Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

Sunday, December 24, 2017
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!

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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: “I Wonder as I Wander”.................................arr. Fred Bock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please pass the guest pads)

~ The Liturgy of the Advent Candle ~


The Sanctuary Choir

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)................................................. Ben and Melanie Cahoon

LEADER: In a world torn asunder by violence, Jesus says, “No more.”

PEOPLE: “As it is written, a new command I give, ‘Love one another as I have loved you’.”

LEADER: In a world where hurting people are too often neglected, Jesus says, “no more.”

PEOPLE: “As it is written, a new command I give, ‘Love one another as I have loved you’.”

LEADER: In a world where another’s needs are too often overlooked, Jesus says, “No more.”

PEOPLE: “As it is written, a new command I give, ‘Love one another as I have loved you’.”

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF LOVE ................................ Ben and Melanie Cahoon


The Sanctuary Choir & Congregation

THE OPENING PRAYER................................................................. Ben and Melanie Cahoon

††THE HYMN NO. 119 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”............................... MENDELSSOHN

THE CALL TO CONFESSION
THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION
t(Spoken in unison)

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ our Lord. 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 HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 144 “In the Bleak Midwinter” ................................................. CRANHAM

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION ................................................................. Nonie Booth, Liturgist

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Titus 2:11-14............................................. Nonie Booth, Liturgist

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

THE CHORAL ANTHEM: “The Lamb Appears” ................................................. arr. Tom Fettke

The Sanctuary Choir


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.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON: “Gathering around the Manger” ............................................. The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore
~ We Respond to the Word ~

♦ THE HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 145 “What Child Is This” .................................................. GREENSLEEVES

♦ THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH …………………………… From A Declaration of Faith (Chapter 4.1)

   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)

   INCLUDING THE SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

   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: “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” .............................. arr. Diane Bish

♦ 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

~ We Go Forth in Jesus’ Name ~

♦ THE HYMN NO. 146 “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” ......................................... TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

♦ THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

♦ THE CLOSING RESPONSE: "He Came Down that We May Have Love” ......... 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 ORGAN POSTLUDE: “And the Glory of the Lord” ......................................... G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

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Welcome New Members

On Sunday morning, December 10, we received Anthony and Elaine Spencer as new members into our church family. Anthony and Elaine live in Buxton and are former members of First Presbyterian Church in Reidsville, NC. Be sure to give them a wonderful and warm Outer Banks Presbyterian welcome.

Christmas Musical 2017 CD's

The Music Ministry of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church presented the annual Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra Christmas Musical on Dec. 2 & 3. 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!

2018 Pledge Envelopes

Boxes of 2018 Pledge envelopes for those who requested them are labeled and available on the table in the Gathering Space.

2017 Pledges

If you plan to catch up your Pledge promise or give additional donations for 2017 after the beginning of the new year, please do so before January 15.

Missing

An antique deviled egg dish was accidently taken home by the wrong family following last Sunday's Christmas reception. Please return this dish to the church office. Thank you.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday Evening, Dec. 24, 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 live nativity. The service will close with the singing of “Silent Night” as we light candles in celebration of Christ’s birth. The piano/organ prelude will begin at 4:45 p.m.

Candlelight Service Offering

The Session approved that $100 of the 5:00 p.m. offering will go to the Outreach Committee to purchase personal kits for the homeless people involved with Room in the Inn, and the remainder of the money collected will go to Hotline.

Office Closings

The office will be closed on Dec. 25, 26, & 29 and January 1st for Christmas and New Year’s. The office will be open on Dec. 27 & 28.
This Week at OBPC

**Sunday, December 24, 2017**
9:00 am ........................................ Sunday School
10:00 am ................................. Morning Worship
5:00 pm . . . . . . . . . Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**Monday, December 25, 2017**
Church Office Closed
7:30 am ........................................ A.A.
10:00 am ........................................ A.A.

**Tuesday, December 26, 2017**
Church Office Closed
7:30 am ........................................ A.A.
10:00 am ........................................ A.A.

**Wednesday, December 27, 2017**
7:30 am ........................................ A.A.
10:00 am ........................................ A.A.
6:30 pm ........................................ Adult Bible Study

**Thursday, December 28, 2017**
7:30 am ........................................ A.A.
10:00 am ........................................ A.A.

**Friday, December 29, 2017**
Church Office Closed
7:30 am ........................................ A.A.
8:00 am ...................................... Men's Bible Study
10:00 am ........................................ A.A.

**Saturday, December 30, 2017**
7:30 am ........................................ A.A.
10:00 am ........................................ A.A.

**Sunday, December 31, 2017**
9:00 am ........................................ Sunday School
10:00 am ................................. Morning Worship
5:00 pm ........................................ Youth Group

Those Serving Today....

**This Week: Dec. 24, 2017**
Greeting Elder: Mollie Bass
Advent 4 Readers: Ben and Melanie Cahoon
Liturgist: Nonie Booth
Coffee Hour: The Session
Children's Church: Lynda Wood / Andrea Braymiller

**Next Week: Dec. 31, 2017**
Greeting Elder: Mollie Bass
Liturgist: Jeanne Martie
Coffee Hour: Dorcas Circle
Children's Church: Hollie & Jody Lewis

2018 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!

2018 Coffee Hour Schedule
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. To volunteer, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space!

Vital Signs
Sun. Dec. 17 (Morning Worship) ........ $6,700
Total for December ........................ $23,060
Pennies for Hunger (December) ........ $88.86

Attendance
Sun., Dec. 17 (Morning Worship) .............. 109
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 ........................................................................ 304 Bowman Mill Rd, Strasburg, VA 22657
- Etta Parrott ....................................................................... 3400 Bay Drive, Kitty Hawk NC 27949
- Mickey Meekins ............................................................ Peak Resources, 430 Health Center Dr., Nags Head, NC 27959
- Max Strange ...................................................................... 138 Clairborne Creek Dr., W. Monroe, LA 71291

**Members & Friends – Other Prayer Concerns**

- Liz Hamley ....................................................................... Health Concerns
- Barbara Rust ...................................................................... Health Concerns
- John Dick .......................................................................... Health Concerns
- Dennis Dutt (Son of Ruth Dutt) .......................................... Surgery 12/28
- Sarah Garvin (Mother of Teddy Garvin) ............................ Recovering from Heart Attack on 12/9
- Judy Bear ............................................................................ Recovering from Back Surgery
- Children & Grandchildren of Anthony & Elaine Spencer ........ CA wildfires
- Barbara Nock ..................................................................... Recovering from Back 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 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.

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