

Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

Sunday, December 9, 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: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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)* Ellen & Tom Carrico

LEADER: During Advent we recall God's promises spoken through the prophets.

PEOPLE: The Word of the Lord is steadfast and true.

LEADER: To the hurting, God promises unshakable hope.

PEOPLE: The Word of the Lord is steadfast and true.

LEADER: To the forsaken, God promises unconditional love.

PEOPLE: The Word of the Lord is steadfast and true.

LEADER: To the broken, God promises unmerited grace.

PEOPLE: The Word of the Lord is steadfast and true.

LEADER: To the heavy hearted, God promises unbridled joy.

PEOPLE: The Word of the Lord is steadfast and true.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF PEACE Ellen & Tom Carrico

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 Ellen & Tom Carrico

◆♣ THE HYMN NO. 82: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" HYFRYDOL

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

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

Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 ILLUMINATIONJean Basnight, Liturgist

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 12:2-6Jean Basnight, Liturgist

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

THE SOLO: “Comfort Ye My People / Every Valley Shall Be Exalted”G.F. Handel (1622-1697)
Angelo Sonnesso, tenor

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Malachi 3:1-4.....The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON: “Good Questions”The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

~We Respond to the Word ~

◆THE HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 129, “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” ES IST EIN’ ROS’

◆THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From the Iona Community

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.

We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present, and his kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.

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 Jeanne Martie, Greeting Elder

THE ORGAN OFFERTORY: "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" arr. 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 Jeanne Martie, Greeting Elder

THE PRESENTATION OF THE NEW MEMBER

Yvonne Blomberg

THE QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION

ONE: Do we, the members of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church, promise to support, encourage, pray for, and welcome this individual as our sister in Christ?

ALL: We do.

THE PRAYER FOR THE NEW MEMBER

THE CHARGE TO THE NEW MEMBER

~ We Go Forth in Jesus' Name ~

◆THE HYMN NO. 100: "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout" STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

◆THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

◆THE CLOSING RESPONSE: "He Came Down" HE CAME DOWN

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

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" arr. Williams

News Around Outer Banks Presbyterian Church!

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Marjorie and Tom Charlton by their daughter, Catherine Charlton, on the occasion of their wedding anniversary.

Poinsettia Donations

Today is the last day to place orders for Christmas Poinsettias in honor or memory of someone in your life. The cost is \$10.00 each. Order form envelopes are available in the Gathering Space.

Third Thursday Luncheon-RSVP Today!

Today is the last day to sign-up for our special pre-Christmas Third Thursday Luncheon, which will take place 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 today!** 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 also have to provide payment to Sea Ranch for the buffet in advance. Please give them cash or check payments made payable to Ann or Dan no later than December 15th. You will receive a ticket when you pay and there will be door prizes! All church members and friends are invited for fun and fellowship!

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 next Sunday, December 16.



Next Week's Sermon

The 3rd Sunday of Advent. Luke 3: 1-18

The prophet John the Baptist came before our Lord and Savior to prepare the way for Jesus. John invites us to turn from our sins, repent, and to focus our attention on God. We will explore what it means to repent.

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 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!

Angel Tree

Thank you to everyone who donated Angel Tree gifts this year. Thanks to your generosity, the children will receive all the gifts requested and more!

Donations for Veterans

A special thank you to everyone who donated to the Veterans. We delivered the items to the Hampton Veterans Hospital this week. They were thrilled to receive such a large donation. Thank you again for saying, "Thank you for your service."

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 9, 2018

9:00 amSunday School
 9:30 am..... Called Session Meeting
 10:00 amMorning Worship
 5:00 pmChristmas Musical

Monday, December 10, 2018

6:30 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

10:00 am Faith Knitters
 6:30 pm Cub Scouts
 6:30 pm Stated Session/Exam of Elders

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

9:30 am..... Lydia Circle
 5:00 pm Stewardship & Generosity
 6:30 pm Adult Study

Thursday, December 13, 2018

5:00 pm Girl Scouts
 5:30 pm..... Faith, Hope, & Love Circle

Friday, December 14, 2018

8:00 am Men's Study

Saturday, December 15, 2018

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

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

*Sessions of A.A. meet in the Fellowship Hall every day except Sunday from 7:30-8:30 a.m. and from 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Those Serving Today....

This Week....

December 9, 2018

Greeting Elder: Jeanne Martie

Liturgist: Jean Basnight

Coffee Hour:

Christian Education

Children's Church:

Hollie & Jody Lewis

Next Week....

December 16, 2018

Greeting Elder:

Liturgist: Nonie Booth

Coffee Hour:

Christmas Reception

Children's Church:

Barbara Hardy & Lynda Wood

Advent Devotionals

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.

Vital Signs

December 1 (Sat. Concert).....\$
 December 2 (Morning Worship).....\$
 December 2 (Sun. Concert)\$
 December Total.....\$
 Pennies for Hunger \$94.74

Attendance

December 1 (Sat. Concert)..... 176
 December 2 (Morning Worship).....109
 December 2 (Sun. Concert) 289

Outer Banks Chorus Christmas Concert

The Outer Banks Chorus will perform Vivaldi's "Gloria," along with new arrangements of favorite holiday carols. They will be joined by a string orchestra as well as a trumpet and oboe. Admission by donation.

Saturday, Dec. 15, 6 pm, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Nags Head, and

Sunday, Dec. 16, 3 pm, Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Kitty Hawk

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

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
Lynn Miller Serious 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
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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