Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

Sunday, December 2, 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 ORGAN PRELUDE: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” .............. arr. Gilbert M. Martin (b. 1941)

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please pass the guest pads and Pennies for Hunger Baskets)

~ The Liturgy of the Advent Candle ~

The Sanctuary Choir

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) ........................................ Anthony & Elaine Spencer

LEADER: Advent is a time to remember the wonders of our faith.

PEOPLE: God has done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

LEADER: Advent is a time to be amazed at God’s wondrous love.

PEOPLE: God has done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

LEADER: Advent is a time to retrace our past, and reclaim the hope of our future.

PEOPLE: God has done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

LEADER: Advent is a time to be awed by God’s unfolding plan for creation.

PEOPLE: God has done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF HOPE .................................... Anthony & Elaine Spencer

The Sanctuary Choir & Congregation

THE OPENING PRAYER ................................................................. Anthony & Elaine Spencer

✝✝ THE HYMN NO. 88: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (Verses 1-2, 5-7, only) ................... VENI EMMANUEL
THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Spoken in unison)

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge 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 OFFERING OF GIFTS ................................................................. Bob Messinger, Greeting Elder

THE PIANO ORFFERTORY: "Lo, How a Rose Ere Blooming"............................arr. Mark Hayes

♣ 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 ......................................................... Bob Messinger, Greeting Elder

~ The Word of the Lord ~

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION ..................................................... Ike McRee, Liturgist

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 25: 1-10 ....................................... Ike McRee, Liturgist

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness’ sake, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore, he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

THE CHORAL ANTHEM: “The King Shall Come” .......................................... arr. John Leavitt

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Jude 17, 20-25 .............................. The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

But you, beloved, must remember the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; But you, beloved, build yourselves up on your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the love of God; look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on some who are wavering; save others by snatching them out of the fire; and have mercy on still others with fear, hating even the tunic defiled by their
bodies. Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON: “Reliable Hope” ................................................................. The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

~ We Respond to the Word ~

♦ THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH .................................................From Hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, 2002

It pleased God to come to us in Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God with us. God did not simply show us a path to follow, but lived among us as the Way, the Truth and the Life. Although we have done nothing to deserve the free gift of God, in Jesus Christ we receive new life, know the truth about God and ourselves, and are set upon God's way in the world. Jesus Christ was and is the path, for Jesus Christ was and is God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father. Jesus Christ came to us as one of us, sharing our joy and sorrow. He proclaimed God's love, healed the sick, and was a friend of sinners. He continues to reveal God's gracious love, he is among us now to make us whole, and he is still the friend of sinners. Jesus Christ was and is one with us in life; Jesus Christ was and is one with us in suffering and death. The Lord and Savior is Christ crucified, in whom God's weakness is stronger than human strength and God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom.

♦ 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
Sanctuary Flowers
The flowers are placed in the sanctuary this morning by Gary & Linda McGee in honor of the birthday of their son Scott who was born on December 26.

Poinsettia Donations
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 Sunday, December 9, 2018.

Joy Offering
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. There will be a bulletin insert and special envelopes available on December 16.

Third Thursday Luncheon
Join us for our special pre-Christmas Third Thursday Luncheon at noon on December 20th! For this occasion, we are planning a buffet at the Sea Ranch Resort Party Room. The cost is $25 per person. Sea Ranch needs a count for the food, so reservations must be made with Ann or Dan Broadhead no later than December 6th. Call Ann (252-207-3131) or Dan (252-202-0365) or send them an email at kittyhawklife@gmail.com to reserve your spot. Ann and Dan have to provide payment to Sea Ranch in advance. Please give cash or check.

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 45-voice choir and 13-piece orchestra.

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!

Soloists for the program will include: Shannah Boone, Nick Hodsdon and Elaine Spencer. Mrs. Barbara Hardy will narrate.

The orchestra will be comprised of: Jason Evans, piano; Steve Blackstock, organ; George Graham, drums; Reid Stockdill, timpani/percussion; Tim Briggs, electric bass/cello; Leslie Erickson, Shannah Boone, violin; Sue Waters, viola; Suzanne Blackstock and Katie Blanchard, flute; 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.

Next Sunday at OBPC
The 2nd Sunday of Advent
Malachi 3: 1-4
The prophet Malachi asks many good questions, encouraging God’s people to examine their faith and to seek God’s ways. The questions we ask and seek to answer are important in our development as Christ’s disciples. Malachi anticipates God’s plans to send a Messiah and instructs us to purify ourselves with the refiner’s fire.
This Week at OBPC

**Sunday, December 2, 2018**

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

**Monday, December 3, 2018**

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

**Tuesday, December 4, 2018**

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

**Wednesday, December 5, 2018**

7:30 am........................................ A.A.
10:00 am .................................... A.A.
4:00 pm.............................. Officer Training
6:00 pm .......................... Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm.............................. Adult Study

**Thursday, December 6, 2018**

7:30 am........................................ A.A.
9:30 am.................................. Dorcas Circle
10:00 am .................................... A.A.
5:00 pm...................................... Girl Scouts

**Friday, December 7, 2018**

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

**Saturday, December 8, 2018**

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

**Sunday, December 9, 2018**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

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

Those Serving Today....

This Week....

December 2, 2018

Greeting Elder: Bob Messinger
Liturgist: Ike McRee
Coffee Hour:
Stewardship & Generosity
Children’s Church:
Jeanne Moore & Grace Hook
Communion Guild:
Louise Roberts & Barbara Nock

Next Week....

December 9, 2018

Greeting Elder: Jeanne Martie
Liturgist: Jean Basnight
Coffee Hour:
Christian Education
Children’s Church:
Hollie & Jody Lewis

Advent Devotionals

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Copies of "The Father's Love," inspired by Henri M. Nouwen, are available in the Gathering Space. Each reading reminds us that the Father's love for each and every one of us is immeasurable. And, we are called to prepare to receive that love, to share it and to demonstrate it as best we can. Nouwen's writings, as well as Scripture passages and original reflections and prayers, will strengthen our Advent journey. Be guided through daily prayer and reflection as you gain a better sense of how the Father loves us and why God sent his only Son to dwell among us.

Christmas Reception

The Annual Christmas reception will be Sunday, December 16 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!

Vital Signs

November 25 ........................................ $3,384.00
November Total............................. $21,489.00

Attendance

November 25 (morning worship)............... 95
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  
Sue Callens .......................................................... Peak Resources, Rm. 305 (knee replacement rehab)  
Anne Cramer ....................................................... Spring Arbor, 803 Bermuda Bay Blvd, Room 101, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948  
Warren Davis ....................................................... Temporarily at Peak, Rm. 202, 430 Health Center Dr., Nags Head, NC 27959  
Claudette Forney .................................................. 321 Gunas Drive, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948  
Liz Hamley ............................................................ 70 E. Dogwood Trail, Southern Shores, NC 27949  
Mickey Meekins ..................................................... Peak Resources, Rm. 202, 430 Health Center Dr., Nags Head, NC 27959  
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Bud Sheets ............................................................ 5500 W. Seachase Dr., Nags Head, NC 27959

**Members & Friends**

Jack Abernethy ................................................................................................................................................. Health Concerns  
Martha Butcher (Art Teacher at FFES & MES) .................................................................................................. Health Concerns  
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 ........................................................ Hip Replacement Surgery Scheduled for 11/28  
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  
Lynn & Howard Miller ............................................................................................................................................. 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  
Fred Smith ............................................................................................................................................................... Recovering from Shoulder Surgery  
Tom Smith ............................................................................................................................................................... Recovering from Neck Surgery  
Hans Stelzer (Donna Lowcher’s Uncle) ................................................................................................................ Health Concerns  
Trish Thomas .......................................................................................................................................................... Health Concerns
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.

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