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 prayer 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

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
(Please pass the guest pads & The Pennies for Hunger Baskets)

† † † THE GATHERING NO. 132: “Good Christian Friends Rejoice” (Vl. 1) ……… IN DULCI JUBILÒ
The Sanctuary Choir & Congregation

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Spoken Responsively from Galatians 6) ………Mollie Bass, Liturgist
LEADER: When the fullness of time had come, God sent the Son, born of a woman, to us.
PEOPLE: He was sent to redeem all of us who were born under the law, so that we might be adopted as God’s own children.
LEADER: Because we are God’s children, the Lord has sent the gift of the Holy Spirit into our hearts.
PEOPLE: So we are no longer slaves, but children of God, and if children, then we are also heirs to God’s promises!
LEADER: Let us worship God!
† † † THE OPENING PRAYER ………………………………………Mollie Bass, Liturgist
† † † THE HYMN NO. 147: “The First Nowell” (Verses 1,3,5 & 8) ………THE FIRST NOWELL

THE CALL TO CONFESION

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Spoken in Unison)

Mighty God, through Jesus Christ you adopt us as your beloved children. But we have lived as those who belong to this world, not to you. We seek our fulfillment in material things; we despair in the face of the world’s problems; we try to control our lives instead of committing them to you. Free us from the slavery of our sin and forgive us. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE DECLARATION OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

† † † THE GLORIA NO. 116: “The Snow Lay on the Ground” (Verse 4) ………VENIT ADOREMUS
And thus that manger poor became a throne; For whom Mary bore was God the Son. O come, then let us join that heavenly host To praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Venite adoremus Dominum. Venite adoremus Dominum.

† † † 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-S are dismissed to go to Children’s Church)

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS………………………………………………Jeanne Martie, Greeting Elder

THE OFFERTORY

† † † THE DOXOLOGY: “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” ………VENIT 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 ………………………………………Jeanne Martie, Greeting Elder

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION ………………………………………………….Mollie Bass, Liturgist

~ The Word of the Lord ~


When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’

THE CHORAL ANTHEM: “Creation Will Be at Peace” ………………………Anna Laura Page
The Sanctuary Choir


And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many of will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’ There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON: “The Vision to See Christ” ………………………......The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

† † † THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Spoken in Unison) ……………………………...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; 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 (Universal) church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

~ The Sacrament of Holy Communion ~

† † † THE HYMN NO. 148: “Mary and Joseph Came to the Temple” ……………………EVERY HYMN

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE & THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

LEADER: The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE: And also with you.
LEADER: Lift up your hearts.
PEOPLE: We lift them up to the Lord.
LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
PEOPLE: It is right to give God thanks and praise.
LEADER: As we join with all the angels singing:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

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 COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

We offer communion by intinction.

Dip the bread in the chalice as it is passed to you.

When taking the bread say: This is the body of Christ given for you. When taking the cup say: This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

~ We Go Forth in Jesus’ Name ~

† † † THE HYMN NO. 146: “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” ………………………TEMPSUS AEST ELEUSIDUM
† † † THE CHARGE & Benediction
† † † THE RESPONSE: “Let There Be Peace on Earth” ……………………….Jackson
The Sanctuary Choir & Congregation

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, brothers all are we. Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow. To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

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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.

This Week at OBPC

Sunday, January 3, 2016
9:00 am ................. Sunday School
10:00 am ................. Morning Worship
5:00 pm ................. Youth Group

Monday, January 4, 2016
7:30 am .................. A.A.
10:00 am ................. A.A.
7:00 pm ................. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, January 5, 2016
7:30 am .................. A.A.
10:00 am ................. A.A.
6:00 pm ................. Cub Scouts

Wednesday, January 6, 2016
7:30 am .................. A.A.
10:00 am ................ A.A.
4:00 pm ................. Girl Scouts
6:00 pm ................. Sanctuary Choir
6:30 pm ................. Adult Bible Study
7:30 pm ................. Jubilate Ringers

Thursday, January 7, 2016
7:30 am .................. A.A.
10:00 am ................ A.A.
5:30 pm ................. Hope, Faith & Love

Friday, January 8, 2016
7:30 am .................. A.A.
8:00 am ................. Men’s Bible Study
10:00 am ................ A.A.

Saturday, January 9, 2016
7:30 am .................. A.A.
10:00 am ................ A.A.

Sunday, January 10, 2016
9:00 am .................. Sunday School
10:00 am ................. Morning Worship
6:00 pm ................. Youth Group

Sanctuary Flowers
The flower schedule for 2016 has now been posted on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space. This is a great way to honor or memorialize a love one! Pick a Sunday and sign up!

Those Serving in Worship
This Week: January 3, 2016
Greeting Elder: Jeanne Martie Liturgist: Mollie Bass Coffee Hour: Buildings & Grounds
Children’s Church: Bev Jones & Jorge Diaz

Next Week: January 10, 2016
Greeting Elder: Jeanne Martie Liturgist: Jody Lewis Coffee Hour: Administration
Children’s Church: Ben & Melanie Cahoon

Vital Signs
December 27 ................ TBA
Total for December .......... TBA
Pennies for Hunger .......... $101.00

Attendance
December 24 (Christmas Eve) .... 182
December 27 ...................... 78

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
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