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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 PIANO/ORGAN PRELUDE: “Gesù Bambino” (The Infant Jesus) ........... Pietro A. Yon (1886-1943)
Jo Anne Swartz & Jason Evans

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

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 PEACE ............... EJ Markwood & Lois Werner

THE OPENING PRAYER

♦ THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "He Came Down" ................................................ HE CAME DOWN
The Sanctuary Choir & Congregation

He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace,
Hallelujah forevermore.

♦ THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Spoken Responsively) ................................................. Brenda Brown, Liturgist

ONE: I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

ALL: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

ONE: that we may learn God’s ways and walk in God’s paths.

ALL: Our feet are standing securely within the presence of your holy city.

ONE: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

♦✝ THE HYMN NO. 88: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (Verses 1-4, 7) ..................... VENI EMMANUEL

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Spoken Responsively)

God of night and day, there is no shadow that can conceal our sin from you and no secret that you will not bring to light. For our reveling and drunkenness, forgive us, O God. For our debauchery and mean-spiritedness, forgive us, O God. For our quarreling and jealousy, forgive us, O God. O God, forgive us our sins, renew us in love, and teach us to live in a way that brings honor and glory to your holy name. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS
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 ..........................................................Jeanne Martie, Greeting Elder

THE PIANO/ORGAN OFFERTORY: “All Is Well” .........................arr. Don Wyrtzen
Jo Anne Swartz & Jason Evans

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 .................................................Jeanne Martie, Greeting Elder

~ The Word of the Lord ~

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

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 11: 1-9............................Brenda Brown, Liturgist

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

THE CHORAL ANTHEM: “Creation Will Be at Peace” (based on Isaiah 11: 1-9) ....Anna Laura Page
The Sanctuary Choir

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: II Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 ............The Rev. Walt Hunting

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God,
declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON: “Seeking Hope and Peace” .................................... The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

♦ THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Spoken in Unison) .................. The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)

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 (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. 629: “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” ................................................... St. Agnes

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. 100: “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout” ............ STAR OF THE COUNTRY DOWNN

♦ THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

♦ THE CLOSING RESPONSE: ”Emmanuel” .......................................................... McGee
  The Sanctuary Choir & Congregation

  Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
  His name is called Emmanuel;
  God with us, revealed in us;
  His name is called Emmanuel.

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Praise Ye, the Lord of Hosts” ............ Camile Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)
  Jason Evans

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

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary this morning by
John & Helen Dick in honor of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Those Serving in Worship....

This Week....
December 4, 2016
  Elder: Jeanne Martie
  Liturgist: Brenda Brown
  Coffee Hour: Stewardship
  Children's Church: Barbara Hardy

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

UPCOMING COFFEE HOUR
December 4 ...................... Stewardship
December 11 ..................... Fellowship
December 18 ..................... Church Reception
December 25 ...................... Brenda Brown

UPCOMING FLOWER HOUR
December 4 .................. John & Helen Dick
December 11 ...................... Available
December 18 ...................... Available
December 25 .................. Gary & Linda McGee
**Poinsettia Donation Deadline Today**

Orders for Christmas Poinsettias in honor or memory of someone are currently being accepted. The cost is $8.00 each. Order form envelopes are available in the Gathering Space. Today is the last day for placing your order.

**Christmas at Outer Banks Presbyterian: Last Performance Today**

The Music Ministry of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church has been hard at work preparing for the upcoming Advent and Christmas Season! The Music Ministry of the Outer Banks Presbyterian Church will present the last performance of their annual Christmas Musical this afternoon at 5:00 pm.

This musical presentation will be performed by the Sanctuary Choir of the church along with other musical guests all combining to form a 48-voice choir and 9-piece orchestra all under the direction of Jason Evans and Nonie Booth.

The first portion of the concert will feature both sacred and secular sounds of the Christmas season along with the story of the birth of Christ through music in the second portion.

Soloists for the program will include: Pamela Tanner, Jo Anne Swartz, Elisabeth Writtenberry and Nick Hodsdon. Susan Harman-Scott will narrate.

The orchestra will be comprised of: Jason Evans, Piano; Steve Blackstock, Organ; George Graham, Drums; Pat Koppenhaver, Bass; Leslie Erickson, Sue Waters, Billy Tanner, Violin; and Suzanne Blackstock, Hollie Writtenberry-Lewis, Flute.

We invite all to attend this Christmas musical presentation. Admission is free, and a freewill love offering will be taken. Nursery will be provided. For additional information about the presentation, please call (252) 441-5897 or you may visit the church's website at www.outerbankspresbyterian.org.

**Flu Clinic to be Held on Dec. 11**

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.

**Advent Devotional 2016**

Advent devotional booklets for 2016 are now available in the Gathering Space. The daily devotions have been written by faculty and staff of both the Richmond and Charlotte campuses of Union Presbyterian Seminary. If you would prefer to receive and read your daily devotion online, you may go to www.upsemdevotions.wordpress.com. Under “Follow Blog Via Email”, enter your preferred email address.
This Week at OBPC

Sunday, December 4, 2016
9:00 am .......... Sunday School
10:00 am ...... Morning Worship
5:00 pm ...... Christmas Musical

Monday, November 5, 2016
7:30 am .................. A.A.
10:00 am .................. A.A.
6:30 pm .................. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, December 6, 2016
7:30 am .................. A.A.
10:00 am .................. A.A.
9:30 am ............. Faith Knitters
1:30 pm .......... Officer Training
6:30 pm .......... Cub Scouts

Wednesday, December 7, 2016
7:30 am .................. A.A.
10:00 am .................. A.A.
5:30 pm .......... Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm ....... Adult Evening Study

Thursday, December 8, 2016
7:30 am .................. A.A.
10:00 am .................. A.A.
5:30 pm ...... Hope, Faith & Love

Friday, December 9, 2016
7:30 am .................. A.A.
8:00 am ...... Men’s Bible Study
10:00 am .................. A.A.

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

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

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.

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!

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.

Next Week at OBPC: Dec. 11

Matthew 3: 1-12: Advent is a time for preparation for the coming of Christ. John the Baptist, who was the forerunner of Jesus, speaks prophetic words about repentance. This Advent, John’s words command us to turn away from our sin, re dedicate our lives to God, and commit to serving Christ. We will light the candle of Joy on the Advent Wreath.

An Outer Banks Chorus Christmas: Dec. 11

The Outer Banks Chorus will present their 30th anniversary Christmas concert on 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!

Christmas Reception: Dec. 18

The Annual Christmas reception will be 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!

Vital Signs

Dec. 4 ....................... $3,587.00
Total for Dec. 4 .......... $22,487.00
Pennies for Hunger ...... $107.32

Attendance

Dec. 4 (10:00 am) .............. 98
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
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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.

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