Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

The Seventh Sunday of Easter/
The Ascension of the Lord

Sunday, May 28, 2017
10:00 am

Ascension
of the Lord

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 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please pass the guest pads) ...................... Kevin Sheets

✝ THE GATHERING SONG NO. 337: “My Country, 'Tis of Thee” (Vs. 1 & 4) ..................... AMERICA

The Sanctuary Choir & Congregation

My country,' tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,
from every mountainside let freedom ring!

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing;
long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

♦ THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Spoken Responsively) ........................................ Jean Basnight, Liturgist

ONE: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

ALL: God is awesome. Sing praises to God.

ONE: For God is the ruler of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

ALL: Clap your hands, all you peoples; worship God with songs of joy.

ONE: Let us worship almighty God!

♦ THE OPENING PRAYER .............................................................................................. Jean Basnight, Liturgist

✝ THE HYMN NO. 305: “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!” ........................................... DARWALL’S 148TH

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Spoken in Unison)

Eternal God, you meet us as we are. Forgive us our unwillingness to be your disciples without counting the cost. You ask us to serve you and yet we think of every reason why we should not serve. We have not fully understood our suffering for our sake. We have strayed from your way and done only those things that come easy. Challenge us to be bold in our living for you. We have neglected your truth while pursuing the whims of the world. Open our minds to understand your words and ways. Strengthen us to live according to your holy word. Through Christ, our teacher and healer. 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 .................................................................Jean Basnight, Liturgist

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 1: 6-14.................................Jean Basnight, Liturgist

So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

THE CHORAL ANTHEM: “Salute to the Unsung Hero” .....................Pamela & Joseph Martin

The Sanctuary Choir

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 17: 1-11.........................................................The Rev. Walt Hunting

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, ‘Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON: “Ascension” .............................................................................The Rev. Walt Hunting

~ We Respond to the Word ~

♦THE HYMN NO. 408: “The Church’s One Foundation” ....................................................AURELIA
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 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. 338: “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” ......................... MATERNA

THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING RESPONSE: “God, Bless America” ................................. Irvin Berlin (1898-1989)
The Sanctuary Choir & Congregation

God, Bless America - Land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her thru the night with a light from above.
From the mountains to the prairies to the oceans white with foam -
God bless America, my home sweet home -
God bless America, my home sweet home.

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE: “God of Our Fathers” ................................. arr. J. Wayne Kerr

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We now go forth in peace to love and serve
God and God's people in Christ's name!
News Around Outer Banks Presbyterian

Next Sunday is Pentecost!

Don’t forget to wear your red to the morning worship service next Sunday, June 4, 2017 as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. There will also be a cake served during coffee hour to celebrate the birthday of the church universal!

In addition, a special offering will be taken that day for the benefit of programs for children, youth, and young adults. Sixty percent of funds collected will go to the larger church for programs to help young people develop tools to be Christian leaders, such as the Young Adult Volunteer Program.

Forty percent of the offering will stay in our local community, and Session has designated the Friends of Youth program sponsored by Dare County to be this year’s recipient. The mission of this mentoring program is to place at-risk youth between the ages of 6-17 with caring adult volunteers who serve as role models and friends. These youth face everyday challenges just like any other adolescent or pre-teen, but they often do not have the resources necessary to deal with their problems.

The program also provides opportunities to participate in group activities such as cookouts, beach clean-ups, ball games, etc. In addition, funds are needed for scholarships for camps and various recreation programs, such as swimming lessons at the YMCA. Receiving this offering allows Presbyterians to invest in the church’s greatest resource, our youth.

Please check out the insert next week’s bulletin. On Pentecost Sunday there will be a special offering envelope for this very worthwhile cause. Our youth are our future Christian Ambassadors. Let’s give them the opportunity to serve.

Nominations for Elder Class of 2020

The Nominating Committee for the Elder Class of 2020 requests your input for Session members for the Class of 2020. We ask that prayerful nominations from our congregation reflect the values of our Church:

- Participation in Church life;
- Christian Living in daily life;
- Willingness to seek God’s will and the common good.

Nomination forms may be placed in the box that is located in the narthex until Sunday, July 2, 2017.
**This Week at OBPC**

*Sundae, May 28, 2017*
- 9:00 am: Sunday School
- 10:00 am: Morning Worship
- 4:00 pm: Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 pm: Youth Group

*Mondae, May 29, 2017*
- 7:30 am: A.A.
- 10:00 am: A.A.
- 6:30 pm: Boy Scouts

*Tuesdae, May 30, 2017*
- 7:30 am: A.A.
- 10:00 am: A.A.
- 6:30 pm: Cub Scouts

*Wednesdae, May 31, 2017*
- 7:30 am: A.A.
- 10:00 am: A.A.
- 6:00 pm: Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm: Adult Evening Study

*Thursdae, June 1, 2017*
- 7:30 am: A.A.
- 10:00 am: A.A.

*Friddae, June 2, 2017*
- 7:30 am: A.A.
- 8:00 am: Men’s Bible Study
- 10:00 am: A.A.

*Satudaye, June 3, 2017*
- 7:30 am: A.A.
- 10:00 am: A.A.

*Sundae, June 4, 2017*
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**Those Serving Today....**

*This Week.... May 28, 2017*
- Greeting Elder: Mollie Bass
- Liturgist: Jean Basnight
- Coffee Hour: Outreach & Witness
- Children’s Church: Bev Jones

*Next Week.... June 4, 2017*
- Greeting Elder: Tom Smith
- Liturgist: Kevin Sheets
- Coffee Hour: Evangelism
- Children’s Church: Hollie & Jody Lewis

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**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.

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**Attendance**
- Sun., May 21: 146
- Total for May: 19,806.00
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- Pennies for Hunger: $47.76

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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 Smith ...........................................46565 Harry Byrd Hwy 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

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**Christian Sympathy**

There were none known at time of printing.

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**Members & Friends – Other Prayer Concerns**

Helen Gauvreau ........................................................................................................ Health Concerns
Richard Pfersick *(Friend of Barbara Rust in Georgia)* ............................................. Serious Heart Problems
Kathy Ballard *(Daughter of Natalie & Duel Ballard)* .............................................. Diagnosed with oral cancer
Lori Noble Gallagher *(Daughter of Ann & Bill Noble)* ......................................... Recovering from a Stroke
June Harris .................................. Recovering from Brain Injuries sustained in an automobile accident
Gary Martie ................................................................. Health Concerns
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
Taylor-Welch Family ......................................................................................... In the Death of Caroline Welch
Browder Family ..................................................................................................... In the Death of Greg Browder
Martinez Family .................................................................................................. In the Death of Lisa Martinez *(Wife of former pastor)*
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.

**Disbursing Treasurer**
Jeanne Martie (441-8608)

**Receiving Treasurers’**
Becky Lofton-DeSanto  (480-0724)
Barbara Nowland  (480-0423)

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Heather Day  
Nursery Caregiver

Brenda Feury  
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**The Session**
Bev Jones, Clerk of Session

**Class of 2017**
Nonie Booth  
261-6058
Kathryn Lamb  
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  
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Mollie Bass  
480-0858
Jim Goes  
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