

Outer Banks Presbyterian Church

Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina



A Celebration of the Lord's Day

December 18, 2016
10:00 am



The Fourth Sunday *of* Advent

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: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel *with In dulce Jubilo*" .. arr. Susan Caudill

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 LOVE Brenda Brown & Helen Gauvreau

THE OPENING PRAYER

◆THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "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 CALL TO WORSHIP *(Spoken Responsively)* Jean Basnight, Liturgist

ONE: Sometimes, O God, we envy the people whose Christmas will be simple but intensely real, like that of the shepherds who came to visit the baby Jesus.

ALL: We get too caught up in the traditions and trappings of the season, and often forget the deeper meaning of the birth of Jesus.

ONE: Teach us to find rest in Christmas instead of busyness, and serenity instead of anxiety.

ALL: Help us to relax, breathe deeply, and experience a sense of your holy presence in our lives.

ONE: Let the gift of your Son, and his life and ministry, become most important in our lives this Christmas.

ALL: And let the spirit of Christ's life, especially his love for you and his care for other people, take over our lives and transform us into his true followers.

◆⚡THE HYMN NO. 119: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" MENDELSSOHN

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Spoken Responsively)*

God of hope and peace, God of strength and gentleness, remind us again in this Advent season of the holy way for God's people to travel. Forgive us for failing to see your joy and majesty. Forgive us for being weak in serving you. Forgive us for failing to see the glory of your creation where waters can break forth in the wilderness and the deserts shall bring forth beauty. Open our eyes to see your promises. Open our ears to hear the good news of your love for all your children. Quench our thirst with showers of your love for us. 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 Word of the Lord -

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Jean Basnight, Liturgist

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 7: 10-16 Jean Basnight, Liturgist

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, “Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.” Then Isaiah said: ‘Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

THE CHORAL ANTHEM: “How Quietly” arr. Joel Raney

*The Sanctuary Choir
Elisabeth Writtenberry, Soloist
Hollie Writtenberry-Lewis, Director*

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 1: 18-25..... The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’ All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ‘Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel’, which means, ‘God is with us.’ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God**

THE SERMON: “An Amazing Announcement” The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

~ We Respond to the Word ~

◆THE HYMN NO. 145: “What Child Is This” GREENSLEEVES

◆THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Spoken in Unison*) From A Declaration of Faith, Ch. 3.4

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 (*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 OFFERING OF GIFTS Jim Perry, Greeting Elder

THE ORGAN OFFERTORY: "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" arr. Albin Whitworth

◆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. 146: "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

◆THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

◆THE CLOSING RESPONSE: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" GO TELL IT
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: "Angels We Have Heard on High" arr. by 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!**

News Around Outer Banks Presbyterian Church!

December 18, 2016

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!

CHRISTMAS RECEPTION: TODAY!



The Annual Christmas reception will be held today following the morning worship service. Please join us for some great food, fun and fellowship. Come - celebrate the season with your church family!

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. Check out the insert in today's bulletin. Please give prayerful consideration to your gift for these special groups of people.

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.

2017 SANCTUARY FLOWER SCHEDULE



The sign-up sheet for flowers is now available in the Gathering Space! Placing flowers in the sanctuary is a great way to honor or memorialize someone or to honor a birthday, anniversary, birth or any other special occasion!

ROOM IN THE INN HELP NEEDED



OBPC will be assisting Roanoke Island Presbyterian Church, in Manteo, January 1-7, 2017. RIPC will be the host and provide breakfast, and our church members will provide some of the dinners and supplies for bag lunches.

There are two ways you can help. One way is to provide a dinner. We will need someone (or a small group of people) to provide and serve (and clean up afterwards) a meal on January 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7. Dinners will consist of a main dish, 2 sides, bread, and dessert. RIPC will also have people at their church, to show you where to set up, and otherwise assist. The second way you can help is by giving a monetary donation to OBPC so the Outreach Committee can purchase fixings for bagged lunches. Either way, your help would be greatly appreciated. There is a sign-up sheet for dinners in the Gathering Space.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Kevin Sheets – kevin.sheets@hotmail.com / 757-955-0745

Mollie Bass – mbss0858@aol.com / 480-0858

This Week at OBPC

Sunday, December 18, 2016

9:00 amSunday School
10:00 am.....Morning Worship
11:15 am.... Christmas Reception
5:00 pmYouth Group

Monday, December 19, 2016

7:30 am..... A.A.
10:00 am..... A.A.
6:30 pmBoy Scouts

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

7:30 am..... A.A.
10:00 am..... A.A.
6:30 pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday, December 21, 2016

7:30 am..... A.A.
10:00 am..... A.A.
6:00 pm.....Sanctuary Choir
6:30 pm ... Adult Evening Study

Thursday, December 22, 2016

7:30 am..... A.A.
10:00 am..... A.A.

Friday, December 23, 2016

7:30 am..... A.A.
8:00 am Men's Bible Study
10:00 am..... A.A.

Saturday, December 24, 2016

7:30 am..... A.A.
10:00 am..... A.A.
4:00 pm.....Sanctuary Choir
5:00 pm ..Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 25, 2016



10:00 am.....Morning Worship

Those Serving in Worship....

This Week.... December 18, 2016

Elder: Jim Perry
Liturgist: Jean Basnight
Coffee Hour:
Christmas Reception
Children's Church:
Braymiller/Wood

Next Week... December 25, 2016

Elder: Jim Perry
Liturgist: Margaret Brown
Coffee Hour:
Brenda Brown
Children's Church:
No Children's Church

Update on 2017 Budget

“The Stewardship and Finance Committees wish to express their gratitude to all of those who made pledges to the 2017 Stewardship Campaign on Consecration Sunday and the weeks since. Your financial gifts further the work of God through our church and your pledge commitment enables OBPC to establish an annual budget. Our church’s budget is prepared by the Finance Committee, adopted by the Session, and is managed very carefully.

Some members and families have increased their pledges and others continue to pledge at the same rate as for 2016. However, some have not yet pledged and the pledge total is now approximately \$14,000.00 less than last year. This shortfall promises to affect the maintenance of our facilities, our service to the community, and our programs.

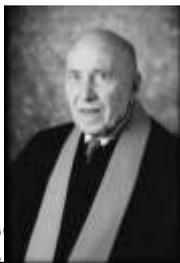
The Outer Banks Presbyterian Church offers a spiritual dwelling and a nurturing place for those who call it home and who seek shelter in difficult times, strong roots for our personal and collective faith, and seeds of hope for the future. Like a living tree our church also needs care and support to thrive—it requires us to be good stewards. If you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully complete your pledge card and return it to the church office or place it in the collection plate any Sunday in December. It is important for all of us to participate.”

Vital Signs

Dec. 4..... \$5,460.00
Total for Dec. \$17,899.00
Pennies for Hunger..... \$66.66

Attendance

Dec. 11 (10:00 am)123



In Loving Memory of

The Rev. Dr. L. Richard Batzler
1922 –2016

A Service of Remembrance to the Resurrection will be held at the Outer Banks Presbyterian Church on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at 1:00 pm in the sanctuary. Burial will take place in Frederick. MD at a later date.

PRAYER

changes things

Each day, but particularly during this Christmas Season, let us remember the many in our church family who are ill, hurting, homebound, and lonely along with those who have lost loved ones this year. Please continue to keep the following individuals in your thoughts and daily prayers!

Homebound Members & Out of Town Members

Jane Smith46565 Harry Byrd Hwy Apt. #239 Sterling, VA 20154
Al Grimm.....115 Oak Knoll Drive, Nags Head NC 27959-9479
Etta Parrott 3400 Bay Drive, Kitty Hawk NC 27949
Mickey MeekinsPeak Resources, Nags Head
Barbara Rust Peak Resources, Nags Head (Rehab from surgery)
Morris Bennett.....Hospice at daughter's, Mary Price, 399 Pine Run Rd., Doylestown, PA 18901

Christian Sympathy

The Family of Leah Williamson (d. Sept. 22, 2016)
The Family of Jack Evans (Jason's Uncle & Arlene's Brother-in-law) (D. Nov. 21, 2016)
Bev Jones upon the death of her husband, Spencer (D. Nov. 24, 2016)
The Family on The Rev. Dr. Richard Batzler (D. Nov. 29, 2016)

Members & Friends – Other Prayer Concerns

Gary Martie..... Health Concerns
Brantley Rogers (5-year old Grandson of the Frank & Carol Moore)..... Heart Surgery on 1/5/17
Patsy Keeler (Friend of Carol Moore).....Brain Surgery at Duke on 1/16/17
Judy WhittleBroken Foot
Linda Helmkamp Recovering from knee replacement surgery
John Rickers Health Concerns
Garrett (Susi & Bobby Gentry's Grandson)Undergoing medical tests
Jean Mace (Linda McGee's mother).....Recovering from pneumonia
Al (*friend of Lois Werner*)..... Colon Cancer
Anita Bennett..... Recovering from Open Heart Surgery
Jan VanEe Health Concerns
Barry Stelzer (*Donna Lowcher's brother*)..... Diagnosed with Cancer
Warren Davis.....Recovering from a fall
Judith Fearing (*friend of Susi Gentry*)..... Health Concerns
Gwen Engleright Health Concerns
John Kreamer..... Heart Issues
Karen LurieBattling Cancer
Max Strange..... Health Concerns
Landon Moore (*The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore's Uncle*) Health Concerns
Billie S. (*Friend of Melinda Mogowski*) Cancer
Donna K. (*Friend of Melinda Mogowski*) Battling Cancer
Bess Hunt Evans (*Margaret Brown's Sister*)..... Cancer
Etta Parrott..... Health Concerns
Bud Sheets Health Concerns

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- LewisDirector of Youth, Children & Young Family Ministries
 Donna L. Frye..... Church Secretary
 Heather DayNursery Caregiver
 Brenda FeurySexton

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

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Disbursing Treasurer

Jeanne Martie

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