

Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

Sunday, December 16, 2018

10:00 am



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 PRELUDE Cheryl Needham

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

~ The Liturgy of the Advent Candle ~

THE CHORAL INTROIT: "The Wonder of Christmas" arr. Joel Raney
The Sanctuary Choir

THE CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*..... Letha, Kyle, & Liam McDowell

LEADER: During Advent we listen for the wonder of God's Word.

PEOPLE: Speak to us, O Lord, for our hearts are open.

LEADER: During Advent we reach beyond the noise and distractions of this world.

PEOPLE: Speak to us, O Lord, for our hearts are open.

LEADER: During Advent we ponder the good news that is our great joy.

PEOPLE: Speak to us, O Lord, for our hearts are open.

LEADER: During Advent we speak words of hope to those engaged in life's struggles.

PEOPLE: Speak to us, O Lord, for our hearts are open.

LEADER: During Advent we offer words of peace to those overcome by life's fears.

PEOPLE: Speak to us, O Lord, for our hearts are open.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF JOY..... Letha, Kyle, & Liam McDowell

THE RESPONSE: "The Wonder of Christmas" arr. Joel Raney
The Sanctuary Choir & Congregation

There is won - der in the hope of the birth of a
King, there is won - der in the sound of the an - gels as they
sing. O — come, O come, Em - man - u -
el, and join us here.

THE OPENING PRAYER..... Letha, Kyle, & Liam McDowell

◆♣THE HYMN NO. 96: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" WINCHESTER NEW

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

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

In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We have broken your commands against idolatry. We do not live in peace with your creation or your people. We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news and for the sake of all the world. 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 PRAYER OF ILLUMINATIONNonie Booth, Liturgist

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 3: 1-9Nonie Booth, Liturgist

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’” John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

THE CHORAL ANTHEM: “The Winter Rose”Joseph Martin
The Sanctuary Choir

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 3:10-18 The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

And the crowds asked him, ‘What then should we do?’ In reply he said to them, ‘Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.’ Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, ‘Teacher, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.’ Soldiers also asked him, ‘And we, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.’ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will

baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON: "Personalized Message"The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

~ We Respond to the Word ~

◆THE HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 115, "Away in a Manger" MUELLER

◆THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Declaration of Faith* (Excerpts from Chapter 3.4)

The Lord has blessed and judged God's people. When God's people worshiped the gods of the land, when they put their trust in military alliances, when they failed to do justice and oppressed the poor, God sent the prophets to condemn their sins and to call the people back to obedience. There were times of repentance and reform, but in the end their kingdoms fell. When we forget the Lord and worship our possessions, when we fail to deal justly with the poor, when we seek security no matter what it costs others, we can expect God's judgment upon us. In the end, we declare God's goodness and justice. God has truly blessed us beyond our deserving.

THE LORD'S PRAYER & THE PASTORAL 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 Bobby Gentry, Greeting Elder

THE OFFERTORY: "Of the Father's Love Begotten" DIVINUM MYSTERIUM
Nick Hodsdon, soloist

◆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 Bobby Gentry, Greeting Elder

~ We Go Forth in Jesus' Name ~

◆THE HYMN NO. 150: "As with Gladness Men of Old" DIX

◆THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

◆THE CLOSING RESPONSE NO. 137: "He Came Down" HE CAME DOWN
The Sanctuary Choir & Congregation

**He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy;
Hallelujah forevermore.**

THE POSTLUDE Cheryl Needham

News Around Outer Banks Presbyterian Church!

Joy Offering

Please see the information and special envelopes in your bulletins today. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor the gift of Jesus by providing assistance to current and retired church workers (ministers, educators, missionaries) in their time of need, and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools, and colleges, and equipping communities of color.

Christmas Reception

The Annual Christmas reception is today immediately following the morning worship service. Come celebrate the season with your church family!

Happy Birthday Warren Davis!

Today is Warren Davis' birthday. You can share your best wishes with him during the reception after the worship service this morning.

This Morning's Musician

While Cheryl Needham is no stranger to Outer Banks Presbyterian, we would like to offer her a very special thank you today for being available to substitute for Jason while he is out of town. Thank you, Cheryl!

Welcome A New Member

Last Sunday morning, December 9, we received Yvonne Blomberg as a new member into our church family. Yvonne was formerly a member of Salem Presbyterian in Salem, VA, and now resides in Kill Devil Hills. Be sure to give her a wonderful and warm Outer Banks Presbyterian welcome.



Next Week's Sermon

Next Sunday, Dec. 23, is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore will be preaching from the Gospel of St. Luke, chapter 1, verses 39-55. When Mary learns that she will be giving birth to the Messiah, she is filled with joy. The birth of a child is a moment full of great promise and excitement. Jesus' birth is the most celebrated birth of all because God has sent humanity a Savior.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be December 24th at 5:00 pm. Please be sure to include worship in your plans for Christmas Eve! We will sing many of our favorite carols, hear the Christmas story through a number of Scripture readings, and have a brief sermon. On Christmas, we proclaim the Good News that Jesus Christ is Emmanuel, God with us.

Christmas Musical 2018 CD's

The Music Ministry of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church presented the annual Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra Christmas Musical on December 1st and 2nd. If you would like to purchase a CD of the concert for \$10.00, please see Jason Evans or Nonie Booth or stop by the church office during the week!

Congratulations Ryan Sexton

Ryan Sexton is a member of the Coast Guard who has been worshipping with us for several years and has been very helpful running our A/V system in the sanctuary. He has been accepted to Coast Guard Officer Training School and his last Sunday with us was December 9th. We wish Ryan well and pray for him as he takes this next step in his career.

Church Office Holiday Hours

The office will be closed Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, December 25, 26 & 27, for the Christmas holidays. The office will be open as usual on Monday, December 24, from 9:00-4:00.

This Week at OBPC

Sunday, December 16, 2018

The Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 amSunday School
10:00 amMorning Worship

Monday, December 17, 2018

11:00 am..... Funeral Service for Lynn Miller
6:30 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

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

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

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

Thursday, December 20, 2018

7:30 am A.A.
10:00 am A.A.
12:00 noon Third Thursday Lunch
5:00 pm Girl Scouts

Friday, December 21, 2018

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

Saturday, December 22, 2018

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

Sunday, December 23, 2018

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Morning Worship
4:30 pm Youth Group

Those Serving Today....

This Week....

December 16, 2018

Greeting Elder: Bobby Gentry

Liturgist: Nonie Booth

Coffee Hour:

Christmas Reception

Children's Church:

Jeanne Moore & Lynda Wood

Next Week....

December 23, 2018

Greeting Elder: Barb Nowland

Liturgist: Brenda Brown

Coffee Hour:

The Session

Children's Church:

Letha McDowell & Grace Hook

2019 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! If you have any questions about the process, just ask the secretary.

Vital Signs

December 9\$4,327.00
December Total..... \$11,565.85
Pennies for Hunger\$94.74

Attendance

December 9 108

Outer Banks Chorus Christmas Concert Final Concert

The Outer Banks Chorus will perform Vivaldi's "Gloria," along with new arrangements of favorite holiday carols in their final presentation this afternoon at 3 pm, Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Kitty Hawk. They will be joined by a string orchestra as well as a trumpet and oboe. Admission by donation.

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.

Homebound, Nursing Home & Out of Town Members

Don & Nancy Bierwerth..... 410 Hastings Ln, Apt. 309, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
Anne Cramer Spring Arbor, 803 Bermuda Bay Blvd, Room 101, Kill Devil Hills, NC 279481
Claudette Forney 321 Gunas Drive, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948
Liz Hamley70 E. Dogwood Trail, Southern Shores, NC 27949
Mickey Meekins Peak Resources, Rm. 404, 430 Health Center Dr., Nags Head, NC 27959
Etta Parrott Peak Resources, Rm., 210, 430 Health Center Dr., Nags Head, NC 27959
Bud Sheets 5500 W. Seachase Dr., Nags Head, NC 27959

Christian Sympathy

Lynn Miller passed away on December 10, 2018. Our prayers are with her husband, Howard, and the rest of her family. A Service to the Witness to the Resurrection will be held at OBPC on Monday, December 17, with a reception to follow in the fellowship hall.

Members & Friends

Jack Abernethy Health Concerns
Martha Butcher (Art Teacher at FFES & MES) Health Concerns
Sue Callens Recovering from Knee Replacement Surgery
George Daniels Recovering from cancer
Warren Davis Recovering from Hip Replacement Surgery
John Dick Health Concerns
Arlene Evans Health Concerns
Catherine Howell (Brenda Brown's daughter) Small Stroke
Esther Huntsinger Recovering from Hip Surgery
Ansley Johnson (*Friend of Sharon McRee*) 7-year old with Leukemia
Terry Legel Complex Metastatic Cancer
EJ Markwood Recovering from Knee Replacement Surgery
Nancy Messinger Health Concerns
Clay Moore (Cousin of Phil Moore) Severe Injuries from Boating Accident
Seth Peters (Husband of a co-worker of Jason's) Cancer
John & Millie Rickers Health Concerns
Louie Rodriguez, Jr. (Single-parent of 9-year-old in Scouts) Metastatic Cancer
Lawrence Rust (Grandson of Barbara Rust) Deployed to Afghanistan
Kevin Scholl (Son of Ruth Ann and Tom Scholl) Metastatic Melanoma
Shirley (friend of Sharon McRee) Cancer Treatments
Hans Stelzer (Donna Lowcher's Uncle) Health Concerns
Trish Thomas Health Concerns
Tom Williamson Recovering from Surgery

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
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Barbara Nowland
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