
Because we are the sons and daughters of God.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

❖SONG

*Hosanna, Praise is Rising*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Barbara Campbell

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Our Lord,  
You have regenerated us and made us into  
New Creatures; it is as if we are born again.  
But we don't act like the new creatures of God.  
We turn a blind eye to those in need;  
we wander off the path that you set before us;  
and we chase after position, power, and wealth.  
Forgive us. Make a new heart in us.  
Show us how to trust you, so that we  
live as the sons and daughters of God. *(silent prayer)***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Apostle Paul states:  
"Who will bring any charge against God's elect?  
**It is God who justifies.**  
Who is to condemn?  
**It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised,  
who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.**  
Who will separate us from the love of Christ?  
Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or even our sins?  
**It is God who has declared: "I will never leave you,  
and I will never forsake you."**  
Lift up your face and be at peace,  
for the God who loves you has already forgiven you.

❖RESPONSE OF PRAISE #652 (v. 1&3)

*A Grateful Heart*