

Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

Sunday, December 23, 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.....Jason Evans

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)*..... The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore Family

LEADER: During Advent we ignite the wonder of expectation.

PEOPLE: Open our eyes, O Lord, to behold your glory.

LEADER: During Advent we look for the light that shines in the darkness.

PEOPLE: Open our eyes, O Lord, to behold your glory.

LEADER: During Advent we embrace the hope that enlivens the soul.

PEOPLE: Open our eyes, O Lord, to behold your glory.

LEADER: During Advent we welcome the Savior who beckons the world.

PEOPLE: Open our eyes, O Lord, to behold your glory.

LEADER: During Advent we rejoice in the One who has reclaimed the lost.

PEOPLE: Open our eyes, O Lord, to behold your glory.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF LOVE The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore Family

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..... The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore Family

◆♣THE HYMN NO. 119: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"MENDELSSOHN

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

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

God of all hope, we rejoice in your sure promise to send us a Ruler and Shepherd. We are full of anticipation over his birth. He lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry; yet we strive to promote ourselves and guarantee our own welfare. He invites us to follow him, yet we seek our own agenda. Forgive us for living as though you had not sent us your Son, and as if your good promises meant nothing. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

◆THE GLORIA NO. 134: “Joy to the World” *(Verse 3)* ANTIOCH

**No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.**

◆◆THE PASSING OF THE PEACE *(Spoken Responsively)*

LEADER: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

THE MINUTE FOR EDUCATION..... Ben Cahoon

THE SPECIAL PRESENTATION..... Susan Harman-Scott

(Children in K-5 are dismissed to go to Children’s Church)

~ The Word of the Lord ~

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATIONBrenda Brown, Liturgist

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 1:39-45.....Brenda Brown, Liturgist

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

THE CHORAL ANTHEM: “Look to the Rose”Joseph Martin

The Sanctuary Choir

Rose of Sharon, what a name for the Son of God who came.
If you seek God’s love today, look to the Rose.

“Rose of Sharon, thorns Your crown, image of God’s grace come down.”
Where does God’s great love abound? Look to the Rose.

From dry ground God’s gentle Flower came to show us love’s true power.
Then one day upon a hill, one by one the petals fell.

“Rose of Sharon bloom today, may your fragrance never fade.”
Plant Him in your heart to stay. Look to the Rose.

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 1:46-56..... The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His

mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.” And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON: “Rejoicing in Our Savior”The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

~ We Respond to the Word ~

◆THE HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 145, “What Child Is This”GREENSLEEVES

◆THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITHFrom *A Declaration of Faith* (Chapter 4.1)

God sent the promised Deliverer to God’s people. Jesus, the long expected Savior, came into the world as a child, descended from David, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, a virgin. He lived as a Jew among Jews. He announced to his people the coming of God’s kingdom of justice and peace on earth. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

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 Barb Nowland, Greeting Elder

THE PIANO OFFERTORY: “The Birthday of a King”arr. Marilyn Hamm

◆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 Barb Nowland, Greeting Elder

~ We Go Forth in Jesus’ Name ~

◆THE HYMN NO. 136: “Go Tell It on the Mountain” GO TELL IT

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

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE..... Jason Evans

News Around Outer Banks Presbyterian Church!

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.

Candlelight Service Offering

The Session approved that the Christmas Eve offering go to the Beach Food Pantry.

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!

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.

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.

Poinsettias

If you purchased a poinsettia for the sanctuary, you are invited to take it home following the Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service.

Next Week's Sermon

The Rev. Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks will be preaching and leading us in worship on Sunday, December 30. Rev. Luckhardt-Hendricks will be preaching from Isaiah 61:10-62:3 and Luke 2:22-24. Her message title will be "More is Coming".

Ordination & Installation of Elders

The three incoming Elders for the Class of 2021—Dan Broadhead, Ron Campbell, and Ike McRee—will be ordained and installed during the worship service on January 13th.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, Jan. 27, following the morning worship service. The church's 2018 Annual Report will be available and the agenda will include: presentation of the 2018 Actual Budget and the 2019 Proposed Budget; vote to approve the Minister's Terms of Call for 2019; and election of the Congregation's members to the 2019 Nominating Committee.



Sunday Morning Adult Study

Beginning on January 6, 2019, the Adult Sunday School will be starting a 4-week study on the book of Ruth, led by Tom Carrico and other volunteer teachers. We are rebooting the Adult Sunday School class and look forward to good discussions. We hope to have new people join us in the New Year. Coffee will be provided and all are welcome!



This Week at OBPC

Sunday, December 23, 2018

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 amSunday School
10:00 amMorning Worship

Monday, December 24, 2018

7:30 am A.A.
10:00 am A.A.
5:00 pmChristmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

Office Closed

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

Wednesday, December 26, 2018

Office Closed

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

Thursday, December 27, 2018

Office Closed

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

Friday, December 28, 2018

Office Closed

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

Saturday, December 29, 2018

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

Sunday, December 30, 2018

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Morning Worship

Those Serving Today....

This Week....

December 23, 2018

Greeting Elder: Barb Nowland

Liturgist: Brenda Brown

Coffee Hour:
The Session

Children's Church:
Letha McDowell & Grace Hook

Next Week....

December 30, 2018

Greeting Elder: Mollie Bass

Liturgist: Jeanne Martie

Coffee Hour:
Dorcas Circle

Children's Church:
Hollie & Jody Lewis

Cultural Crossroads Series

Billy Stevens of the NC Humanities Council, will present "Sincere Forms of Flattery: Blacks, Whites and American Popular Music" on Saturday, January 12, at 7:00 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Outer Banks, 831 Herbert Perry Road, Kitty Hawk.

In this presentation Billy Stevens demonstrates how historic interactions between African Americans and European Americans shaped the evolution of American popular music. With its roots in slavery and the fusion of musical traditions brought from both Africa and Europe, American music is a natural outgrowth of the unique culture of the American South.

This program is free and open to the public.



Vital Signs

December 16 \$10,803.00
December Total \$22,368.85
Christmas Joy Offering \$363.00
Pennies for Hunger \$94.74

Attendance

December 16 119

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 27948
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

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
Matt & Dorothy George 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
Nancy Messinger Health Concerns
Howard Miller Health Concerns / Death of wife, Lynn Miller
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

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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