

# Outer Banks Presbyterian Church

Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina



**The Fifth Wednesday in Lent**

**March 14, 2018**

**12:00 noon**

# The Order of Service

*\*Congregation stand as you are able*

THE ORGAN PRELUDE

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

*\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Spoken Responsively)*

**OFFICIANT:** O Lord, open my lips,

**PEOPLE:** **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

**OFFICIANT:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

**PEOPLE:** **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*\*THE HYMN OF WELCOMING NO. 639: "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine" ..... ASSURANCE*

*THE RESPONSIVE READING (Spoken Responsively) ..... Psalm 46*

<sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup> **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains be toppled into the  
depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup> Though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

<sup>4</sup> **The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

<sup>5</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

<sup>6</sup> **God is in the midst of her;  
she shall not be overthrown;  
God shall help her at the break of day.**

<sup>7</sup> The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

<sup>9</sup> Come now and look upon the works of the Lord,  
what awesome things he has done on earth.

<sup>10</sup> **It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire.**

<sup>11</sup> “Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations;  
I will be exalted in the earth.”

<sup>12</sup> **The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

*Text from The Book of Common Prayer, 1979*

THE SCRIPTURE READING: Daniel 3: 14-29

<sup>14</sup>Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and you do not worship the golden statue that I have set up? <sup>15</sup>Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble to fall down and worship the statue that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire, and who is the god that will deliver you out of my hands?” <sup>16</sup>Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. <sup>17</sup>If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. <sup>18</sup>But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up.” <sup>19</sup>Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace heated up seven times more than was customary, <sup>20</sup>and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire. <sup>21</sup>So the men were bound, still wearing their tunics, their trousers, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. <sup>22</sup>Because the king’s command was urgent and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. <sup>23</sup>But the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire. <sup>24</sup>Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his counselors, “Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire?” They answered the king, “True, O king.” <sup>25</sup>He replied, “But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the fourth has the appearance of a god.” <sup>26</sup>Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and said, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!” So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. <sup>27</sup>And the satraps,

the prefects, the governors, and the king’s counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men; the hair of their heads was not singed, their tunics were not harmed, and not even the smell of fire came from them. <sup>28</sup>Nebuchadnezzar said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king’s command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. <sup>29</sup>Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that utters blasphemy against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins; for there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way.”

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.**

THE HOMILY..... The Rev. Keith Dey

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*(Each petition ends: “Hear us, O God...” Congregation responds: “Your mercy is great.”)*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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 HYMN OF SENDING NO. 649: “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” ... AMAZING GRACE

\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

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## Wednesday Lenten Worship Service Schedule

### March 21

The Rev. Charles Daly, Speaker  
from Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church  
Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church, Luncheon

### March 28

The Rev. Spottswood Graves, Speaker  
from Calvary Presbyterian, Swan Quarter  
Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Luncheon