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 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 Responsibly).................................... Michelle & Ronnie Sunkler

LEADER: During Advent, we remember the light that shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it.

PEOPLE: Though sorrow may last for the night, joy comes in the morning.

LEADER: For all who face the sting of loss, God’s word speaks:

PEOPLE: Though sorrow may last for the night, joy comes in the morning.

LEADER: For all who wrestle with the unknown of tomorrow, God’s word speaks:

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LEADER: For all who battle the questions that arise in the silence, God’s word speaks:

PEOPLE: Though sorrow may last for the night, joy comes in the morning.

THE LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE....................... Michelle & Ronnie Sunkler

The Sanctuary Choir & Congregation

THE OPENING PRAYER................................................................. Michelle & Ronnie Sunkler

°°° THE HYMN No. 113: “Angles We Have Heard on High”....................... GLORIA

THE CORONATION DEHYMN

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Spoken in Unison)

God of all hope, we rejoice in your sure promise to send us a Ruler and Shepherd. We are full of anticipation over his birth. He lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry; yet we strive to promote ourselves and guarantee our own welfare. He invites us to follow him, yet we seek our own agenda. Forgive us for living as though you had not sent us your Son, and as if your good promises meant nothing. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

°°° THE GLORIA No. 134: “Joy to the World” (Verse 3)...............................ANTIOCH

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;

He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,

Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

°°° 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.....................................................Nonnie Booth


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: “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”..................arr. Dick Bolks
The Sanctuary Choir


LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON: “Anticipating and Rejoicing”.................................The Rev. Dr. Moore

THE HYMN No. 145: “What Child Is This” ................................................GORDON WATTLES

°°° THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH..................................................A Declaration of Faith (Chapter 4.1)

God sent the promised Deliverer to God’s people. Jesus, the long expected Savior, came into the world as a child, descended from David, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, a virgin. He lived as a Jew among Jews. He announced to his people the coming of God’s kingdom of justice and peace on earth. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

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


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~ We Go Forth in Jesus’ Name ~

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°°° THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING CHORUS: “He Came Down”.............................................HE CAME DOWN

The Sanctuary Choir & Congregation

He came down that we may have love;

He came down that we may have love;

He came down that we may have love;

Hallelujah forevermore!

THE ORGAN POSTULDE: “Angels We Have Heard on High”..............Kenneth D. Varner

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We now go forth in peace to love and serve God and God’s people in Christ’s name!

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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 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 Gary & Linda McGee in honor of their son, Scott’s 35th birthday.

Those Serving in Worship

This Week: December 20, 2015

Greeting Elder: Jim Perry
Liturgist: Nonie Booth
Coffee Hour: Christmas Luncheon
Children’s Church: Bev Jones and Jorge Díaz

Next Week: December 27, 2015

Greeting Elder: Jim Perry
Liturgist: Margaret Brown
Coffee Hour: Fellowship
Children’s Church: Hollie & Jody Lewis

Vital Signs

December 13 - 7,150.00
Total for December - 19,612.80
Palm Sunday - $560.00
Pentecost - $118.80
Peacemaking Offering - $10.00
Christmas Joy - $70.00

Attendance

December 13 (AM Worship) - 135

This Week at OBPC

Sunday, December 20, 2015
9:00 am - Sunday School
10:00 am - Morning Worship
11:15 am - Christmas Luncheon

Monday, December 21, 2015
7:30 am - A.A.
10:00 am - A.A.
1:00 pm - Jack Thomson Memorial
7:00 pm - Boy Scouts

Tuesday, December 22, 2015
7:30 am - A.A.
9:30 am - Faith Knitters
10:00 am - A.A.
6:00 pm - Cub Scouts

Wednesday, December 23, 2015
7:30 am - A.A.
10:00 am - A.A.
6:30 pm - Adult Bible Study

Thursday, December 24, 2015
Church Offices Closed

Friday, December 25, 2015
Church Offices Closed

Saturday, December 26, 2015
7:30 am - A.A.
10:00 am - A.A.

Sunday, December 27, 2015
9:00 am - Sunday School
10:00 am - Morning Worship

Faith ♦ Family ♦ Friends

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♦ 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 Writtenberry-Lewis .....................................................Director of Children, Youth & Young Family Ministries
Heather Day............................................................................Nursery Caregiver
Brenda Feury.............................................................................. Sexton

The Session
Beverly (Bev) Jones, Clerk of Session

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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

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 (480-0724)
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