

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, OCTOBER 11, 2026

YOUTH SUNDAY

❖ = Please stand in body or in spirit · Unison responses are in **bold print**

GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ron Garstka

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

Rev. Anthony Saturno

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding.

For her good profit is better than getting silver, and her return is better than fine gold.

She is more precious than rubies. None of the things you can desire are to be compared to her.

Length of days is in her right hand. In her left hand are riches and honor.

Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

She is a tree of life to those who hold her fast; happy are all who hold her close.

But wisdom is not ours to possess. Wisdom begins in God.

God, teach us wisdom deeper than our certainty and greater than our understanding.

When the world tells us to seek power, teach us the wisdom of service. When fear tells us to protect ourselves, teach us the wisdom of love.

When we are certain we already know the way, make us humble enough to listen again.

For the wisdom of God does not always look like the wisdom of the world.

So open our minds, soften our hearts, and make us ready to follow wherever your wisdom leads.

Come, people of God. Let us seek not merely to be right, but to be wise.
And may the wisdom of God shape the people we are becoming.

❖PRAYER OF ADORATION

Kartik Doppalapudi

❖SONG

The Plans

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elizabeth Janganati

CONFESSION OF SIN

O God, we confess that instead of fearing you, we have feared other people. We think far too highly of their opinions of us and of what we do. We confess that we let their opinions of us shape us and what we do and how we think, all the while not letting the fear of the Lord shape us. And because we fear the creation more than the Creator, we make unwise decisions in our lives and make worries out of things in this life that shouldn’t worry us.

Jesus, we understand that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom, and we confess that because we have not feared you as we ought, we have rejected your perfect wisdom in our lives. You have given us transcendent, authoritative wisdom from Heaven that we too often reject, preferring to trust the wisdom of this world. We confess that we listen to our hearts far more than we ought, thinking that if we feel something strongly in our hearts, then it must be true. But your word says that our hearts are deceitful and desperately wandering, and that your wisdom is far more trustworthy than any insight our hearts can conjure up within us. Take who we are and transform us to who we ought to be, in the light of our Savior Jesus Christ.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rocco Saturno

LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Proverbs 1:22-30

THOMAS AQUINAS PLAY

SERMON

The Gift of Wisdom

❖HYMN #450 (vs. 1 & 2)

Be Thou My Vision

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Avery Jarvis

**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

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

❖RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING #607

Trinitarian Doxology

❖PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

❖HYMN #543 (vs. 1 & 2)

God Be The Love To Search and Keep Me

❖CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

❖POSTLUDE

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the Presbyterian Church (USA) and
the Presbytery of the James.
We welcome you!

