**The Order of Worship**

As people enter the Sanctuary they are encouraged to greet one another and share the gifts of friendship and love. When the prelude begins, all are invited to begin personal preparation for worship. As a kindness to fellow worshippers, please silence all electronic devices.

❖ Congregation Standing as Able
❖ = Appropriate times to be seated when arriving After Service Begins

**We Gather Together as God’s People ~**

**THE HANDBELL PRELUDE (Beginning at 9:45 am) ................................................. The Jubilate Ringers**

“Bell Peal on ‘How Great Our Joy’” .......................................................... arr. Linda Lamb

“Do You Hear What I Hear?” ................................................................. arr. Noel Regency/Gloria Shayne

“Angels We Have Heard on High” ........................................................... arr. Susan E. Geschke

“The First Noel” ......................................................................................... arr. James C. Smith

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” .......................................................................... arr. James C. Smith

**The WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please pass the guest pads)**

**The Liturgy of the Advent Candle ~**

**THE CHORAL INTROIT: “Lift Up Your Eyes”......................................................... arr. Joel Raney The Sanctuary Choir**

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Spoken Responsively)........................................... Tom and Leah Williamson**

LEADER: In a world torn asunder by violence, Jesus says, “No more.”

PEOPLE: “As it is written, a new command I give, ‘Love one another as I have loved you.’”

LEADER: In a world where hurting people are too often neglected, Jesus says, No More.”

PEOPLE: “As it is written, a new command I give, ‘Love one another as I have loved you.’”

LEADER: In a world where another’s needs are too often overlooked, Jesus says, “no more.”

PEOPLE: “As it is written, a new command I give, ‘Love one another as I have loved you.’”

**THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF LOVE .................................................. Tom and Leah Williamson**

**THE RESPONSE: “Lift Up Your Eyes” ............................................................. arr. Joel Raney The Sanctuary Choir & Congregation**

**The Opening Prayer ............................................................ Tom and Leah Williamson**

❖❖ THE Hymn No. 143: “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” .......................... REGENCY SQUARE

**THE Call to Confession**

In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We have broken your commands against idolatry. We do not live in peace with your creation or your people. We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news and for the sake of all the world. Amen.

**The Silent Prayer of Confession**

**The Declaration of Pardon**

❖❖ THE GLORIA No. 143: “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” (Verse 4) ........ REGENT SQUARE

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son, Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King!

❖❖ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE (Spoken Responsively)

LEADER: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

Children in K-5 are dismissed to go to Children’s Church.

**~ The Word of the Lord ~**

**The Prayer for Illumination ................................................................. Charlie Jones**


The Scripture Lessons for today may be found on the reverse side of the announcement insert or in the pew Bible located under the seat in front of you.

**THE CHORAL ANTHEM: “Glory to the Lamb of Christmas” ........................... arr. Tom Fettke The Sanctuary Choir**


LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

**The Sermon: “Preparing for Christ through Repentance” ............................. The Rev. Dr. Moore**

**The Hymn No. 96: “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” ............................... WINCHESTER NEW**

❖❖ THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ............. A Declaration of Faith (Excerpts from Chapter 3.4)

The Lord has blessed and judged God’s people. When God’s people worshiped the gods of the land, when they put their trust in military alliances, when they failed to do justice and oppressed the poor, God sent the prophets to condemn their sins and to call the people back to obedience. There were times of repentance and reform, but in the end their kingdoms fell. When we forget the Lord and worship our possessions, when we fail to deal justly with the poor, when we seek security no matter what it costs others, we can expect God’s judgment upon us. In the end, we declare God’s goodness and justice. God has truly blessed us beyond our deserving.

**The Pastoral Prayer & 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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**~ We Respond to the Word ~**

**The Offering of Gifts .................................................................................. Jim Perry, Greeting Elder**


Jason Evans, Organ

❖❖ THE DOXOLOGY: “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” ............. JENI EMMANUEL (Sung to the tune of “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!”)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

❖❖ THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION ................................................................. Jim Perry, Greeting Elder

**The Introduction of the New Member**

Leah Williamson

**The Question to the Congregation (Spoken responsively)**

ONE: Do we, the members of the Outer Banks Presbyterian Church, promise to support, encourage, pray for, and welcome Leah as our sister in Christ?

ALL: We do.

**The Prayer for the New Member**

**The Welcome of the New Member**

**~ We Go Forth in Jesus’ Name ~**

❖❖ THE Hymn No. 150: “As with Gladness Men of Old” .................................... DIX

❖❖ THE Charge & Benediction

❖❖ The Closing Chorus: “He came down” .................................................... HE CAME DOWN The Sanctuary Choir & Congregation

He came down that we may have joy; He came down that we may have joy; Hallelujah forevermore!

**The Organ Postlude: “And the Glory of the Lord” ................................. G.F. Handel (1685-1759)**

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Welcome!
We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Outer Banks Presbyterian Church! Visitors will find a guest card in the Bible holders in the seat ahead. We ask that you fill out the card and drop it in the offering plate as it is passed.

We hope that you will join us in the Gathering Space following the service for our Coffee Hour so that we may get to know you better. We also invite you to check out our Visitor’s Center, located in the Gathering Space, to learn more about our church and receive a gift as a token of our appreciation for visiting with us today!

There is a nursery available for your convenience should you need one and there is Children’s Church for children following the passing of the peace.

Sanctuary Flowers
The flowers are placed in the sanctuary this morning by Judy Dempsey in honor of Kathy Dempsey’s 53rd birthday.

This Week at OBPC
Sunday, December 13, 2015
9:00 am ............... Sunday School
9:30 am .......... Called Session Mtg.
10:00 am .......... Morning Worship
3:00 pm ............... Stamp Club
5:00 pm ............... Youth Group

Monday, December 14, 2015
7:30 am ..................... A.A.
10:00 am ..................... A.A.
7:00 pm ..................... Boy Scouts

Tuesday, December 15, 2015
7:30 am ..................... A.A.
10:00 am ..................... A.A.
6:00 pm ............... Cub Scouts

Wednesday, December 16, 2015
7:30 am ..................... A.A.
10:00 am ..................... A.A.
4:00 pm ..................... Girl Scouts
6:30 pm ............... Adult Bible Study

Thursday, December 17, 2015
7:30 am ..................... A.A.
10:00 am ..................... A.A.

Friday, December 18, 2015
7:30 am ..................... A.A.
8:00 am ............... Men’s Bible Study
10:00 am ..................... A.A.

Saturday, December 19, 2015
7:30 am ..................... A.A.
10:00 am ..................... A.A.

Sunday, December 20, 2015
9:00 am ............... Sunday School
10:00 am .......... Morning Worship
11:20 .......... Christmas Luncheon
5:00 pm ............... Youth Group

Vital Signs
December 6 ..................... $9,939.00
Christmas Musical ..................... $1,765.00
Poinsettias ..................... $560.00
Pennies for Hunger ............... $118.80
Total for December .......... $12,382.00

Attendance
December 6 (AM Worship) ........... 134
Dec. 5 (Christmas Musical) ........... 275
Dec. 6 (Christmas Musical) ........... 356

Faith ♦ Family ♦ Friends
We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Outer Banks Presbyterian Church! Our Church exists to worship God in Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament; to join others to know the joy of God’s forgiveness in Jesus Christ; to grow under the Lordship of Christ and to serve Christ’s world in His name. We invite you to share with us our trust in Jesus Christ and to join us as we strive to:
  ♦ Strengthen our FAITH,
  ♦ Love and support our FAMILY,
  ♦ Reach out to FRIENDS in need.

We encourage you to read “Sue’s Story,” the inspiration behind these goals in its entirety, on our website, on a brochure in the Gathering Space or on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will be inspired as we have been.

At OBPC, we recognize all our visitors as God’s children, united as brothers and sisters in Christ. We hope our service inspires you and strengthens your faith. We hope you will join us again in celebration and worship to God. If you are interested in becoming a member or would like to know more about our church and our programs, please contact us!

The Church Staff
The Rev. Dr. Joseph “Jody” G. Moore ..................... Pastor
Jason K. Evans ..................... Director of Music Ministries/Organist
Donna Frye ..................... Church Secretary
Hollie Wittenberry-Lewis ............... Director of Children, Youth & Young Family Ministries
Heather Day ..................... Nursery Caregiver
Brenda Feury ..................... Sexton

The Session
Beverly (Bev) Jones, Clerk of Session

Class of 2015
Jeanne Martie
441-8608

John Webb
255-1085

Fred Gauvreau
491-2633

Class of 2016
Melanie Cahoon
441-7490

Judy Whittle
255-0705

Jim Perry
202-3051

Barbara Nowland
(480-0423)

Class of 2017
Nonie Booth
261-6058

Melinda Mogowski
441-7195

Kathryn Lamb
441-6400

Our church believes providing worship for visitors is a vital part of our mission. Our building was planned to accommodate the many visitors who come to this vacation community. This places an additional financial challenge on our resident membership. We need and welcome financial support from our visitors.

Receiving Treasurers’
Becky Lofton-DeSanto
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Welcome to Kill Devil Hills!
A Celebration of the Lord's Day
December 13, 2015
10:00 am

Third Sunday of Advent
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