

LESSON FROM THE EPISTLES

Colossians 3:12-17

LESSON FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

1 Corinthians 3:4-11

SERMON

Seed, Water, Soil, Sun and Love

♦HYMN #361 (v.1-3)

O Christ, the Great Foundation

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

The Perfect Wisdom of Our God

The New Hanover Choir

♦RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING #607

Trinitarian Doxology

♦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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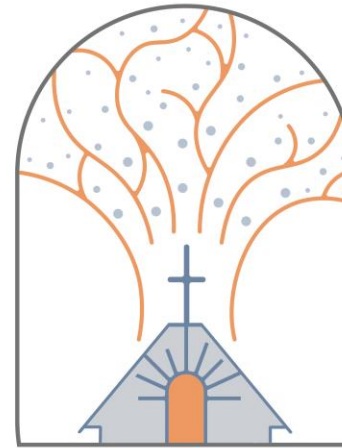
♦SONG

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

♦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

♦POSTLUDE

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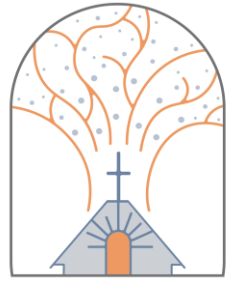
New Hanover Presbyterian Church



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

The Lord's Day, May 17th, 2026

The Seventh 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 Carolyn Shute

Welcome Visitors!

PRELUDE

Kayla Jarvis, piano

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

The Rev. Anthony Saturno

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

God is like a farmer,
sowing the good seed of the word in each of us.

**Blessed be the Lord, who causes us to grow,
and become a great harvest.**

God is like a potter, who takes each of us in hand

and forms us into Their image.

Blessed be the Lord, who day by day makes us anew.

God is like a craftsman,
who shapes us into a building for Their dwelling.

Blessed be the Lord, who lives in us and in Their church.

God is like a weaver, who designs each of us
with a pattern for living.

**Blessed be the Lord, who works with each of us
according to Their love.**

❖PRAYER OF ADORATION

❖HYMN #625 (v. 1, 2 &4)

How Great Thou Art

CALL TO CONFESSION

Deacon Karen Chandler

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Our Lord, we are your garden,
yet we refuse to grow.**

**Every week we pray for your 'kingdom to come,'
yet we cultivate greed and selfishness.**

Our lives are overgrown with weeds.

Forgive us.

Root out the things that damage us.

Heal our brokenness.

**And so we pray for 'Your kingdom to come'
and 'Your will to be done' in our lives.**

Amen.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖RESPONSE OF PRAISE #63 (v.1-3)

The Lord is God

THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Master Builder

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION