

Welcome to worship at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

Service of Lessons and Carols
January 1, 2023



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**The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor
Patricia Nyce, director of music ministry**

We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

**All worship can be viewed online at
newhanoverlutheran.org,
facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch
and on YouTube.**

**May your worship experience strengthen you
with God's love and grace.**

Welcome Harry White
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Please rise as you are able

Prayer Harry White
The Lord be with you
And also with you
Let us pray
Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* ELW #288

Please be seated.

Lesson Numbers 6:22-27 Harry White
The Aaronic blessing

²²The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: ²³Speak to Aaron and his sons,

saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,
²⁴The Lord bless you and keep you;
²⁵the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
²⁶the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.
²⁷So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

Carol *Away in a Manger* ELW #278

Lesson Psalm 8 (*Please read responsively*) Harry White

¹O Lord our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
**²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;
 you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**
³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
**⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
 human beings that you should care for them?**
⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;
 with glory and honor you crown them.
**⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
 you have put all things under their feet:**
⁷all flocks and cattle,
 even the wild beasts of the field,
**⁸the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
 and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**
⁹O Lord our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Carol *Angels, From the Realms of Glory* ELW #275

Lesson Galatians 4:4-7 Nancy White

We are no longer slaves, but children
⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And

because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”⁷ So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Carol *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

ELW #276

Lesson Philippians 2:5-11

Nancy White

God takes on human form

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Please rise as you are able

Carol *What Child is This*

ELW #296

Lesson Luke 2:21-38

Nancy White

Jesus receives his name

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to

him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worship there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

Please be seated.

Carol *That Boy-Child of Mary*

ELW #293 (Verses 1-4)

Lesson Matthew 2:1-11

Carolyn Fleming

The magi follow the star

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written

by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Carol *Go Tell it on the Mountain*

ELW #290

Blessing

Carolyn Fleming

God bless you and keep you,
Jesus grant you grace and truth,
and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts,
now and forever.

Amen.

Dismissal

Carolyn Fleming

Christ the Savior is born!
Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Announcements

Sound and video assistants needed for worship broadcast and live stream video. Training will be provided. For more information or to sign up, contact Pastor Scott at pastor@newhanoverlutheran.org or (610) 326-1335 ext. 1.

Sponsors are needed. Suggested donation for the bulletin is \$20 and flowers is \$40. Or, sponsor the *Word in Season* for \$40 a month. Contact the church office at (610) 326-1335 for available dates and to sign up.

Help avoid conflicts. Since activities at the church are back to normal, check in with staff before scheduling an event to be held at the church.

Susan Gutshall, Office Manager, will be on personal leave from Oct 3rd until further notice. Please send messages as usual to her email and voice mail. Volunteers and staff are monitoring correspondence at susan.gutshall@newhanoverlutheran.org, and 610 326-1335.

Office hours will be modified to a Monday through Friday mornings from 9 AM to 12:00 PM, Monday afternoon from 1:30 to 3 PM, and Thursday Afternoon from 1 to 4 PM.

Announcements for the bulletin are due Mondays by noon.

Appointments for facility access and meeting with staff are strongly recommended.

Peace and keep Susan in your prayers.

Today

The flowers are presented to the glory of God in memory of loved ones by Stacey and Todd Rothermel.

The bulletin is presented to the glory of God and with best wishes and blessings to all in the new year by Rosalie Lisa.

Serving Today Head Usher: Scott Geiser; Usher: Georgeann Geiser; Lectors: Harry White, Nancy White, and Carolyn Fleming; Acolyte: Norm Hunsberger

Next Sunday Head Usher: Barbara Repa; Ushers: Rick Hausch and Jim Gross; Lector: Donna Kehs; Children's Sermon: Nicole Ewing; Acolyte: London Meeker

Altar Guild Serving this Month Jean Moser, Jane Johnson, Jo Anne Wirt

Calendar

Worship Service – Today, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Christian Education Board – Monday, 7:00 PM, room #33

Boy Scouts – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, room 1

Food Drop Off – Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Wednesday, 2:00 PM, portico

12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32

Children's Choir – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:00 PM, room 15

Chancel Choir – Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:15 PM, room 15

Property – Wednesday, 7:00 PM, room 33

Thursdays at Ten – Thursday, 10:00 AM, room 33

God on Tap – Thursday, 6:00 PM, offsite

Handbell Choir – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15

Worship Service – Next Sunday, 9:00 AM sanctuary and online

Food Drop Off – Next Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, portico

J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) – Next Sunday, 10:05 – 11:05 AM, room 1 (fellowship hall)

Adult Forum: Politics & Religion – Next Sunday, 10:15 – 11:05 AM, room 33

Upcoming Events

Constant Contact is a weekly email offering events and worship news. Did you get an email from Constant Contact this week? If not, don't miss out! Sign up by calling the church at (610) 326 1335 or emailing cc-admin@newhanoverlutheran.org.

Politics and Religion Bible Study – Starts January 8th, Sundays at 10:15 AM in room 33. Now that I got your attention. Join me for a weekly public forum of how we as a people can share the wisdom of the Bible to create an atmosphere where listening, loving and helping one another is a priority, and power and dominance are not a platform for public forums and discussions.

The Readings and discussions will be posted on our website, and printed copies will be available each Sunday in Room 33 at 10:15 AM.

Choir Rehearsals: Chancel Choir rehearses Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:15 PM in the choir room (room 15). **Children’s Choir** rehearses Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:00 PM in the choir room. Interested in joining the Chancel Choir or Children’s Choir? Contact Director of Music Ministry Patricia Nyce for more information. **Handbell Choir** rehearses on Thursdays, 6:15 – 7:30 PM in the choir room. For more information about the handbell choir program, contact Handbell Choir Director Barb Eisenhart.

Thursdays at Ten, our midweek adult faith formation gathering, meets each Thursday from 10 - 11:30 AM in room 33. This informal discussion/study group will explore “**Fierce Women of the Bible.**” There were some sassy women back then! Both women and men are invited to journey back to biblical times to learn more about these “lasses” and how some things haven’t changed. Look for more course details in the newsletter. Contact Pastor Scott with any questions. And feel free to bring a friend! Newcomers always welcome! Classes for 2023 will start this week on January 5th.

We’re extending the holiday season! **Our Seniors Ministry Christmas Luncheon and Program is now our “Winter Luncheon”** and has been rescheduled to **Thursday, January 12**, at noon. We will still celebrate the recent season with “The Carols of Christmas”. Joining us will be our former Director of Music Priscilla Landis to lead us in a festive time of carol singing and a sharing of the background of some of our beloved Christmas carols. We’ll begin with a delicious lunch of homemade soup and sandwiches prepared by Chef Chris. We are asking folks to bring a dessert treat to share (maybe leftover Christmas cookies?). A new

sign-up sheet will be placed on the desk in the Welcome Center. To help with meal planning **please RSVP by Friday, January 6.** Or you can contact Deacon Carol at cdetweiler01@comcast.net. And bring a friend or two!

You Can Help

NHELCC will be collecting non-perishable items throughout the months of December, January, and February. Donations will be distributed through the Pottstown Cluster. Collection boxes are located in the welcome center and the fellowship hall for the donations. During the winter months there is an increased need for soup and crackers. Thank you for your contributions to help those in need.

Please consider **donating 2023 calendars** to be distributed to the inmates at the Phoenix (formerly Graterford) Prison. Please drop off your calendars in the box provided in the Welcome Center. These calendars are a much-appreciated gift enjoyed by the inmates.

Sponsors needed for 2023. You may now sign up to sponsor flowers, bulletins, communion, and the *Word in Season* online using <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eafac2caaf4c16-worship> The link is also on the NHELCC website on the Get Involved menu. If you prefer, you may also sign up by contacting the church at (610) 326-1335. The suggested donation for the flowers and the *Word in Season* will be increasing to \$40. The bulletins and communion will remain the same at \$20. Thank you for your support!

Looking for volunteers to help during the church service: Ushers, Lectors, Children's Sermons, and Acolytes. Please contact Faye Weidner if you are interested in serving at omiweidner@gmail.com or 484-929-5958

A Capital Funds Campaign is underway. Help NHELCC raise \$247,500 for the HVAC and AVEL systems. Specially marked envelopes are available on the desk in the welcome center for your contribution. For more information, contact the church office at (610) 326-1335.

Food Ministry

More than 100,000 meals have been delivered! NHELC's Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry is changing lives. And, you can be a part of the team. 1) You can donate food. Drop off your donation on Wednesdays between 1 – 2 PM and Sundays between 9 – 10 AM. Items most needed include: hamburger, chicken (thighs and breast meat), pasta (ziti, elbows, bowties), cheese (mozzarella, cheddar, parmesan), potatoes, fresh fruit (apples, oranges, bananas) and eggs. 2) Donate money through Thrivent Gift Cards, place monetary donations in the offering plate or mail to the church. 3) Deliver meals. Sign up at <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/>.

Spiritual Renewal

The *Word in Season* daily devotion books January - March are available in the welcome center and information box located outside by the Sunday school doors. The books are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor

Do you know someone who could use a **prayer shawl** to help bring comfort, healing and good thoughts? If so contact Pastor Scott and they'll see that one is made available. And...**please prayerfully consider**: the requests for our prayer shawls keep coming in. To make sure we will always have a shawl available when needed we could use some additional knitters to help with this important ministry. Please contact Pastor Scott if interested in doing this. Supplies and instructions are available in the library located off of Fellowship Hall, in a bookcase close to the door.

Need a prayer lifted up? The **NHELC Prayer Chain Ministry** is here for you. All information remains confidential. To request a prayer, contact Pastor Scott at psstaub@gmail.com or call the church office (610-326-1335) to leave him a voice mail. Your prayers will be delivered! Also, you can contact Pastor Scott to update circumstances or have a name removed from the Prayer Chain.

Prayer Warriors Wanted You are invited to join the warriors on Monday at 1:15 PM in the sanctuary. Participants join in a brief devotion and then pray together. They give thanks and then lift up in prayers neighbors both near and far. See Donna Kehs or Marsha Staub if you have any questions.

A **Seniors Suggestion Box** is now available on the desk in the Welcome Center. NHELCS Seniors (folks in their 60's on up) are invited to use the slips provided and write down any ideas, concerns, needs they may have for our Senior's Ministry. Can be anything ranging from speakers/topics, fun events, faith formation needs, etc. We want to hear from you!

Thank you

Dear Pastor Scott, my name is Joe & on behalf of my 12 roommates we thank you & your staff for the food donations! Your chef, your wife, yourself & volunteers put a lot of thought & care in making our lives easier! It's nice to have a home cooked meal & not worry where our next meal is coming from. Thank you we all appreciate it. God bless you & your family.

Remember in your prayers

Requests

Trevor Martin, Toni Rath, Katy Mahon-Miller, Matt Hall, Luann Hanley, Scot Smale, Carol Estes, William Trotter, Kathy Kane, Maxwell Girard, Pat Fryer, Jean Renninger, Kathy Campos, Pr. Kork Moyer, Betty Lou Shadle, Julia Hauck, Tony Mancini, Raul Castro, Amy LeVan, Jeffrey Kunsch, Braydon Kline, Edwin Sugita, Wilma Lahr, Robert Tadley, Jim Price, Melissa, Bernadette Phillips, Mary Lou, Doug Weaver, Joan Wagner, Robert Ganovsky, Dorothy Bingaman, Emily Ocelus, Eric and Wendy Hess, Sue Care, Herman Richard, Deb Matthews, Marceline, Anne Eshleman, Daniel Johnson, Gwen Grant, Chris Fatzinger, Hank Droneberg, Pena family, Kim Frain, Ken Jacob, Jen Perez, Frank D., Pam Helfrich, Barb and Tom Faust, Andy Van Dyke, Janet, Feryl Stein, Laurie Scoggins, Pam Abbott, Holli Muffler, Louise Karns, Mary Van Dyke, Pr. Jennifer Phelps, Jessica Trout,

Denny Smith, Verdi Smith, Mabel Gaugler, Andy VanDyke, Pat Freed, Sandy Wesner

Peace for the violence in our area and nationally

Long-term

Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, Sally Kohl, Tina Farrell, Carol Buchholtz Yost

Shut-in

Penny Frymoyer

Grieving

Family and friends of George Freyer (Lynn & Ron Fegley); family and friends of David Fegley, brother/brother-in-law of Ron and Lynn Fegley; family and friends of Richard Norris.

Military

Shawn Dietz, Michael McHugh, Kevin Dugan, Jason Bernhard, Craig Geiser, Patrick Mathias, Steven Kane, William Zearfoss, Will Wilson V, Milton Jack Repa, Megan Fricker, Kyle Woods

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Financial Record

OFFERING	Oct 2022 Contributions	Jan-Oct 2022 Total Contributions	Approved Budget through Oct 2022	% of Budget through Oct 2022
Envelope Offering	\$15,335	\$143,042	\$143,333	100%
Simply Giving Offering	\$9,482	\$100,270	\$111,250	90%
Loose Offering Offering	\$660	\$3,588	\$4,167	86%
<i>Total Offerings</i>	<i>\$25,477</i>	<i>\$246,900</i>	<i>\$258,750</i>	<i>95%</i>
DESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS				
Fuel Oil Contributions	\$425	\$4,462	\$7,500	59%
Bulletin Contributions	\$60	\$305	\$1,000	31%
Flower Contributions	\$285	\$2,293	\$2,500	92%
Food Ministry/Garden of Hope Contributions	\$7,316	\$51,294	\$45,833	112%
Peer Support Ministry Contributions	\$1,224	\$11,421	\$3,333	343%
GRANTS				
Peer Support Ministry Grants	\$0	\$0	\$6,250	0%
Food Ministry/Garden of Hope Grants	\$0	\$43,930	\$12,500	351%
CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS				
HVAC Project Contributions	\$1,438	\$66,316	\$167,500	40%
AVEL(1) Project Contributions	\$2,263	\$28,283	\$80,000	35%

(1) AVEL = Audio-Visual, Electric & Lighting project

Send

Caring for others

What a sad day! Ben's apartment house was ruined . . . and his Christmas presents were all charred by the fire. What can Joe do to help? What would Ben need if his things were ruined by the fire?



Draw something Joe could give Ben. What would you do if Ben were your friend? What would you say to him?

This week

Let the youngest child in the family choose an activity to do together.

Kids Celebrate

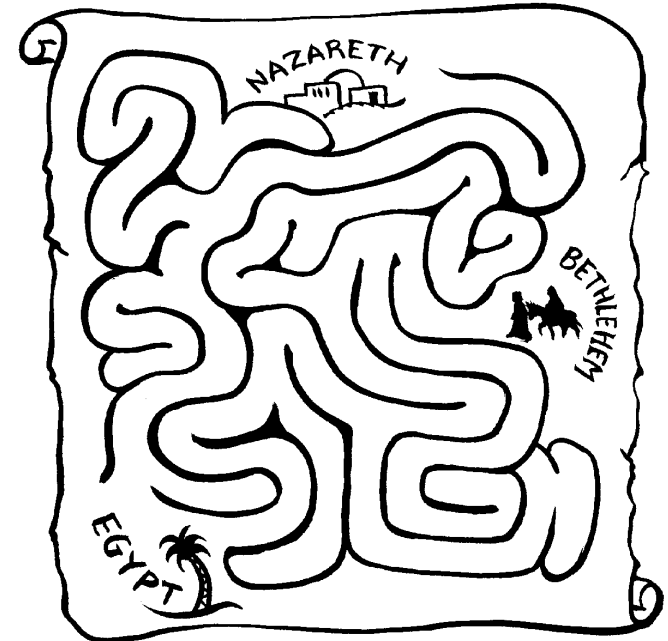
First Sunday of Christmas



gather

Welcome to worship. Joseph was told in a dream to leave Bethlehem for a safer place. So he took Mary and Jesus on a long journey.

Follow the maze. Print the name of the first stop for Jesus' family:



Finish the maze. Write the name of their last stop:

All God's children

Matthew 2:13-23

When Jesus was born King Herod became very angry and afraid. He thought Jesus had come to take over his kingdom. Herod killed many young children in his anger when he couldn't find Jesus. Mary, Joseph, and Jesus had already escaped to Egypt.



God loves all children.

Circle the cross on each child. Crosses remind us we are children of God. Draw a cross here:

All of God's children are unique, but there is one thing in common for the three children in each row.

Check all rows—up, down, and diagonal. Circle the common item in each row.



Pray for those who are traveling this week.



Keep all children safe in your care, Lord. Be with us when we care for those who are hurting. Amen