

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 4:1-6

PSEUDEPIGRAPHIA LESSON

Testament of Asher 1:2-12

SERMON

The Gift of Discernment

✦HYMN #27

Sacred the Body

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS AND COMMITMENTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Barbara Campbell

Blessed Assurance

✦RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING #607

Trinitarian Doxology

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

✦SONG

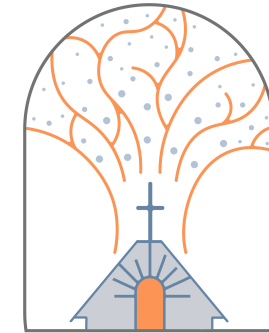
City Alight

Your Will be Done

✦POSTLUDE

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R. C. Scharff*



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!





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, August 2, 2026

Ordinary Time

❖ = 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.

*As we prepare for worship, we pray that you will quiet our hearts,
that we may hear your voice in your Word. We pray that you will stir our hearts,
that we may more faithfully follow Jesus, and that you will be glorified by the praise
and prayers we offer you, in Jesus' name, Amen.*

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder JT Matthew

Welcome Visitors!

PRELUDE

Kayla Jarvis, Piano

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

Rev. Anthony Saturno

❖CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 2)

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for, O God.

**My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come
and behold the face of God.**

These things I remember as I pour out my soul:

**How I went with the throng and led them in procession to the
house of God, with glad shouts of thanksgiving, a multitude
keeping festival.**

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted
within me?

Hope in God; for I shall praise him, my help and my God.

❖PRAYER OF ADORATION

❖HYMN #37

Let all Things Now Living

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Barbara Campbell

CONFESSION OF SIN

God, sometimes it feels like temptation and evil just sneak up into
our hearts. It goes unnoticed and we drift away from You. Help us to
discern Your ways from our ways, Your instruction from our desires.
Help us to see and hear and above all know You and Your character.
Help us to embrace repentance every day as a way to turn back and
try and stand in Your light. Help us to yearn to see Your face and to
feel Your embrace. Amen.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖RESPONSE OF PRAISE #59

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

THE WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER SAINTS & BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Children through 5th grade will be excused from the service.

LOVE IN ACTION

Paige Soma

IRC Community Engagement Coordinator