

Outer Banks Presbyterian Church

Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

Sunday, December 10, 2017

10:00 am



Second Sunday *of* Advent

A Member of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
And the Presbytery of New Hope

This is God's House! All are Welcome!



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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: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

~ The Liturgy of the Advent Candle ~

THE CHORAL INTROIT: "Lift Up Your Eyes" arr. Joel Raney
The Sanctuary Choir

THE CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)* Ron & Linda Campbell

LEADER: During Advent, God's light illuminates a weary world.
For any who have grown weary of waiting:

PEOPLE: **God speaks, "Peace, be still."**

LEADER: For any who are anxious about the worries of tomorrow:

PEOPLE: **God speaks, "Peace, be still."**

LEADER: For any whose lips have been silenced:

PEOPLE: **God speaks, "Peace, be still."**

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF PEACE Ron & Linda Campbell

THE RESPONSE: "Lift Up Your Eyes" arr. Joel Raney
The Sanctuary Choir & Congregation

Lift up your eyes and see the light sur - round you;
with ra - diant hope, il - lu - mi - nate the night.
Lift up your voice and sing, let earth and heav - en ring,
lift up your eyes and see the ev - er - last - ing light.

THE OPENING PRAYER..... Ron & Linda Campbell

◆♠THE HYMN NO. 82 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" HYFRYDOL

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Spoken in unison)*

Faithful God, we confess that we have not led lives of holiness. We suffer from impatience, apathy, and greed; we have not been at peace. We repent of these offenses and turn to you in love. Forgive our iniquity and pardon our sins, that we may walk in righteousness to the glory of your name. 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 OF ILLUMINATION Barbara Hardy, Liturgist

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 1:1-8 Barbara Hardy, Liturgist

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight”, John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’

THE CHORAL ANTHEM: “All Is Well”arr. Ron Huff

*Hopelyn Kovacs, soloist
The Sanctuary Choir*

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 40:1-11The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: ‘In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’ A voice says, ‘Cry out!’ And I said, ‘What shall I cry?’ All people are grass; their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, ‘Here is your God!’ See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON: “Seeking God’s Peace”The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

~We Respond to the Word~

◆THE HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 105 “People Look East” BESANCON

◆THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITHFrom The Iona Community

We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn; in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire. We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity. We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place--into action, into vulnerability and into the streets. We commit ourselves to work for change and to put ourselves on the line; to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope. Amen.

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 Mollie Bass, Greeting Elder

THE ORGAN OFFERTORY: “Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”arr. Mark Hayes

◆THE DOXOLOGY: “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” VENI 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 Mollie Bass, Greeting Elder

THE PRESENTATION OF THE NEW MEMBERS

Anthony & Elaine Spencer

THE QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION

ONE: Do we, the members of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church, promise to support, encourage, pray for, and welcome these individuals as our brother and sister in Christ?

ALL: We do.

THE PRAYER FOR THE NEW MEMBERS

THE CHARGE TO THE NEW MEMBERS

~ 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: "He Came Down that We May Have Peace"McGee
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 ORGAN POSTLUDE: "People, Look East!" Kristina Langlois

News Around Outer Banks Presbyterian

The flowers today are given by Karen Lurie in honor of George Lurie & EJ Markwood on the occasion of their 70th birthdays.

Presentation on the Pastor's Pilgrimage to Israel Today

The Reverend Jody Moore is giving a presentation about his pilgrimage to Israel today, about 15 minutes after the conclusion of worship. He will share pictures from his trip, stories, historical lessons, and insights into the Holy Land. Please plan to attend this special event!

Room in the Inn

The Outreach Committee will be assisting Roanoke Island Presbyterian Church by providing food for Room in the Inn during the week of Dec. 17-23. We will purchase all lunch food and supplies for the week and prepare and serve dinner on Dec. 17, 18, & 19. Anyone who would like to help with this ministry may contact Mollie Bass after the service.

2018 Coffee Hour Opportunities

We are looking for members to volunteer to help with 2018 Coffee Hours. Two or three members will work together each Sunday to set up the coffee and provide snacks. If you are able to volunteer, you and your partner would be responsible for providing coffee hour 2-3 times a year. Please contact Cathie Feild in the church office if you are interested.

Christmas Musical 2017 CD's

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!

Angel Tree Thank-You

We would like to offer a special thank you to Evelyn Webb for collecting all of the Angel Tree gifts from church, sorting them and delivering them to the Baum Center, as well as a special thank you to John for supervising!! Also, thank you to all who contributed gifts for the Angel Tree. There will be many happy children Christmas morning thanks to your generosity.

Room in the Inn Fundraiser

Plan to attend the Annual Fundraiser for Room in the Inn on Friday, Dec. 15, 5:00-8:00 pm at Sugar Creek Restaurant! Enjoy delicious holiday dishes, live music, and a silent auction. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased today from Linda Wood and Mollie Bass.

Annual Christmas Reception

The Annual Christmas Reception will be next Sunday, December 17, 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!

2017 Advent Devotional

The Advent devotional booklet for 2017 has been selected by the Worship Committee and is now available in the Gathering Space. The title is, "Moving Toward the Manger," with Frederick Buechner.

Outer Banks Chorus Concert

You are invited to attend the Outer Banks Chorus' final presentation of their Christmas concert this afternoon at 4 pm at St. Andrews' By the Sea Episcopal Church in Nags. The chorus is conducted by Kyle Cook and accompanied by Cheryl Needham.

ECCS Christmas Concert

The Eastern Carolina Concert Society would like to invite you to attend their Christmas concert featuring Natalie Drummond and friends on Sunday, December 17 at 4 pm at Kitty Hawk United Methodist Church.

All Saints' Episcopal Lessons & Carols

Steve Blackstock and the congregation and choir of All Saints Episcopal Church in Southern Shores would like to invite you to attend their Service of Nine Lessons & Carols. This program is presented by the choir and will feature their new organ. The concert will be on Sunday, December 17 at 5 pm in their sanctuary.

Peace

This Week at OBPC

Sunday, December 10, 2017

9:00 am Sunday School
 9:30 am Called Session Meeting
 10:00 am Morning Worship
 11:15 am Israel Presentation
 3:00 pm Stamp Club
 5:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, December 11, 2017

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

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

7:30 am A.A.
 9:30 am Faith Knitters
 10:00 am A.A.
 6:30 pm Cub Scouts
 6:30 pm Stated Session

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

7:30 am A.A.
 9:30 am Lydia Circle
 10:00 am A.A.
 2:00 pm Congregational Care Meeting
 6:00 pm Sanctuary Choir
 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study

Thursday, December 14, 2017

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

Friday, December 15, 2017

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

Saturday, December 16, 2017

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

Sunday, December 17, 2017

9:00 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Morning Worship
 11:15 am Christmas Reception
 5:00 pm Youth Group

Vital Signs

Sat., Dec. 2 (Concert) \$775.00
 Sun. Dec. 3 (Morning Worship) \$6,091.00
 Sun. Dec. 3 (Concert) \$1,314.00

Attendance

Sat. Dec. 2 (Concert) 217
 Sun., Dec. 3 (Morning Worship) 120
 Sun. Dec. 3 (Concert) 307

Those Serving Today....

This Week: Dec. 10, 2017

Greeting Elder:
 Mollie Bass

Advent 2 Readers:
 Ron & Linda Campbell

Liturgist: Barbara Hardy

Coffee Hour:
 Fellowship

Children's Church:
 Hollie & Jody Lewis

Next Week: Dec. 17, 2017

Greeting Elder:
 Mollie Bass

Advent 3 Readers:
 Ron Herron & Ronnie Sunkler

Liturgist: Ben Cahoon

Christmas Reception:
 Fellowship Committee

Children's Church:
 Bev Jones

Christmas Eve Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 24, 2017 10 am

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Luke 2: 1-20: Luke tells the story of Joseph and Mary traveling to Bethlehem, where Jesus was born in a simple manger because there was no room for his parents in the inn. We see the depths of God's love for us in Jesus Christ coming to this world as a vulnerable and precious baby boy. We will light the candle of Love on the Advent Wreath.

Sunday, Dec. 24, 2017 5 pm

Join us for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols. Enjoy the story of Christmas told through scripture and song. Special Music will be provided by the Sanctuary Choir; Cheryl Needham, pianist; Jason Evans, organist; and Hollie Writtenberry-Lewis, soloist. There will also be a living nativity. The service will close with the singing of "Silent Night" as we light candles in celebration of Christ's birth.

PRAYER

changes things

Each day, 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.

Homebound, Nursing Home & Out of Town Members

Joan Phifer..... 325 Horace Ave., Virginia Beach, VA 23462
Don & Nancy Bierwerth 410 Hastings Ln, Apt. 309, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
Jane Smith Greenfield Reflections #107
304 Bowman Mill Rd, Strasburg, VA 22657
Etta Parrott..... 3400 Bay Drive, Kitty Hawk NC 27949
Mickey Meekins.....Peak Resources, Nags Head
Max Strange 138 Clairborne Creek Dr., W. Monroe, LA 71291

Members & Friends – Other Prayer Concerns

Children & Grandchildren of Anthony & Elaine Spencer..... Evacuated due to CA wildfires
Barbara Nock..... Recovering from Surgery
Lawrence Rust (*Grandson of Barbara Rust*) Deployed to Afghanistan
Barbara Morgan Recovering from surgery
Cindy Goes Undergoing treatments for cancer
Russell Taylor..... Diagnosed with stage IV Cancer that is quite progressive
Amanda Kirkman (*Friend of Trish Thomas*)..... Health concerns
Lou Batzler (*son of the late Rev. Dr. Richard Batzler*)..... Throat cancer
Ansley Johnson (*Friend of Sharon McRee*) 7-year old with Leukemia
Tim Tiller (*Friend of Kathryn Lamb*) Recovering from a stroke
Richard Pfersick (*Friend of Barbara Rust in Georgia*) Serious heart problems
Kathy Ballard (*Daughter of Natalie & Duel Ballard*) Diagnosed with oral cancer
June Harris.....Recovering from brain injuries sustained in a car accident
Al (*friend of Lois Werner*) Colon cancer
Gwen Engleright..... Health concerns
Margaret Brown..... Health concerns
Billie S. (*Friend of Melinda Mogowski*) Cancer
Donna K. (*Friend of Melinda Mogowski*)..... Battling cancer
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 of 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 or any of our programs, please contact us!

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.

Disbursing Treasurer

Jeanne Martie (441-8608)

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