

**Welcome to worship at  
New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Baptism of Our Lord  
January 12, 2025**



Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

**The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor  
Nicole Young, seminarian minister  
Patricia Nyce, director of music ministry  
Lindsey Waltermyer, Grace band leader**

**We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!**

**All worship can be viewed online at  
[newhanoverlutheran.org](http://newhanoverlutheran.org)  
[facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch](https://www.facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch)  
and on YouTube.**

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

Prelude

Welcome

*Please rise as you are able.*

Gathering Hymn      *Shall We Gather at the River*      ELW #423

Call to Worship      Pastor Scott  
In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Prayer of the Day      Pastor Scott  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray.  
Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy  
Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are  
born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may  
rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our  
Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

Centering Song      *Here I Am to Worship*

Grace Band

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made  
This heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

*Chorus:*

So here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

*Chorus*

*Bridge:*

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross

*Chorus*

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*Please be seated.*

Children's Choir      *This Little Light of Mine*

Lindsey Waltermyer, keyboard

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Children's Message

Carolyn Springer

A reading from the book of Matthew

<sup>1</sup>Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup>and he began to teach them.

He said:

<sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Here ends the reading.

*Please rise as you are able.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**Gospel**

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Pastor Scott

The holy gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am

not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

Message            “You are the salt of the earth”            Pastor Scott

*A moment of silence for reflection*

*Please rise as you are able.*

Song of the Day        *Welcome Holy Spirit*            Grace Band

*Chorus (sing 2x):*

Welcome Holy Spirit

Be here with Your presence

Fill me with Your power

Live inside of me

You’re the living water

Never-drying fountain

Comforter and Counselor

Take complete control

*Chorus (sing 1x)*

*Ending:*

Live inside of me

Live inside of me

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Prayers of Intercession

Nikki Young

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Nikki Young

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

Peace

Nikki Young

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Please share a sign of peace with your neighbors.

*The people give a sign of peace to each other.*

*Please be seated.*

Offertory

*The offering will be taken at this time.*

Choir Anthem

*Blest Are They*

Chancel Choir

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Offertory Response *Create in Me a Clean Heart* ELW #186

*The offering is brought forward for a blessing.*

Gift Presentation

A Gift from the Pottstown Elks Lodge to the NHELCL Loaves & Fishes Food ministry

Announcements

Pastor Scott

*Please rise as you are able.*

**Sending Hymn** *Go, My Children with My Blessing* ELW #543

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**Dismissal**

Pastor Scott

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Go get'em!!!

**Postlude**

*Trumpet Tune in G*

Michael Ryan

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## Announcements

### Today

**Today** Head Usher: George Trowbridge, Usher: Bryce Manthorne, Lector: Nance White, Children’s Sermon: Carolyn Springer, Acolyte: Sam Young

**Next Sunday** Head Usher: Todd Rothermel, Usher: Stacey Rothermel, Lector: Erica Lucas, Children’s Sermon: Donna Kehs, Acolyte: Alivia Singley

**Altar Guild** members serving this month: Jean Moser, Jane Johnson, Jo Anne Wirt and Yvonne Peto

**The Nursery room** is located between the Welcome Center and the Fellowship Hall. Parents are welcome to use the room during worship as needed. The room provides for a comfortable play area in a joyful environment; toys and books are included. The room has access to a changing room and a private nursing room next door.

**Doors leading to fellowship hall and the education wing** remain locked during the worship service for the safety of all.

**“Taking a closer look: What the Bible does and doesn’t say about homosexuality”** Join Pastor Bruce Davidson immediately

following the worship service in Fellowship Hall for this presentation. Drinks and snacks will be available.

## Calendar

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

**Food Drop Off** – Today, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

**Food Delivery Pickup** – Today, 10:00 AM, portico

**J.A.M.** – Today, 10:15 AM, room 21

**Take a Closer Look** – Today, 10:15 AM, room 1

**Kids for Christ Rehearsal** – Today, 11:00 AM, sanctuary

**Praise Band Rehearsal** – Today, 11:15 AM, sanctuary

**Confirmation** – Today, 1:00 – 4:00, room 1

**Prayer Ministry** – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

**Cub Scout Pack 367** – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, rooms 1, 14, 21-25, 33

**AARP Board** – Tuesday, 10:00 AM, room 24

**Scouts BSA Troop 367** – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:15 PM, room 1

**Anniversary Committee** – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, room 14

**Finance** – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, zoom

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

**Food Delivery Pickup** – Wednesday, 1:00 PM, portico

**Loaves and Fishes Dinner** – Wednesday, 5:45 PM, rooms, 1, 11

**Addiction 12 Step** – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 33

**Chancel Choir** – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:45 PM, room 15

**Gathering** – Thursday, noon, room 1

**Addiction 12 Step** – Thursday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 33

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

**Council** – Thursday, 7:00 PM, room 33

**District Scout Roundtable** – Thursday, 7:30 – 9:00 PM, room 1

**District Scout Training** – Saturday, 9:00 AM – noon, room 33

**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.** – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 21

**Allyship** – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 33

**Kids for Christ Rehearsal** – Next Sunday, 11:00 AM, sanctuary



**Praise Band Rehearsal** – Next Sunday, 11:15 AM, sanctuary  
**Rejoicing Spirits** – Next Sunday, 2:30 – 4:00 PM, room 1,  
sanctuary

**Loaves & Fishes dinner** is this Wednesday, at 5:45 PM in fellowship hall. Stop by for dinner and fellowship.

**Don't miss our next gathering** for decorating Senior Activity Bag Mission on Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. Join us at noon for lunch in the Fellowship Hall and help prepare activity bags for our friends who cannot travel from their homes. This is a monthly ministry dedicated to communicate and reach out to those members and friends who are travel limited.

## Upcoming Events

**2024 Annual Reports are now due.** If you haven't submitted your report for last year, contact Susan Gutshall.

**“Cheers to Us”** The New Hanover Lutheran congregation is the only German Lutheran congregation in America to have 325 years of continuous ministry, and the 325<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is planning a fun event to celebrate! **Fun entertainment!** A juggler with a Christian message. **Fun food!** Assorted wraps, chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, veggie tray, chips, and for dessert...cookies and an ice cream bar! **Fun fellowship!** Bring your family and friends to the celebration!

This event will be held on **Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, at 10:15 AM** following the worship service in fellowship hall.

Reservations are needed for the luncheon. Fill out the form in this bulletin and on the desk in the welcome center and drop it off in the offering plate by Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. Or go to [newhanoverlutheran.org](http://newhanoverlutheran.org) and use SignUpGenius. A freewill offering will be received.

**NHELCC is collecting non-perishable food items and full-sized personal hygiene items** throughout the months of January and February. Donations will be distributed through the Pottstown Cluster. Collection boxes are located in the welcome center, fellowship hall and multi-purpose room for the donations. Thank you for your contributions that will help those in need.

Look for the list of items that are currently needed at the Cluster in the newsletter.

**New Hanover's Got Talent!** Everybody is blessed with a talent. What's yours? On **Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**, you will have an opportunity to showcase your talent at the Fastnacht Social and Talent Show. The event will follow the 9:00 AM worship service and, of course, will include fastnachts!

Do you sing? Like to dance? Play an instrument? Tell stories or jokes? Recite poetry? Do a skit with a friend? If so, see Patricia Nyce or Jayne McHugh to sign up to showcase your talent. Folks of all ages are invited to participate. It's a fact that New Hanover's got lots of talent! We can't wait to see yours!

This event is being planned by the 325<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.

## Want to be a member?

Please fill out a yellow card, "Your Voice from the Pew", located in the pew rack and give to Pastor Scott or place the card in the offering plate. Check off "Interest in Church Membership."

## Resources

**Want to keep up** with all the latest news from NHELCC?

Subscribe to the bi-weekly Constant Contact communication emails. You will receive a weekly announcement on Monday and a worship reminder on Saturday. If you are not already receiving these emails, you can use this QR code and sign up today using a very simple, secure site.



**Do you enjoy the praise band songs?** Would you like to get to know them better? This [playlist](#) includes over fifty songs that our praise band has done, and more will be added in the future. You will need to download Spotify (it's free!) to listen to the songs.



**Peer Support Information** The Ferns Peer Run Respite is a local mental health non-profit resource in Montgomery County. The Ferns provides a supportive and calm environment for individuals in need and not able to interact in other available mental health

resources. The Ferns is totally peer supported and allows individuals at the respite the time they may need to recover or seek additional treatment. If you know an individual who may need this service, contact the church and leave a message for the peer support program or reach out to Pastor Scott.

**The Peer Support Ministry** webpage on the church’s website ([newhanoverlutheran.org](http://newhanoverlutheran.org)) offers resources for mental health and wellness. Visit the webpage for information.

**Mental Health and Wellness** Millions of people across the nation are affected by mental health conditions. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has local centers in both Reading and Lansdale. They offer in-person and online support groups. NHELCC has links with helpful information available on our website ([newhanoverlutheran.org](http://newhanoverlutheran.org)) or contact NAMI Helpline or PA Addiction Helpline directly.

**NAMI Help Line** 1-800-950-6242 is available Monday - Friday 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM ET.

Text “Helpline” to 62640 or if in crisis call or text 988.

**PA Addiction Helpline** 1-800-662-HELP (4357).

**Online live chat** offered at 1-717-216-0905 or text

## You Can Help

**Pictorial Directory** Send pictures of members, classes and group activities to Nance White at [Nance2237@yahoo.com](mailto:Nance2237@yahoo.com) as soon as possible to be included in the new pictorial directory.

**You can donate to NHELCC ministry electronically.** Simply point your smartphone camera at one of these QR codes and follow the link.

**Tithe.ly QR Code**



**Simply Giving QR Code**



**Volunteers are needed** to help during the church service: Ushers, Lectors, Children’s Sermons, Acolytes and Communion Assistants. Contact Faye Weidner at [omiweidner@gmail.com](mailto:omiweidner@gmail.com) or 484-929-5958 if you can help.

## Food Ministry

**More than 200,000 meals have been delivered!** NHELHC'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 on the offering plate or mail to the church. 3) Deliver meals. Sign up at <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/>.

## Reconciling in Christ

**Recently the RIC team arranged for two presentations.** The presentations, "LGBTQIA+ 101" and "Pronouns-Why They Are Important", are now on the church website under the



Reconciling In Christ Journey page. In case you missed the presentations or would like to watch them again, you will find them by entering this link in your web browser:

<https://newhanoverlutheran.org/reconciling-in-christ/> or connect using this QR Code.

**Do you want to participate in a one-to-one discussion** around the possibility of New Hanover becoming a Reconciling in Christ church, welcoming to all - especially to those identifying as LGBTQIA+, racially diverse, or gender diverse? Contact Sharon Tracey, Diane Bealer, Josh Young, Janet Psota, Rick Hausch or Pastor Scott.

**Got a question for the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) team** about their journey? Jot down your question (paper provided at the desk) and put it in the box on the desk in the Welcome Center. The team will try to answer your question(s). Be sure to provide your preferred contact information.

**“Allyship”** January 19<sup>th</sup> Allyship is an action verb defining the lifelong process of building relationships based on trust, consistency, and accountability with minoritized individuals and/or

groups of people with the strategic intentions to become collaborators to promote equity.

We welcome Dr. Dee Singley, (she/they), Director for Disability Services and 504 Coordinator Institute for Student Success at Ursinus College for a Temple Talk during worship on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Afterwards, during the adult Sunday School hour, Dr. Singley and members of the RIC team will be available for questions and further discussion in room 33 of the Christian Education Wing.

## Prayer Requests

Long-term: Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, Carol Buchholtz Yost

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

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

Peace for violence in our area and nationally

Katy Mahon-Miller	Luann Hanley	Carol Estes
William Trotter	Kathy Kane	Maxwell Girard
Pat Fryer	Jean Renninger	Pr. Kork Moyer
Betty Lou Shadle	Julia Hauck	Tony Mancini
Raul Castro	Amy LeVan	Jeffrey Kunsch
Wilma Lahr	Melissa	Mary Lou
Doug Weaver	Joan Wagner	Robert Ganovsky
Dorothy Bingaman	Emily Ocelus	Eric & Wendy Hess
Sue Care	Deb Matthews	Marceline
Anne Eshleman	Daniel Johnson	Chris Fatzinger
Hank Droneberg	Pena family	Kim Frain
Jen Perez	Frank D.	Pam Helfrich
Barb & Tom Faust	Andy Van Dyke	Janet
Pam Abbott	Holli Muffler	Louise Karns
Pr. Jennifer Phelps	Jessica Trout	Verdie Smith
Mabel Gaugler	Sandy Wesner	Helen Foulke
Carla Hausmann	Joan Price	Betty Seroski
Ralph Borneman	Lucille Powell	Virginia Specht
Jeffrey Weems	Joan Scheffey	Arnold Amundsen
Chuck Beck	Ally Musser & family	Rich Freed
Joe	Joe	Casey Flack
Tim Mutter	Denton Quick	David Helfrich, Sr.
Tara Hauck	Patricia Kemp	Ron Seasholtz
Jennifer, Brendt, Declan & Conor Budnick		Penny Garber
Hazel LeVan	Lynn Amundsen	David Gottshall
Kate Brunick and family		

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*Celebrating 325 Years*  
1700-2025



*Still Making History*



All are invited to this 325<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event celebrating the congregation's 325 years of continuous ministry.

**FUN ENTERTAINMENT**  
Juggler with a special message

**FUN FOOD**  
Assorted Wraps  
Chicken Nuggets  
Mac and Cheese  
Veggie Tray, Chips  
Cookies  
Ice Cream bar

**FUN FELLOWSHIP**  
Bring your family and friends

Sunday, January 26, 2025



10:15 AM (after the worship service)  
in the Fellowship Hall



Lunch will follow the entertainment.  
A freewill offering will be received.

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Reserve your spot by filling out this form and placing it in the offering plate or the basket in the Welcome Center by January 19, 2025. You may also sign up on Signup Genius at [newhanoverlutheran.org](http://newhanoverlutheran.org).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Children to age 12 \_\_\_\_\_

RSVP by January 19, 2025.