December 24, 2015

5:00 pm

A Member of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
and the Presbytery of New Hope.

This Is God's House. All Are Welcome!
The Order of Service for Christmas Eve

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.

~ We Gather Together as God's People ~

May all who have come to this Christmas Eve service know that we want you to feel a part of this family of God. Welcome to all!

The Organ Prelude (Beginning at 4:45 pm) ................................................................. Jason K. Evans, Organist

"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" ................................................................. arr. Albin Whitworth
"I Wonder as I Wander" ................................................................. arr. Fred Bock
"Angels We Have Heard on High" ................................................................. arr. Kenneth Varner

The Welcome & Announcements (Please pass the guest pads) ....................... The Rev. Jody Moore

The Choral Introit: “Lift Up Your Eyes” ................................................................. arr. Joel Raney

The Sanctuary Choir

The Call to Worship (Spoken Responsively) ......................................................... Bobby & Susi Gentry

Leader: For anyone who has walked in darkness, a new light has dawned!

People: O Come, let us adore Him!

Leader: For anyone who has ever felt forgotten, a new light has dawned!

People: O Come, let us adore Him!

Leader: For anyone whose patience has been put to the test, a new light has dawned!

People: O Come, let us adore Him!

Leader: For anyone in search of the way, the truth, and the life, a new day has dawned!

People: O Come, let us adore Him!

The Lighting of the Christ Candle ................................................................. Bobby & Susi Gentry

The Response: “Lift Up Your Eyes” ................................................................. arr. Joel Raney

The Sanctuary Choir & Congregation

The Opening Prayer ........................................................................... Bobby & Susi Gentry

† † The Hymn of Praise No. 133: “O Come, All Ye Faithful” ........................................... ADESTE FIDELES

**LEADER:** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

**PEOPLE:** For God has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden.

**LEADER:** For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

**PEOPLE:** For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name.

**LEADER:** And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

**PEOPLE:** He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree.

**LEADER:** He has filled the hungry with good things and the rich He has sent away empty.

**PEOPLE:** He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy.

**♦ The Carol No. 132: “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”**................................................................. IN DULCI JUBILO

**♦ The Passing of the Peace** *(Spoken Responsively)*

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

**PEOPLE:** And also with you.

**The Children’s Sermon** ........................................................................................................ Hollie Writtenberry-Lewis

**The Choral Anthem:** “Happy Birthday, Jesus” .................................................................................. Carol Cymbala

The Sanctuary Choir

Elisabeth Writtenberry, Soloist

*(Congregation joins as directed)*

Happy birthday, Jesus, I’m so glad it’s Christmas.
All the tinsel and lights and the presents are nice,
but the real gift is you.

Happy birthday, Jesus, I’m so glad it’s Christmas.
All the carols and bells make the holidays swell,
and it’s all about you --- *(Soloist Concludes)*

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

**The Piano Offertory:** “Back to Bethlehem” ...................................................................................... arr. Marilyn Hamm

**♦ The Offertory Response No. 144: "In the Bleak Midwinter" *(Verse 4)* ............................................. CRANHAM

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part. Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.

**The Christmas Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer** *(Spoken in Unison)*

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.

~ The Lessons and Carols ~

**The First Scripture Lesson:** Isaiah 9: 2-7 .......................................................................................... Jim Perry

**The Prophecy**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep
darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they
rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of
their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the
day of Midian. For all the boots of the trampling warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be
burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his
shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His
authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his
kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards
and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

**The Carol No. 121: “O Little Town of Bethlehem” *(Verses 1 & 2)* .................................................. ST. LOUIS
**The Journey and the Birth**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

**The Angels**

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors!’ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’

**The Shepherds**

So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**The Lord’s Promise**

The Lord sent the promised deliverer to God’s people. We affirm that Jesus was born of a woman as is every child, yet born of God’s power as was no other child. In the person and work of Jesus, God himself and a human life are united but not confused, distinguished but not separated. The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God’s promised rule. Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection, he brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended.

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**Sharing of the Light of Christ**

Worshipers on the end of each pew will light their candles from the candles of the light-bearers. Tilt the unlit candle to the flame. Please hold lighted candles upright at all times. Raise your candle during the last line of each stanza of the hymn, “Silent Night.” The congregation will extinguish its candles when the pastor extinguishes his.
Silent night, holy night. All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and Child! Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

~ We Go Forth in Jesus’ Name ~

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing.
And heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns; Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,
And wonders and wonders of His love.

The Staff and Session of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
wish you the most blessed Christmas season!

This evening’s offering will be designated for the Beach Food Pantry’s Capital Fund
that will help pay for their new building located in Kitty Hawk.
~ Poinsettia Donations ~

In Loving Memory of . . .

My husband, Clark Hamley
    Liz Hamley
    Richard Nock
    Barbara Nock
    Gerald J. Beshens
    Helen Beshens
    Laura & Joe Smith
    Fred & Susan Smith
    The Rev. Clark V. Poling & Elizabeth Jung
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    My Husband, Larry, my parents & My Sister
    E.J. Markwood
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    My parents, Billie Shrum & Judith Miller
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    Her father, Jim Perry
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    Their son, Jim Perry
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    Ellen Grove
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    Jason Evans (Son)
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    Carey & Cora Evans
    Arlene Evans & Jason Evans
    Andrew Copeland
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    Jason Evans (Uncle)
    Our daughter, Laury and our Parents
    Fred & Helen Gauvreau
    Allen Garrett
    Becky DeSanto (Daughter)
    Allen Garrett
    Shirley Garrett (Wife)
    My Daughter
    Norm Sparks
~ Poinsettia Donations ~

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My Sisters
Norm Sparks

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Norm Sparks

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Graham Baker, Andy & Isabelle Reilly,
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My Mother, Shirley Garrett
Becky Lofton-DeSanto

My Mother, Arlene H. Evans
Jason Evans

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Letha & Liam McDowell

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Our Children & Grandchildren
John & Helen Dick

Charles Chiusano
Jim Perry

Jean Mace
Gary & Linda McGee

Our 11 “combined” grandchildren
Bette & John Kraemer

Our Grandchildren;
Caitlin, Casey & Kyle
Nana & Pop-Pop Abernethy

Helen Beshens
Jason Evans

Sue Terry
Louise & Winkey Roberts

Walker Fritsch, Baker Fritsch &
Kamryn Baker
Ron & Clara Ann Baker

A Note of Thanks &
Instructions Regarding Poinsettias

We are so thankful to the many who
contributed poinsettias this year. We invite you
to take your poinsettia home with you
following this evening’s service.
Welcome!

Welcome to the 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:

- Grow and strengthen our **FAITH**,  
- Love and support our **FAMILY**,  
- Reach out to our **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  
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**The Session**

**Bev Jones, Clerk of Session**

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**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 Treasurer**

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