

# Outer Banks Presbyterian Church

Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina



## A Celebration of the Lord's Day

December 25, 2016  
10:00 am



Christmas Day

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: "He Is Born" .....arr. Albin C. Whitworth

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please pass the guest pads)*

♣◆THE GATHERING SONG NO. 150: "As with Gladness Men of Old" *(verse 1 only)* .....DIX

◆THE CALL TO WORSHIP *(Spoken Responsively)* ..... Margaret Brown, Liturgist

ONE: It has come at last. Let us praise God for Christmas Day!

**ALL: There is no day like this one, O God, for joy and celebration in all the world.**

ONE: We join our voices with the millions who sing Christ's name and greet his birth.

**ALL: Most of the cultural trappings are behind us. Now let us praise our Lord for coming among us, and invoke God's blessed presence in all our lives.**

ONE: Let the Christ who was born at Bethlehem reign in our hearts today and for all the days to come.

**ALL: Let the whole world be changed because of this day. Give us peace in our time and love in all our relationships.**

◆THE OPENING PRAYER..... Margaret Brown, Liturgist

◆♣THE HYMN NO. 113: "Angels We Have Heard on High" ..... GLORIA

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Spoken Responsively)*

**God of light, shine brightly in our world through the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Your grace is more abundant than our sinfulness so that the light continues to shine despite our world's love of darkness. We have been too preoccupied in this season to concentrate on giving you praise for the birth of your Son. Our hearts have not been ruled by his peace. Forgive us and help us to share the love of Christ. 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.**

◆THE HYMN NO. 128: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" .....W ZLOBIE LEZY

## ~ The Word of the Lord ~

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION ..... Margaret Brown, Liturgist

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12 ..... Margaret Brown, Liturgist

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

THE CHRISTMAS POEM "Endless Night" ..... By Judith Hahs  
Jody Moore (Joseph) & Brenda Brown (Mary)

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 1:1-5, 10-16 ..... The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God

THE SERMON: "Christmas Grace" ..... The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

## ~ We Respond to the Word ~

◆THE HYMN NO. 123: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" ..... CAROL

◆THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Spoken in Unison*) .....From A Declaration of Faith, Ch. 4.1

**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.**

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: "The Birthday of a King" .....arr. J. Evans

◆THE DOXOLOGY: "Joy to the World" (*Verses 1 & 2*) ..... ANTIOCH

**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 men their songs employ  
While fields and floods  
Rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy**

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

**~ We Go Forth in Jesus' Name ~**

◆THE HYMN NO.132: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" .....IN DULCI JUBILO

◆THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

◆THE CLOSING RESPONSE: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" .....GO TELL IT

**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: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" .....arr. by John Innes

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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 25, 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 on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 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.

## 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](mailto:kevin.sheets@hotmail.com) / 757-955-0745

Mollie Bass – [mbsso858@aol.com](mailto:mbsso858@aol.com) / 480-0858

## 2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES



The offering envelopes for 2017 are now available on the table in the Gathering Space. Don't forget to stop by and pick up a box. Should you not have envelopes and wish to obtain a box, please contact the church office or see Barb Nowland or Becky DeSanto.

**The Session & Staff of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church  
wishes you a most blessed and Merry Christmas!**

## This Week at OBPC

**Sunday, December 25, 2016**

10:00 am.....Morning Worship

**Monday, December 26, 2016**  
**Office Closed**

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

**Tuesday, December 27, 2016**  
**Office Closed**

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

**Wednesday, December 28, 2016**

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

**Thursday, December 29, 2016**

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

**Friday, December 30, 2016**

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

**Saturday, December 31, 2016**

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

**Sunday, January 1, 2017**

10:00 am.....Morning Worship



### Vital Signs

Dec. 18 .....\$4,729.00  
Total for Dec. ....\$22,628.00  
Pennies for Hunger..... \$66.66

### Attendance

Dec. 18 (10:00 am).....116

## Those Serving in Worship....

**This Week....**  
**December 25, 2016**

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

**Next Week...**  
**January 1, 2017**

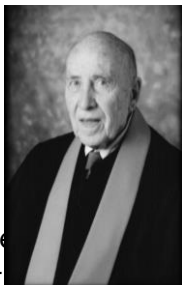
Elder: Jeanne Martie  
Liturgist: Mollie Bass  
Coffee Hour:  
Building & Grounds  
Children's Church:  
TBA

## 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.”



### 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. A reception will follow. 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 Smith .....46565 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 Meekins .....Peak 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

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## 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)

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## 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 Whittle .....Broken 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 Lurie .....Battling 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  
 Donna L. Frye..... Church Secretary  
 Jason K. Evans ..... Director of Music Ministries/Organist  
 Hollie Writtenberry- Lewis .....Director of Youth, Children & Young Family Ministries  
 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

(441-8608)

## **Outer Banks Presbyterian Church**

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