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 ORGAN PRELUDE ................................................................. Mary Sowder

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please pass the guest pads)

✝✝ THE GATHERING SONG NO. 133: “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (Verse 1) ............ ADORATION OF THE SACRED FAMILY Church Sanctuary & Congregation

✝ THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Spoken Responsively) ............................................. Nonie Booth

Leader: Praise the Lord, all the earth!  
People: Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars!

Leader: Let all creation praise the name of the Lord; for God’s glory is above earth and heaven.

People: All people; young men and women alike, old and young together, praise the Lord.

✝ THE OPENING PRAYER .............................................................................. Nonie Booth

✝ THE HYMN NO. 134: “Joy to the World” .......................................................... ANTHOLOGY

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Spoken in Unison)

Loving Father, you nurture us from our mothers’ wombs with blessings of divine and human favor. Yet we have withheld our favor from those whom we deem unlovely. Forgiven by you, we have refused to forgive others. In your love, show us mercy. Give us a heart to love as we have been loved, to show favor as we have been shown favor. Enable us always to act in Jesus’ name, with thanksgiving for your unchanging love revealed to us in his coming to us, and abiding with us.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

✝ THE GLORIA NO. 143: “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” (Verse 4) .................. REGENCY 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 ................................................................. Margaret Brown

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: I Samuel 2: 19-20, 26, 28 ................. Margaret Brown

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, ‘May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord!’ And then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the Lord and with the people.

THE SPECIAL MUSIC: “Some Children See Him” .......................................... Whila Hutson

Julianne Lord, Soloist
Richard Workman, Pianist


Now every year his parents went up to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day’s journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, ‘Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.’ He said to them, ‘Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?’ But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMONEI ................................................................. Elder Susan-Harman-Scott

THE HYMN NO. 113: “Angels We Have Heard on High” ........................................ GLORIA

✝ THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ................................................................. The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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

THE OFFERTORY ............................................................................. Mary Sowder

✝ THE DOXOLOGY: “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” .............. VENI EMMANUEL

(Sung to the tune of “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; 
Praise Him all creatures here below; 
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

~ We Go Forth in Jesus’ Name ~

THE HYMN NO. 119: “Hark! The herald angels sing” ................................... MENDELSSOHN

THE CHARGE & BLESSING

THE CLOSING CHORUS NO. 136: “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” (Refrain only)........... THE SANCTUARY CHOIR & CONGREGATION

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE ............................................................................. Mary Sowder

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

Announcements

ROOM IN THE INN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR OBPC

Room in the Inn is a local effort by the churches of the Outer Banks to provide shelter for our community’s homeless population during the colder months of the year. Churches volunteer to provide housing and meals for the people who are staying at Room in the Inn. OBPC has the opportunity to provide meals—dinner and a bag lunch for the 10-20 people who will be staying at Room in the Inn during the week of January 31-February 7. We need volunteers who would be willing to be paired with another church member to provide meals that week. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Mollie Bass at 480-0858 (mbs0858@aol.com) or you may contact Donna Frye in the church office at (252) 441-5897 (office@outerbankspresbyterian.org).

JAMES RIVER HARP ENSEMBLE CONCERT SCHEDULED

The James River Harp Ensemble will perform at Grace Lutheran Church on Saturday, Jan. 9 at 4:00 pm. The concert, featuring former church members’ Alice and Bill Pratt’s daughter, Sallie Pratt Bartholomew. This concert will feature many harps and voices celebrating Old Christmas. Come on out to a fun filled concert and invite your friends and neighbors.
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.

2016 Offering Envelopes

You may now pick up your offering envelopes for 2016 in the Gathering Space. If you have requested envelopes and there is not a box for you, please contact Donna in the church office.

Those Serving in Worship

This Week: December 27, 2015

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

Next Week: January 3, 2016

Greeting Elder: Jeanne Martie
Liturgist: Mollie Bass
Coffee Hour: Buildings & Grounds Children’s Church: To Be Announced

Vital Signs

December 20 .................. $5,260.00
Total for December ...... $24,872.80
Poinsettias .................. $560.00
Pennies for Hunger .......... $118.80
Christmas Joy ................ $115.00

Attendance

December 20 (AM Worship) .... 144

This Week at OBPC

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

Monday, December 28, 2015
7:30 am .................... A.A.
10:00 am .................... A.A.
7:00 pm .................... Boy Scouts

Tuesday, December 29, 2015
7:30 am .................... A.A.
10:00 am .................... A.A.
6:00 pm .................... Cub Scouts

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

Thursday, December 31, 2015
7:30 am .................... A.A.
10:00 am .................... A.A.

Friday, January 1, 2015
Church Offices Closed
7:30 am .................... A.A.
10:00 am .................... A.A.

Saturday, January 2, 2015
7:30 am .................... A.A.
10:00 am .................... A.A.

Sunday, December 3, 2015
9:00 am ............... Sunday School
10:00 am ............... Morning Worship

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

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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