

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: "We Three Kings" arr. John Henry Hopkins, Jr.

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Please pass the guest pads*)

♣THE CHORAL INTROIT: "Come On, Ring Those Bells"arr. Bob Krogstad
The Sanctuary Choir

◆THE CALL TO WORSHIP (*Spoken Responsively*) Jeanne Martie

LEADER: Praise the Lord, all the earth!

PEOPLE: Praise god, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars!

LEADER: Let all creation praise the name of the Lord; for God's glory is above earth and heaven.

PEOPLE: All people; young men and women alike, old and young together, praise the Lord.

◆THE OPENING PRAYER Jeanne Martie

◆♣THE HYMN NO. 134: "Joy to the World" ANTIOCH

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Spoken in Unison*)

Loving Father, you nurture us from our mothers' wombs with blessings of divine and human favor. Yet we have withheld our favor from those whom we deem unlovely. Forgiven by you, we have refused to forgive others. In your love, show us mercy. Give us a heart to love as we have been loved, to show favor as we have been shown favor. Enable us always to act in Jesus' name, with thanksgiving for your unchanging love revealed to us in his coming to us, and abiding with us.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

♣◆THE GLORIA NO. 143: "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" (Vs.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 SONG OF PREPARATION: “This Little Light of Mine”Spiritual

**This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, Im gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (Repeat)**

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION.....Jeanne Martie

THE FRIST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Galatians 4: 4-7.....Jeanne Martie

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’ So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

THE SPECIAL MUSIC: “Sweet, Little Jesus Boy” arr. Robert McGimsey
Elaine Spencer

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 2: 22-40..... George Wood

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON: “You are the Light of the World” George Wood

~ We Respond to the Word ~

◆THE HYMN NO. 123: “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”CAROL

◆THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (*Unison*)..... The Apostles’ Creed

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 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 OFERTORY: “Back to Bethlehem” arr. Marilyn Hamm

◆◆THE DOXOLOGY (*Sung to the tune of ‘O Come, O Come Emmanuel*) ... 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 OF SENDING NO. 113: “Angels We Have Head on High”GLORIA

◆THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

◆THE CLOSING RESPONSE: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"Jackson
The Sanctuary Choir & Congregation

**Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.**

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Postlude on ‘Gloria’” arr. Jason D. Payne

This Week at OBPC

Sunday, December 31, 2017

9:00 am.....Sunday School
 10:00 amMorning Worship
 5:00 pm.....Youth Group

Monday, January 1, 2018

Church Offices Closed

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

Tuesday, January 2, 2018

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

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

7:30 am A.A.
 10:00 am A.A.
 6:30 pm Adult Evening Study

Thursday, January 4, 2018

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

Friday, January 5, 2018

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

Saturday, January 6, 2018

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

Sunday, January 7, 2018

9:00 am.....Sunday School
 10:00 amMorning Worship
 4:00 pm.....Sanctuary Choir
 5:00 pm.....Youth Group



Sun., Dec. 24 (AM).....\$6,629.00
 Sun., Dec. 24 (PM)\$915.00
 Total for December\$30,604.00
 Pennies for Hunger.....\$88.86

Attendance

Sun., Dec. 24 (AM)..... 69
 Sun., Dec 24 (PM).....188

Those Serving Today

This Week....

December 31, 2017

Greeting Elder:
 Mollie Bass

Liturgist: Jeanne Martie

Coffee Hour:
 Dorcas Circle

Children's Church:
 Hollie & Jody Lewis

Next Week....

January 7, 2018

Greeting Elder:
 Jean Basnight

Liturgist: Brenda Brown

Coffee Hour:
 Building & Grounds

Children's Church:
 Braymiller/Wood



2018 Flower Schedule

The sign-up sheet for flowers is now available in the Gathering Space! Placing flowers in the sanctuary is a wonderful way to honor or memorialize a person (s) 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!

News Around Outer Banks Presbyterian

Guest Speaker Today

This morning we welcome George Wood to the pulpit in the absence of The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore. George Wood was baptized into the Meadowbrook Presbyterian Church in Greenville, North Carolina when he was 12 years old. He and his wife of 30 years, Lynda, are now members of The Outer Banks Presbyterian Church. He has had the honor to serve on the Session and many committees in the Church. His calling is to Prison Ministry and has been leading services at the Dare County Detention Center for 11 years.

Martin Luther King Celebration

The annual celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King's life will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 11:00 am. This year's festivities will be held in the Manteo High School Auditorium located at 829 Wingina Street in Manteo, NC.

Following the celebration of Dr. King's life, a free fellowship meal will be held. During this meal, you are invited to mingle and dine with folk of other races, denominations and walks of life. For more information regarding this event, you may contact Mrs. Ruth Lewis at (252) 473-3151 or (252) 305-1934 and by email at Clarence.lewis@aol.com. All are invited to attend!

Third Thursday Lunch

We'll be welcoming the new year by having a Third Thursday lunch at the Restaurant at Coinjock Marina on Waterlily Road, off Rt. 158 in Coinjock. You will see the billboard on Rt. 158 pointing the way to the marina. If you end up in Barco, you've gone too far north! The date is Thursday, January 18 at noon.

We are going to use the church bus for this outing. We are allowed to take 14 passengers – so make your reservation with Jeanne to hold a spot for you. We will have 2 pick-up points. If you want to get on at the church, be on the bus ready to leave no later than 10:50 a.m. If you wish to board the bus at the Marketplace/Southern Shores Food Lion, plan to be on the bus and ready to leave no later than 11:10 a.m. If you want to ride the bus, contact Jeanne Martie. It will be first come, first seated!! If we have more than 14 people requesting rides, we will arrange for carpools. Of course, you will be able to drive directly to the restaurant. The restaurant is about 40-50 minutes from the church.

Please let Jeanne Martie (441-8608 or jlmartie@charter.net) know by Sunday, January 14 if you will be at the Coinjock Marina. All members and visitors are welcome to join us!!

Poinsettias

If you purchased a poinsettia for use in our sanctuary decorations, please take them home today following worship. You will find them on the table in the Gathering Space near the main entrance.

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, 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 & Duell 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

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)

Receiving Treasurers'

Becky Lofton-DeSanto
(480-0724)

Barbara Nowland
(480-0423)

The Church Staff

Ministers

All Members of the Church

The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

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The Stated Session

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Class of 2017

Nonie Booth

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441-6400

Melinda Mogowski

441-7195

Class of 2018

Buzz Boyd

255-0496

Jeanne Martie

441-8608

Tom Smith

441-3572

Class of 2019

Jean Basnight

480-1028

Mollie Bass

480-0858

Jim Goes

261-1149