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This Is God’s House. All are Welcome!
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 ~

Ken Clifton & Jason Evans

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please pass the guest pads)

The Sanctuary Choir & Congregation

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head what glory, what bliss till now was thine:
Yet, though despised and glory, I joy to call thee mine.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorry, thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be.
Lord, let me never, never out live my love for thee.

♦ THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Spoken Responsively) .......................................................... Jeanne Martie, Liturgist

ONE: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;
ALL: Wash us from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin.
ONE: Jesus said, “Whoever serves me must follow me. My servant will go where
I lead and obey my commands.”
ALL: Let us worship God and serve in the name of Jesus Christ.

♦ THE OPENING PRAYER .................................................................................................................. Jeanne Martie, Liturgist

✝ THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 35: “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” ................ LOBE DEN HERREN

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Spoken in Unison)

Hear your children, Holy God, as we confess to you our sin. You offer us the security of your
love, but we seek other comforts. You encourage us to love deeply, but we flinch from the
challenge. You seek our complete obedience, but we stray again and again from your rule.
Forgive us, God, we humbly pray. Write your law on our hearts, and fill us with your Holy
Spirit, that we might live in righteousness and glorify you in all we do. In Jesus name we pray,
Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Concluding with the Kyrie)
The assurance of God’s forgiveness

♦ THE GLORIA NO. 581: “Glory Be to the Father” .......................................................... GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.

✝✝ 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 CHORUS OF PRAISE: “Jesus, We Crown You with Praise” (Sung twice) ........... Carol Cymbala

Jesus, we crown You with praise. Jesus, we crown You with praise.
We love and adore You, bow down before You; Jesus, we crown You with praise.

THE CHORAL ANTHEM: “Bow the Knee” ........................................................... arr. Robert Sterling

Melanie Dinkle, soloist
The Sanctuary Choir

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

~ The Word of the Lord ~

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION ......................................................................... Jeanne Martie, Liturgist

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Hebrews 5:5-10 ........................................ Jeanne Martie, Liturgist

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

THE SPECIAL MUSIC: “In Heaven’s Eyes” .........................................................Phil McHugh

Pamela Tanner, soloist

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Jeremiah 31:31-34 .............................. The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God

THE SERMON: “Sticking with the Covenant” .............................................. The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

♦ THE HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 39: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” ................................ FAITHFULNESS
ONE: What is the covenant?
ALL: The covenant is an everlasting agreement between God and Israel.

ONE: What is in this agreement?
ALL: When God called Abraham and Sarah, God promised to bless their family, which was later called Israel. Through the people of Israel, God vowed to bless all the peoples of the earth. God promised to be Israel's God, and they promised to be God's people. God vowed to love Israel and to be their hope forever, and Israel vowed to worship and serve only God.

ONE: How did God keep this covenant?
ALL: God led Israel out of slavery in Egypt, gave them the Ten Commandments through Moses, and brought them into the land that God had promised.

ONE: Did the people keep their covenant with God?
ALL: Though some remained faithful, the people too often worshipped other gods and did not love each other as God commanded. They showed us how much we all disobey God's law.

ONE: What did God do to bring them back to the covenant?
ALL: Although God judged the people when they sinned, God still loved them and remained faithful to them. God sent them prophets to speak God's word. God gave them priests to make sacrifices for their sins. God called kings to protect the needy and guarantee justice. At last God promised to send the Messiah.

ONE: Who was sent to be the Messiah?
ALL: God sent Jesus to be the Messiah. Messiah means "anointed one." The New Testament word for Messiah is Christ. Jesus is called the Christ, because God anointed him to be the Savior who would rescue us from sin and death.

ONE: How did God keep the promise to Abraham by sending Jesus?
ALL: By sending Jesus, God opened up the covenant with Abraham to the whole world. God welcomed all who have faith in Jesus into the blessings of the covenant.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 OFFERING OF GIFTS ......................................................... Tommy Smith, Greeting Elder

THE PIANO/ORGAN OFFERTORY: “God So Loved the World” ........ arr. T. Smith/ D. Hustad
Ken Clifton & Jason Evans

♦ THE DOXOLOGY NO. 606................................................................. OLD HUNDREDTH

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. Amen.

♦ THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION ........................................... Tommy Smith, Greeting Elder

~ We Go Forth in Jesus’ Name ~

♦ THE HYMN OF SENDING NO. 69: “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” ...................... HERE I AM (Schutte)

♦ THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION
O, how He loves you and me. O, how He loves you and me;
He gave His life, what more could He give?
O, how He loves you; O how He loves me; O, how He loves you and me!

Jesus to Calvary did go, His love for sinners to show.
What He did there brought hope from despair.
Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how he loves me; Oh, how he loves you and me.

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” ............. arr. M. Burkhart

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Prayer Concerns
Buzz and Ann Boyd
Bud Sheets
Don & Nancy Bierwerth
Etta Parrott
Mickey Meekins
Nancy Messinger
Jack Abernathy
Helen Gauvereau
Frank Stalling
Millie Rickers
Anne Cramer
Jerry Hale
Shirley Garrett
George Daniels
John Dick
Sarah Garvin
Lawrence Rust
Russell Taylor
Amanda Kirkman
Ansley Johnson
Tim Tiller
Richard Pfersick
Kathy Ballard
June Harris

Christian Sympathy
We send our prayers to Charlie & Marion Jones upon the death of their son, Charlie, Jr.

Wednesday Lenten Worship Service Schedule
Outer Banks Presbyterian has proudly hosted community Lenten Service sponsored by the Dare County Ministerial Association for many years. The services began on Ash Wednesday, February 14 at 12:00 noon and will continue through March 28. There is a service in the sanctuary followed by a light lunch in the fellowship hall. The cost of the lunch is $5.00 and the proceeds go to the Beach Food Pantry. All are invited to these services of music and reflection. The schedule for the remainder of the 2018 Lenten season is as follows:

March 21
The Rev. Charles Daly, Speaker
from Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church
Mt. Carmel United Methodist, Luncheon

March 28
The Rev. Spottswood Graves, Speaker
from Calvary Presbyterian, Swan Quarter
Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Luncheon

Easter Lily Donations Deadline for Ordering Today
If you would like to place an Easter Lily order to remember or honor a loved one, the Easter lily order forms are now available. The cost this year is $10.00. Please pick up an order form in the Gathering Space and turn it into the church office or place in the offering plate no later than today.

Sanctuary Flowers
The flowers are placed in the sanctuary this morning by Gary & Linda McGee in honor of the birthday of their son, Jeffrey McGee.
This Week at OBPC

Sunday, March 18, 2018
9:00 am ...................... Sunday School
10:00 am .................. Morning Worship
5:00 pm ...................... Easter Musical

Monday, March 19, 2018
7:30 am .......................... A.A.
10:00 am .......................... A.A.
6:30 pm .......................... Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 20, 2018
7:30 am .......................... A.A.
10:00 am .......................... A.A.
6:30 pm .......................... Cub Scouts

Wednesday, March 21, 2018
7:30 am .......................... A.A.
10:00 am .......................... A.A.
12:00 pm .......... Wed. Lenten Service
6:00 pm ..................... Sanctuary Choir
6:30 pm .................. Adult Evening Study

Thursday, March 22, 2018
7:30 am .......................... A.A.
8:30 am ............... Bus Shopping Trip
10:00 am .......................... A.A.

Friday, March 23, 2018
7:30 am .......................... A.A.
8:00 am .............. Men’s Bible Study
10:00 am .......................... A.A.

Saturday, March 24, 2018
7:30 am .......................... A.A.
10:00 am .......................... A.A.
1:00 pm .............. March for Our Lives

Sunday, March 25, 2018
9:00 am ...................... Sunday School
10:00 am .................. Morning Worship
5:00 pm ...................... Youth Group

Those Serving Today

This Week…
March 18, 2018
Greeting Elder: Tommy Smith
Liturgist: Jeanne Martie
Coffee Hour: Bus Committee
Children's Church: Hollie & Jody Lewis

Next Week…
March 25, 2018
Greeting Elder: Tommy Smith
Liturgist: Brenda Brown
Coffee Hour: Mollie Bass/Bob Messinger
Children's Church: Hollie & Jody Lewis

What is Lent?
Lent is a period of prayer and reflection that began on Ash Wednesday, February 14, and ends on Easter Sunday, April 1. Lent is a holy season of preparation for the church. During Lent, we follow Jesus on the road toward Jerusalem and his death on the cross for our sake. Lent recognizes that life is full of temptations and that we too often succumb to sin and distance ourselves from God’s will. In Lent, God calls us to a time of simplicity where we focus our attention on God’s voice. Jesus himself spent forty days in the wilderness so that he could more clearly discern God’s direction for his life.

Vital Signs
March 11 .......................... $5213.35
Total for March ................ $13,754.35
Pennies for Hunger ............. $142.07

Attendance
March 11 (10:00 am) ............... 129
March 14 (Wednesday) ............ 44

Easter Musical
Please join us for the final performance of the Easter Musical, “The Love of God,” tonight at 5:00 pm. The musical consists of a 58-voice choir and 12-piece orchestra all joining together to bring the story of God’s love for us through his sacrifice on the cross. The choir and orchestra are under the direction of guest conductor, Ken Clifton.
Lenten Sermon Series on Covenant
February 18 – March 25, 2018

Many of us are familiar with signing contracts whether we are borrowing money, buying a car, or agreeing to a new job. Contracts are legally binding agreements based on the idea that we have to have something in writing so that both sides will keep up their end of the bargain. Unlike a contract, healthy relationships are built on trust and a willingness to be honest and vulnerable. In the Bible, however, God uses covenant, not contract, as a way to establish genuine relationships with us. We will explore the covenants that God has made with us throughout this Lenten series and the meaning of those covenants for our identity and our lives.

Palm Sunday Morning

The Palm Sunday morning worship service will be a special time. Our regular Sunday morning worship at 10 a.m. will begin with a procession into the Sanctuary with all participants waving palms. Please gather in the fellowship hall prior to the service. The procession will begin promptly at 9:50 a.m. so as to be in the Sanctuary for the worship service and special music that will accompany the service.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Next Sunday, March 25, we will have our One Great Hour of Sharing collection. This is a once a year collection for natural disasters, alleviating hunger, and support towards the development of poor and oppressed communities. There is a handout in today’s bulletin and there will be a special envelope in next week’s bulletin.

Maundy Thursday Service

The night before Jesus was crucified, He shared fellowship and a Passover meal with His disciples and then instituted the first Lord’s Supper with the words, “Do This in Remembrance of Me”. On Thursday, March 29, at 6 p.m. we will meet for a similar time of food and fellowship followed by the Lord’s Supper. The entire evening will be held in the Fellowship Hall starting with a gathering and greeting time, followed by a home cooked meal, a time of worship and ending with the celebration of the Lord’s Supper. Please sign-up on the sheet in the gathering space so that the Worship Committee will know how much food to prepare. This evening is a beautiful and meaningful time bringing an end to the Lenten journey we have shared together.

Easter Sunday Morning

Please join us in worship on Easter Sunday, April 1st. It will be a joyous occasion! For the fourth consecutive year, we will have two identical worship services on Easter at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. The 8:30 am service will have the same sermon, hymns, choir anthem, and Order of Service. Please bring a flower for our wire cross.

Bus Shopping Trip

The Transportation Committee is sponsoring a shopping trip to the new Norfolk Premium Outlet mall. The trip will be on Thursday, March 22, leaving church on the bus at 8:30 a.m. First stop will be getting coffee! Tentative schedule is to shop from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. Then we will stop somewhere for lunch before returning home. We plan to be home around 4 - 4:30.

Cost is $15 per person (to cover gas and part of an oil change). While the bus holds 15 people, there are only 5 seats still available. Please contact Jeanne Martie (441-8608 or jlmartie@charter.net) to reserve your seat. Payment is due today, Sunday, March 18. Each person is responsible for paying for their own coffee/lunch and, of course, their own shopping!

March for Our Lives – Rally for Safe Schools

This non-partisan rally and walk expressing solidarity with the victims and survivors of gun violence in schools and calling for solutions will take place at Dowdy Park in Nags Head, March 24, at 1:00 PM. Pastor Jody will be one of the speakers, followed by a one-mile walk.
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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