Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

A Celebration
of the Lord's Day

December 11, 2016
10:00 am

The Third Sunday of Advent

The Baptism of
Robert Lee Stautzenberger

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 the Lord’s Day

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: “I Wonder as I Wander” .................................................. arr. Fred Bock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please pass the guest pads)

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Spoken in Unison)

Watch and wait for Christ’s coming!
Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love,
remembering the promises of God with prayer.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY........................................... George & Lynda Wood

THE OPENING PRAYER

♦ THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "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;
He came down that we may have joy,
Hallelujah forevermore.

♦ THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Spoken Responsively) .................................................. Nonie Booth, Liturgist

ONE: We gather to worship God who does wondrous things.

ALL: God of justice and love, be present to us in our worship.

ONE: Renew us here like the showers that water the earth.

ALL: God welcomes all people to this holy place. Blessed be God’s glorious name.

ONE: Let us worship almighty God!

♦♦ THE HYMN NO. 96: “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” .............................. WINCHESTER NEW

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Spoken Responsively)

Eternal God, you are holy, while we wallow in our sinfulness. Lord, you judge your people with righteousness and mercy, while we are judgmental. Your servant defended the cause of the poor, yet our greed results in many people being unable to receive your blessings. You bring peace and goodwill to the earth, but we remain intent on fighting with one another and holding onto grudges. Lord, forgive us and help us to live as your faithful disciples. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS
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 OFFERING OF GIFTS ................................................................. Jim Perry, Greeting Elder

THE PIANO OFFERTORY: “Angels from the Realms of Glory” ......................arr. John Innes

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; 
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel 
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

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

~ The Word of the Lord ~

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION ........................................................ Nonie Booth, Liturgist

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 72: 1-7 ........................................ Nonie Booth, Liturgist

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king’s son. May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice. May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness. May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor. May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations. May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth. In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

THE CHORAL ANTHEM: “Borning Cry” ..................................................arr. Daniel Kallman

The Sanctuary Choir

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 3: 1-12 ............................... The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, ‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”‘; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ‘I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not
worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

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

THE SERMON: “Turning to God”.................................................. The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

~ We Respond to the Word ~

♦ THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Spoken in Unison) ...... From A Declaration of Faith, Excerpts Ch. 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 HYMN NO. 482: “Baptized in Water” .................................................. BUNESSAN

~ The Baptism of Robert Lee Stautzenberger ~

THE INTRODUCTION

THE QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS OF THE BAPTIZED

Question 1: Do you desire that Robert be baptized?
Response 1: We do.

Question 2: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?
Response 2: We do.

Question 3: Who is your Lord and Savior?
Response 3: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Question 4: Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?
Response 4: We will, with God’s help.

THE QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you, as the members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Robert by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to grow in faith in this church? Do you?

RESPONSE: We do.

THE PRAYER FOR BAPTISM & 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 ACT OF BAPTISM FOR

Robert Lee Stautzenberger
Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong. They are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, as He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee, saying, “Let them come to me.”
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

~ We Go Forth in Jesus’ Name ~

♦ THE HYMN NO. 136: “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” ............................................. GO TELL IT

♦ THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

♦ THE CLOSING RESPONSE: “O Come, Let Us Adore Him” …………………. ADESTÉ FIDELES (Refrain)
The Sanctuary Choir & Congregation

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

For He alone is worthy,
For He alone is worthy,
For He alone is worthy,
Christ the Lord.

We’ll give Him all the Glory,
We’ll give Him all the Glory,
We’ll give Him all the Glory,
Christ the Lord.

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE: “And the Glory of the Lord” ......................... G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

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

Those Serving in Worship....

This Week....
December 11, 2016
Elder: Jim Perry
Liturgist: Nonie Booth
Coffee Hour: Christian Ed.
Children's Church: Hollie & Jody Lewis

Next Week....
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**CHRISTMAS AT OUTER BANKS PRESBYTERIAN CD’S AVAILABLE**

The Music Ministry of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church presented the annual Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra Christmas Musical last Saturday and Sunday evenings. If you would like to purchase a CD of the concert for $10.00, please see Jason Evans or stop by the church office during the week!

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**FLU CLINIC TO BE HELD ON DEC. 11 TODAY**

Rite Aid pharmacy will host a flu shot clinic at our church on Sunday, Dec. 11, immediately after the worship service. Injections are free with Medicare, BC/BS of NC, Cigna and United Health Care, so please bring your card. Without these insurances, the cost will be $31.99 a person. Children 14 years of age and older are also eligible for the flu shot. A sign-up sheet will be in the Gathering Space.

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**AN OUTER BANKS CHORUS CHRISTMAS: DEC. 11**

The Outer Banks Chorus will present their 30th anniversary Christmas concert this evening, Sun., Dec. 11 at 6:00 pm at the First Flight High School. Students from First Flight High School and Currituck Schools will join in on the singing! The choir is under the direction of Kyle Cook and accompanied by Cheryl Needham! Admission is by donation!

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**CHRISTMAS RECEPTION: DEC. 18**

The Annual Christmas reception will be next Sunday, December 18 following the morning worship service. The Fellowship Committee will host this event and requests that finger foods be brought for refreshments. Please sign up on the sheets provided in the Gathering Space. Come - celebrate the season with your church family!

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**UPCOMING COFFEE HOUR**

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**UPCOMING FLOWER SCHEDULE**

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**2017 Pledge Cards**

This year, we are behind in the number of pledge cards that we have received from our members for 2017. It is very helpful for accurately planning our 2017 budget to know what the church may expect to receive next year. If you haven’t turned in a 2017 pledge card, please consider doing so. You may pick up pledge cards on the Visitor’s Center table on Sunday mornings and in the church office during the week.
**This Week at OBPC**

**Sunday, December 11, 2016**
9:00 am ............... Sunday School
10:00 am ............ Morning Worship
11:15 am ............. Flu Shot Clinic
11:30 am .... Called Session Mtng.
5:00 pm ............ Youth Group

**Monday, November 12, 2016**
7:30 am ................. A.A.
10:00 am .............. A.A.
6:30 pm ............... Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, December 13, 2016**
7:30 am ................. A.A.
10:00 am .............. A.A.
6:30 pm ............... Cub Scouts
6:30 pm ........ Stated Session

**Wednesday, December 14, 2016**
7:30 am ................. A.A.
9:30 am ............ Lydia Circle
10:00 am .............. A.A.
6:00 pm .......... Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm ........ Adult Evening Study

**Thursday, December 15, 2016**
7:30 am ................. A.A.
10:00 am .............. A.A.

**Friday, December 16, 2016**
7:30 am .................. A.A.
8:00 am .... Men’s Bible Study
10:00 am .............. A.A.

**Saturday, December 17, 2016**
7:30 am ................. A.A.
10:00 am .............. A.A.

**Sunday, December 18, 2016**
9:00 am ............. Sunday School
10:00 am .... Morning Worship
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**Vital Signs**

Dec. 3 (Concert) ................. $529.00
Dec. 4 (10:00 am) .... $11,008.00
Dec. 4 (Concert) ............... $902.00
Total for Dec. .......... $12,439.00
Pennies for Hunger........... $66.66

**Attendance**

Dec. 3 (Concert) .............. 241
Dec. 4 (10:00 am) ............ 113
Dec. 4 (Concert) ............. 294

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**Salvation Army Bell Ringers**

People are needed to ring the Salvation Army bells and man a kettle for two-hour shifts at Walmart or K-Mart on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays between Thanksgiving and Christmas. It’s a wonderful way to get ready for Christmas and help those in need in our community. To volunteer, please contact Bill Vann by phone at (252) 449-0994 or (757) 679-7088 or by email at bkv@charter.net.

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**Adopt A Young Person (AAYP)**

AAYP is an opportunity for some in our congregation to serve in a small or large way, and an opportunity to share with others. Adopt A Young Person (young people from pre-school age through college) in our church family is a new idea that the Christian Education Committee hopes you will participate in along with the Session is implementing at Outer Banks Presbyterian Church. We need adults and young people to volunteer for this program. See Brenda Brown or Hollie Writtenberry-Lewis for more information!

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**Christmas Joy Offering**

Each year we take a special offering to assist retired church professionals - ministers, educators, missionaries - who have medical needs. A portion of this offering goes to support racial ethnic schools and colleges. Watch for a bulletin insert in the next few weeks. Please give prayerful consideration to your gift for these special groups of people.

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**Next Sunday at OBPC**

Matthew 1: 18-25: An angel announces to Joseph that Mary will bear a son named Jesus, who will save the people from their sins. Joseph has faith in God and follows the angel's instructions. We celebrate the wonderful, amazing gift of Christmas of Emmanuel, God with us! We will light the candle of Love on the Advent Wreath.

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**Christmas Eve Worship**

Join us at 5:00 pm on Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 24, for our Candlelight worship service. We will hear the Christmas story as told in Luke 2: 1-20. We will sing some of the wonderful well-loved Christmas carols, and join together with the lighting of candles. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to this beautiful service celebrating the birth of our Savior.

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**A Thank You from the Presbyterian Women**

The Presbyterian Women wish to thank everyone who participated in the Angel Tree and helped to make Christmas happier for 10 children. Your generosity has been overwhelming and much appreciated. Thanks to the Boy Scouts for providing some of the gifts. A special thank you to John and Evelyn Webb, who again this year, stored all the gifts, separated them and delivered them to the Baum Center.
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
Jason K. Evans .................................................................................................. Director of Music Ministries/Organist
Hollie Writtenberry-Lewis ................................................................................. Director of Youth, Children & Young Family Ministries
Donna L. Frye ..................................................................................................... Church Secretary
Heather Day ....................................................................................................... Nursery Caregiver
Brenda Feury ..................................................................................................... Sexton

The Session

Bev Jones, Clerk of Session

Class of 2016
Melanie Cahoon
441-7490
Jim Perry
202-3051
Judy Whittle
255-0705

Class of 2017
Nonie Booth
261-6058
Kathryn Lamb
202-9151
Melinda Mogowski
441-7195

Class of 2018
Buzz Boyd
255-0496
Jeanne Martie
441-8608
Tom Smith
441-3572

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)
Barbara Nowland
(480-0423)

Disbursing Treasurer
Jeanne Martie
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