Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 14, 2017
10:00 am

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 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: “Variations on ‘Come Thou Fountain’”............................ arr. A. Travis

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please pass the guest pads) ....................... Brenda Brown

✝️ THE GATHERING SONG: “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”.......................... WESTMINSTER ABBY The Sanctuary Choir & Congregation

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, Chosen of the Lord and precious,

bind ing all the church in one, Holy Zion’s

help forever and her confidence alone.

✝️ THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Spoken Responsively) .............................................. Brenda Brown, Liturgist

ONE: Welcome to the shelter of God’s love.

ALL: In you, O God, we seek refuge.

ONE: God is a rock of refuge, a safe haven for us. Do not let your hearts be troubled in God’s sight.

ALL: God is faithful and we can trust in God’s steadfast love.

ONE: Let us worship almighty God!

✝️ THE OPENING PRAYER........................................................................................ Brenda Brown, Liturgist

✝️✝️ THE HYMN NO. 611: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” ........................................... HYMN TO JOY

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Spoken in Unison)

Almighty and Eternal God, our hearts are troubled. We are so quick to throw stones at others, blaming someone else for our unhappiness. We don’t act like your chosen people, those who have seen and heard and tasted the good news of your love. Forgive us our lack of enthusiasm in our faith. Let our actions speak for us as we seek to be your witnesses to all the world. Remind us once again that we are your people: loved, cared for, and forgiven by you. In the name of the living Christ, our strength and our redeemer. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION
THE ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

THE GLORIA NO. 581: “Glory Be to the Father” .................................................. GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.

⇑⇑ 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 FOR ILLUMINATION ................................................................. Brenda Brown, Liturgist

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 7: 55-60 ........................................... Brenda Brown, Liturgist

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ‘Look,’ he said, ‘I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!’ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ When he had said this, he died.


The Sanctuary Choir

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 14: 1-14 .............................................................. The Rev. Walt Hunting

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him. ‘Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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

THE SERMON: “God’s Extravagant Comfort” ........................................... The Rev. Walt Hunting

~ We Respond to the Word ~

♦ THE HYMN NO. 465: “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” ................................. CONVERSE
THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Spoken Responsively)............ (from A Declaration of Faith Ch. 10.1)

LEADER: In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, God kept his promises. All that we can ever hope was present in Christ.

PEOPLE: But the work of God in Christ is not over. God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen. The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us. In Christ, God gives hope for a new heaven and earth, certainty of victory over death, assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death. This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.

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 DOXOLOGY NO. 606.............................................................. OLD HUNDREDTH

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.  Amen.

♦THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION ...................................................... Mollie Bass, Greeting Elder

~ We Go Forth in Jesus’ Name ~

♦THE HYMN OF SENDING NO. 366: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” ......................... HYFRYDOL

♦THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

♦THE CLOSING RESPONSE: "May God’s Blessings" ........................................ Cliff Barrows The Sanctuary Choir & Congregation

May God's blessings surround you each day as you trust Him and walk in His way.
May His presence within guard and keep you from sin.
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.  Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Proclaim the Glory of the Lord” ......................... arr. M. Kellner

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We now go forth in peace to love and serve
God and God's people in Christ's name!

Mothers hold their children’s hands for a short while…but their hearts forever.
News Around Outer Banks Presbyterian

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary this morning by Jason Evans in celebration of all Mothers, especially, his mother, Arlene H. Evans.

We Welcome The Rev. Walt Hunting

We were pleased to welcome The Rev. Walt Hunting to our pulpit last Sunday morning to begin 8 weeks of pastoral duties during The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore’s sabbatical. Rev. Hunting was born in Highland Park, Michigan and grew up in Royal Oak, Michigan. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan and a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. During the 45 years that followed, he served many churches. Most recently he served in Portsmouth, VA for the 33 years prior to his retirement in 2012. Be sure to give Rev. Hunting and his wife, Elizabeth, a warm OBPC welcome! As he utmost concern is to provide you with any pastoral needs you may have, Rev. Hunting may be reached by phoning the office or by calling him directly at (757) 615-2944.

Calling All Graduates!

Each year in June we set aside a special time in our service to recognize our high school and college graduates! This year's Graduate Recognition Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, June 11.

If you know a graduating senior who would like to be included in this ceremony, please contact the church office at (252) 441-5897 or send us an email at office@outerbankspresbyterian.org no later than Monday, May 15.

Third Thursday Lunch

Can you believe it’s almost summer? We will be meeting for the final Third Thursday lunch (before our summer break) at Sugar Creek Restaurant in Nags Head, on May 18 at noon. Sugar Creek is on the causeway to Manteo (drive south on the bypass, past the outlet mall, and follow the road to the right).

Everyone – members and friends -- is invited to come. You will select what you want to eat from their menu, and pay your own bill. Please contact Jeanne Martie by this evening, May 14, if you are interested in attending – 441-8608 or jlmartie@charter.net.

On a side note, I will no longer do the arranging for Third Thursday lunches. If anyone would like to start making arrangements with area restaurants, please contact me. I can give you all of the information I have accumulated the past few years. Lunches start in September or October, skip December (gets too busy), and continue until May. Third Thursday lunches are a fun opportunity for people to get to know each other and to experience various restaurants in the area.

-- Jeanne

Coffee Hour to Welcome The Rev. & Mrs. Walt Huntings: May 21

The Fellowship and Worship Committee will host a special coffee hour immediately following the May 21st morning worship service to give everyone an opportunity to meet and greet Elizabeth and Walt Hunting. Please plan to stay for this time of fellowship.
This Week at OBPC

**Sunday, May 14, 2017**
- 9:00 am ........................................... Sunday School
- 10:00 am .......................................... Morning Worship
- 3:00 pm ........................................... Stamp Club
- 5:00 pm ........................................... Youth Group

**Monday, May 15, 2017**
- 7:30 am ......................................... A.A.
- 10:00 am .......................................... A.A.
- 5:30 pm ......................... Handbell Workshop
- 6:30 pm ........................................... Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, May 16, 2017**
- 7:30 am ......................................... A.A.
- 10:00 am .......................................... A.A.
- 6:00 pm ..................... Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm ........................................... Adult Evening Study

**Wednesday, May 17, 2017**
- 7:30 am ......................................... A.A.
- 10:00 am .......................................... A.A.
- 6:00 pm ..................... Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm ........................................... Cub Scouts

**Thursday, May 18, 2017**
- 7:30 am ......................................... A.A.
- 10:00 am .......................................... A.A.
- 12:00 pm ...................... Third Thursday Lunch

**Friday, May 19, 2017**
- 7:30 am ......................................... A.A.
- 8:00 am ..................... Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 am .......................................... A.A.

**Saturday, May 20, 2017**
- 7:30 am ......................................... A.A.
- 10:00 am .......................................... A.A.

**Sunday, May 21, 2017**
- 9:00 am ........................................... Sunday School
- 10:00 am .......................................... Morning Worship
- 4:00 pm ..................... Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 pm ........................................... Youth Group

Those Serving in Worship....

**This Week.... May 14, 2017**
- Greeting Elder: Mollie Bass
- Liturgist: Brenda Brown
- Coffee Hour: Building & Grounds
- Children's Church: Davis/Hardy

**Next Week.... May 21, 2017**
- Greeting Elder: Mollie Bass
- Liturgist: Jeanne Martie
- Coffee Hour: Worship/Fellowship
- Children's Church: Hollie & Jody Lewis

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held June 12-16 daily from 9:00 AM until noon. Children from preschool through fifth grade will become hands-on inventors as they discover they are lovingly crafted by God. You don't want to miss this exciting week!! Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us--registration is available on the church website.

Our youth work very hard to decorate the church, organize the materials, teach the music, lead the skits, and serve as guides for the children from station to station. However, we are in need of adult volunteers to make VBS possible. Do you have a heart for children? Consider how God will use you as part of our VBS outreach. We need bus drivers for the morning/afternoon route, lead teachers and assistants for Bible stories, arts and crafts, and Kid Vid Cinema, and volunteers to coordinate snack each day, assist with registration, provide food and organize our family picnic after the closing celebration on Friday. If you would be willing to volunteer during VBS in any capacity, please see Hollie or email her at holliewrittenberry@gmail.com.

Sun., May 14 ........................................... $7,314.00
Total for May ........................................... $7,341.00
Pennies for Hunger ........................................... $47.76

Attendance
Sun., May 7 ........................................... 122
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. Please continue to keep the following individuals in your thoughts and daily prayers!

**Homebound, Nursing Home & Out of Town Members**

- Ruth Charlton
  - Peak Resources, Nags Head (Rehab. for Knee Replacement Surgery)
- Don & Nancy Bierwerth
  - 410 Hastings Ln, Apt. 309, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
- Jane Smith
  - 46565 Harry Byrd Apt. #239 Sterling, VA 20154
- Al Grimm (in hospice care at home)
  - 115 Oak Knoll Drive, Nags Head NC 27959-9479
- Etta Parrott
  - 3400 Bay Drive, Kitty Hawk NC 27949
- Mickey Meekins
  - Peak Resources, Nags Head

**Christian Sympathy**

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Caroline Taylor, 28, who passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, May 1, in Sentara Leigh Memorial Hospital. Caroline is the daughter of Patrice White-Taylor-Welch. Patrice and her daughter, Lauren, have sung in many of our concerts here. Funeral services were held on Friday in Great Bridge Baptist Church, Chesapeake, VA. Burial followed the service in Chesapeake Memorial Gardens. Caroline was a vibrant young woman who was planning to be married yesterday, May 13. Please continue to keep Patrice, Lauren and the rest of this family in your prayers.

**Members & Friends – Other Prayer Concerns**

- Richard Pfersick (Friend of Barbara Rust in Georgia)
  - Serious Heart Trouble
- Kathy Ballard (Daughter of Natalie & Duel Ballard)
  - Diagnosed with oral cancer
- Lori Noble Gallagher (Daughter of Ann & Bill Noble)
  - Recovering from a Stroke
- Gary Martie
  - Health Concerns
- Lynn Miller
  - Health Concerns
- Craig Peel
  - Recently Completed Radiation Treatments
- Al (friend of Lois Werner)
  - Colon Cancer
- Jan VanEe
  - Health Concerns
- Barry Stelzer (Donna Lowcher’s brother)
  - Diagnosed with Cancer
- Gwen Engleright
  - Health Concerns
- Al Grimm
  - Health Concerns
- Billie S. (Friend of Melinda Mogowski)
  - Cancer
- Donna K. (Friend of Melinda Mogowski)
  - Battling Cancer
- Etta Parrott
  - 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!

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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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