

Outer Banks Presbyterian Church

Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina



*Celebrate
the Child*

For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given:
and the government
shall be upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be called

Wonderful, Counsellor,
The mighty God, The everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 24, 2017

5:00 pm

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 Christmas Eve

♠ = CONGREGATION STANDING AS ABLE

◆ = APPROPRIATE TIMES TO BE SEATED WHEN ARRIVING AFTER SERVICE BEGINS

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.

~ We Gather Together as God's People ~

May all who have come to this Christmas Eve service know that we want you to feel a part of this family of God. Welcome to all!

THE PIANO/ORGAN PRELUDE (*Beginning at 4:40 pm*) Cheryl Needham & Jason Evans

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" arr. Gilbert Martin

"Away in a Manger" arr. Mark Hayes

"Rejoice! He Is Here" arr. Mark Hayes

"O Holy Night" arr. Mark Hayes

"Angels We Have Heard on High" arr. Michael Woodall

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

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

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (*Spoken Responsively*) The Lewis Family

LEADER: For anyone who has walked in darkness, a new light has dawned!

PEOPLE: O come, let us adore him!

LEADER: For anyone who has ever felt forgotten, a new light has dawned!

PEOPLE: O come, let us adore him!

LEADER: For anyone whose patience has been put to the test, a new light has dawned!

PEOPLE: O come, let us adore him!

LEADER: For anyone in search of the way, the truth, and the life, a new day has dawned!

PEOPLE: O come, let us adore him!

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE The Lewis Family

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

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Lift Up Your Eyes". It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Lift up your eyes and see the light sur - round you;". The second staff continues the melody: "with ra - diant hope, il - lu - mi - nate the night.". The third staff continues: "Lift up your voice and sing, let earth and heav - en ring,", and the fourth staff concludes: "lift up your eyes and see the ev - er - last - ing light." The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for a congregation.

THE OPENING PRAYER The Lewis Family

◆◆THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 133: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"ADESTE FIDELES

◆THE CHRISTMAS LITANY: "The Magnificat" (*Spoken Responsively*) Luke 1: 46-55

LEADER: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

PEOPLE: **For God has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden.**

LEADER: For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

PEOPLE: **For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name.**

LEADER: And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

PEOPLE: **He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree.**

LEADER: He has filled the hungry with good things and the rich He has sent away empty.

PEOPLE: **He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy.**

◆◆THE CAROL NO. 132: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" (*All verses*)..... IN DULCI JUBILO

◆◆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 CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS Mollie Bass, Greeting Elder

THE PIANO/ORGAN OFFERTORY: "All Is Well" arr. Don Wyrzten
Cheryl Needham & Jason Evans

◆THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 144: "In the Bleak Midwinter" (*Verse 4*)CRANHAM

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

If I were a wise man, I would do my part.

Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.

THE CHRISTMAS 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 Lessons and Carols ~

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 9: 2-7 Ike McRee

The Prophecy

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and

he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

THE CAROL NO. 121: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (Verses 1 & 2) ST. LOUIS

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 2: 1-7 Nonie Booth

The Journey and the Birth

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

THE CAROL NO. 128: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" (all verses) W ZLOBIE LEZY

THE THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 2: 8-15..... Ike McRee

The Angels

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors!' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.'

THE CAROL NO. 113: "Angels We Have Heard on High" (Verses 1 & 2)GLORIA

THE FOURTH SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 2: 16-20 Nonie Booth

The Shepherds

So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

THE SPECIAL MUSIC: "Mary Did You Know?" M. Lowery & B. Greene
Lew Gregory, soloist

THE FIFTH SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 2: 1-3, 7-11 The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

The Wise Men

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.

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.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

THE MEDITATION The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

✦ THE CAROL NO. 147: "The First Nowell" (*Verses 1-4*) THE FIRST NOWELL

✦ THE STATEMENT 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 SPECIAL MUSIC: "Lullaby for a King" arr. Tom Fettke
Hollie Writtenberry-Lewis, soloist

*The living nativity is being portrayed this evening by members of the
Outer Banks Presbyterian children & youth groups.*

~ Sharing of the Light of Christ ~

Worshippers on the end of each pew will light their candles from the candles of the light-bearers. Tilt the unlit candle to the flame. Please hold lighted candles upright at all times. Raise your candle during the last line of each stanza of the hymn, "Silent Night." The congregation will extinguish its candles when the pastor extinguishes his.

✦ THE CAROL NO. 122: "Silent Night" (*all verses*) STILLE NACHT

Silent night, holy night. All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and Child! Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."



Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

~ *We Go Forth in Jesus' Name* ~

♠ THE CAROL NO. 134: "Joy to the World" (all verses) 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 us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,
And wonders and wonders of His love.



♠ THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Joy to the World with Hallelujah Chorus"arr. Susan Caudill
Jason K. Evans, organist

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The Session approved that \$100 of this evening's offering will go to the Outreach Committee to purchase personal kits for the homeless people staying at Room in the Inn, and the remainder of the money collected will go to Hotline.



~ Ways to Be Involved at Outer Banks Presbyterian ~

Sunday Morning Worship ~ Join us on Sunday Mornings at 10:00 am as we worship together. The style of our service is traditional incorporating the use of the Spoken Word, Preaching, Hymns, Choir, Piano and Organ. We serve communion by intinction on the first Sunday of the month.

Sunday Morning Bible Study ~ Join us on Sunday Mornings at 9:00 am as we delve into the Word of God in Sunday School. Any and all are welcome to attend!

Youth Group ~ The regular youth group activities are on Sunday Evenings at 5:30 pm. Contact Hollie Writtenberry-Lewis for more details!

Adult Bible Study ~ An adult Bible study is offered on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the library and is led by Susan Harman-Scott.

Sanctuary Choir ~ The Sanctuary Choir is a vital part of our Music Ministry at Outer Banks Presbyterian Church. The choir is made up of a group of 30+ volunteer singers and presents special music at our morning worship services. In addition to the regular worship services, the Sanctuary Choir presents three Major musical presentations per year: An Easter Musical, "Let Freedom Ring" (Patriotic), and "Christmas at Outer Banks Presbyterian". The Sanctuary Choir also provides special music at our Christmas Eve Worship Service. We welcome any and all to come and join us. Our rehearsals are on Wednesday Evenings from 6:00 pm-7:15 pm. Please contact Jason Evans or Nonie Booth for more information!

Jubilate Ringers ~ The Jubilate Ringers is our handbell choir. This group of ringers presents music not only on various Sunday mornings throughout the church year, but also during special presentations. We are always looking for additional ringers! Please contact Jason Evans or Nonie Booth for more information!

Third Thursday Lunch ~ Join us on the third Thursday of three selected months of the year at 12:00 pm for food, fun and fellowship around the table at various local restaurants. To inquire or to be notified of the gathering place, please contact Jeanne Martie at 441-8608.

Presbyterian Women ~ The Presbyterian Women of our church is divided into three circles. The Dorcas Circle meets on the first Thursday of the Month at 9:30 am, Hope Faith & Love Circle meets the fourth Thursday evening at the church at 5:30 pm. The Lydia Circle meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am.

For information on the Dorcas Circle, contact Evelyn Webb at 255-1085. For information on the Hope, Faith & Love Circle, contact Lisa Rhodes at 441-4615 and for information about the Lydia Circle, contact Nancy Messenger at 441-6559

Men's Bible Study ~ Each Friday a group of men gather at the church for a morning Bible study and prayer. The group meets at 8:00 am.

Faith Knitters ~ Faith Knitters is a church knitting group that meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 9:30 am. For more information regarding Faith Knitters, please contact Barbara Nock.

Outside Groups ~ We have many outside groups meeting at Outer Banks Presbyterian Church including:

A.A.:	Monday – Saturday	7:30 am
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Boy Scouts:	Monday	6:30 pm
Cub Scouts:	Tuesday	6:30 pm
OBX Stamp Club:	2 nd Sunday	3:00 pm



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
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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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