

LESSON FROM THE EPISTLES

Hebrews 11:8-16

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE

Ruth 1:1-18

SERMON

Should I Stay or Should I Go Now?

♦HYMN #324

For all the Faithful Women

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

SENDING

♦HYMN #44

Like a Mother Who has Borne Us

♦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

♦POSTLUDE

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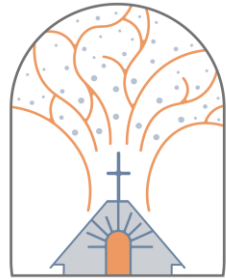


New Hanover Presbyterian Church



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, reconciliation, mercy and equity are values Jesus Christ taught and demonstrated.

The Lord's Day, April 26, 2026

The Fourth Sunday in Easter

❖ = 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

Elder Christy Presseau

Welcome Visitors!

PRELUDE

Kayla Jarvis, Piano

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

The Rev. Anthony Saturno

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 8

Each day we are called to make a difference:

Ruth chose to follow Naomi to a foreign land.

Each day we are called to make a difference:

Ruth gathered grain for food.

Each day we are called to make a difference:

Ruth talked to a man called Boaz.

Each day we are called to make a difference:

Ruth married Boaz and had a son.

Each day we are called to make a difference:

Ruth's son would be in the line of King David

And our Lord Jesus.

❖PRAYER OF ADORATION

❖SONG

Always by Chris Tomlin

CALL TO CONFESSION

Deacon Karen Chandler

CONFESSION OF SIN

Our Lord:

We often forget that we are your daughters and sons.

We see ourselves as unworthy of your love.

Yet you see us as prodigal daughters and sons Who have returned home.

You dress us in new clothing.

You place the family ring on our finger.

You give us new identity:

Children of the Lord.

Remind us who we are.

Amen.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖RESPONSE OF PRAISE #610 (v.1&5)

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION