

Outer Banks Presbyterian Church

Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

Sunday, December 3, 2017

10:00 am



First 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: "Of the Father's Love Begotten"arr. Gilbert M. Martin (b. 1941)

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please pass the guest pads)

~ The Liturgy of the Advent Candle ~

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

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)..... Ike & Sharon McRee

LEADER: During Advent, God's promise illuminates our hope.

PEOPLE: On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

LEADER: In times of fear, we place our hope in the One who brings peace.

PEOPLE: On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

LEADER: In times of grief, we place our hope in the One who offers comfort.

PEOPLE: On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

LEADER: In times of wondering, we place our hope in the One who speaks truth.

PEOPLE: On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF HOPE..... Ike & Sharon McRee

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

Musical score for the response "Lift Up Your Eyes" in G major, 3/4 time. The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "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..... Ike & Sharon McRee

◆◆THE HYMN NO. 88: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Verses 1, 4-7, only)..... VENI EMMANUEL

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

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

God with us, even in Advent, we confess that you can seem far away. You are hidden when we need you near. In our hurt, doubt, and fear, we do not try to draw closer to you; instead we lash out: against you, our neighbor, even those we love. Forgive us, we pray, and come to save us! Let your face shine until our tears are dried, our sins are faded, and our hope is restored. After all, we belong to you, and in your hands, we can be made new. In Jesus' name, we pray, 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 CHORAL ANTHEM: "Jesus, Jesus, High and Holy"..... arr. Tom Fettke

The Sanctuary Choir

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS Mollie Bass, Greeting Elder

THE PIANO OFFERTORY: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"arr. Mark Hayes

◆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 Mollie Bass, Greeting Elder

~ The Word of the Lord ~

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Brenda Brown, Liturgist

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 64:1-5, 8-9 Brenda Brown, Liturgist

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

THE SPECIAL MUSIC: "What We All Want for Christmas Is Peace" Joel Raney

Pamela Tanner, soloist

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: II Peter 3:8-15aThe Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and every-

thing that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON: "The Paradox of Waiting for the Eternal One"The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

~We Respond to the Word~

◆THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITHFrom *A Declaration of Faith*, Ch. 10.2

All things will be renewed in Christ. In Christ God gave us a glimpse of the new creation the Lord has already begun and will surely finish. We do not know when the final day will come. In our time we see only broken and scattered signs that the renewal of all things is under way. We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering in the world, the church, or our own lives. But we see Jesus as Lord. As he stands at the center of our history, we are confident he will stand at its end. He will judge all people and nations. Evil will be condemned and rooted out of God's good creation. There will be no more tears or pain. All things will be made new. The fellowship of human beings with God and each other will be perfected. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

◆THE HYMN OF RESPONSE NO.93: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"TRURO

~The Sacrament of Holy Communion~

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 DOWN

◆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)

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News Around Outer Banks Presbyterian

Poinsettia Donations Deadline is Today

Orders for Christmas Poinsettias in honor or memory of someone are currently being accepted. The cost is \$10.00 each. Order form envelopes are available in the Gathering Space. The last day for placing your order is today.

Presentation on the Pastor's Pilgrimage to Israel

The Reverend Jody Moore will have a presentation about his pilgrimage to Israel on December 10th 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 we will 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, in addition to volunteers from our committees. 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 Final Performance This Evening at 5 pm

This musical presentation will be performed by the Sanctuary Choir of the church along with other musical guests combining to form a 55-voice choir and 13-piece orchestra all under the direction of Jason Evans and Nonie Booth. The youth and children of Outer Banks Presbyterian, under the direction of Hollie Writtenberry-Lewis, will also participate on select musical numbers.

The first portion of the concert will feature both sacred and secular sounds of the Christmas season sure to get you in the mood for the holidays! The second portion of the concert will focus on the story of the birth of Jesus featuring a portrayal of the Holy Family by Hollie Writtenberry-Lewis (Mary), Jody Lewis (Joseph) and their little boy, Gideon (Baby Jesus).

Soloists for the program will include: Pamela Tanner, Billy Tanner, Shannah Boone, Lew Gregory, Brian Hare, Hopelyn Kovacs, Hollie Writtenberry-Lewis, Elisabeth Writtenberry and Nick Hodsdon. The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore will narrate.

The orchestra will be comprised of: Jason Evans, piano; Steve Blackstock, organ; George Graham, drums; Ron Johnson, timpani/percussion; Tim Briggs, electric bass; Leslie Erickson, Shannah Boone and Billy Tanner, violin; Sue Waters, viola; Suzanne Blackstock and Katie Blanchard, flute; Pat Koppenhaver, French horn and Christi Briggs, clarinet.

Be sure to invite a friend and come enjoy the beautiful sounds of the season! A freewill love offering will be taken and a nursery will be provided on site.

This Week at OBPC

Sunday, December 3, 2017

9:00 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Morning Worship
 5:00 pm Christmas Musical

Monday, December 4, 2017

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

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

7:30 amA.A.
 10:00 amA.A.
 6:30 pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

7:30 amA.A.
 10:00 amA.A.
 6:00 pm Sanctuary Choir
 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study

Thursday, December 7, 2017

7:30 amA.A.
 9:30 am Dorcas Circle
 10:00 amA.A.

Friday, December 8, 2017

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

Saturday, December 9, 2017

7:30 amA.A.
 10:00 amA.A.

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

Vital Signs

Sun., Nov. 19..... \$6,723.00
 Sun., Nov. 26 \$2,104.00
 Total for November.....\$20,989.00
 Pennies for Hunger.....\$148.44

Attendance

Sun., Nov. 26 (AM) 92

Those Serving Today....

This Week: Dec. 3, 2017

Greeting Elder:
 Mollie Bass

Advent 1 Readers:
 Ike & Sharon McRee

Liturgist: Brenda Brown

Coffee Hour:
 Stewardship

Children's Church:
 Barbara Hardy/Warren Davis

Next 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

2017 Advent Devotionals

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. Each day of Advent, thought provoking quotes from Buechner's beloved works are paired with insightful reflections by the preeminent religious commentator and biblical scholar Martin E. Marty.

Christmas Reception

The Annual Christmas reception will be 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!

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

Don & Nancy Bierwerth..... 410 Hastings Ln, Apt. 309, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
Jane SmithGreenfield Reflections #107
304 Bowman Mill Rd, Strasburg, VA 22657
Etta Parrott3400 Bay Drive, Kitty Hawk NC 27949
Mickey Meekins Peak Resources, Nags Head
Max Strange..... 138 Clairborne Creek Dr., W. Monroe, LA 71291

Christian Sympathy

There were no known deaths at time or press.

Members & Friends – Other Prayer Concerns

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

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