Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

Sunday, December 1, 2019
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 CHORAL INTROIT: “God with Us, Emmanuel”............................arr. Joel Raney
The Sanctuary Choir

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)......................... Elisabeth Writtenberry & Jaylen Braymiller

LEADER: During Advent we wait for the coming Savior who is our Wonderful Counselor.

PEOPLE: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.

LEADER: We anticipate the One who hears our prayers.

PEOPLE: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.

LEADER: We anticipate the One who heals our infirmities.

PEOPLE: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.

LEADER: We anticipate the One who renews our faith.

PEOPLE: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.

LEADER: We anticipate the One who ignites our hope.

PEOPLE: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF HOPE............. Elisabeth Writtenberry & Jaylen Braymiller

THE RESPONSE: “God with Us, Emmanuel”............................arr. Joel Raney
The Sanctuary Choir & Congregation

THE OPENING PRAYER......................... Elisabeth Writtenberry & Jaylen Braymiller

††THE HYMN NO. 82: “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”........................................HYFRYDOL
THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Spoken in unison)

Most Holy God, this Advent season marks a time of watching and waiting. But we are not a very patient people. And we aren't really sure what we are expecting. God forgive us our lack of faith in Your presence, Your faithfulness, Your unconditional love for us. Help us to make this advent a holy time; a time filled with a search for peace in our world, in our communities, and in ourselves. Faithful God, forgive us our lack of readiness and our apathy. Surprise us again with Your presence and Your peace. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

♦ THE GLORIA NO. 143: “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” (Verse 4) ...................... RECENT 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 ............................................................... Ike McRee, Greeting Elder

THE PIANO OFFERTORY: "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 ........................................................... Ike McRee, Greeting Elder

~ The Word of the Lord ~

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION .......................................................... Nonie Booth, Liturgist

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 2: 1-5 .............................. Nonie Booth, Liturgist

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!


The Sanctuary Choir

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 24: 36-44 ......................The Rev. Walt Hunting

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in
marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON: “Looking Back and Ahead” ............................................. The Rev. Walt Hunting

~ We Respond to the Word ~

♦ THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ................................................................. The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

♦ THE HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 362: “Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers” ................. LLANGLOFFAN

~ 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
Next Sunday at OBPC
The 2nd Sunday of Advent

Matthew 3: 1-12. Advent is a time for preparation for the coming of Christ. John the Baptist, who was the forerunner of Jesus, speaks prophetic words about repentance. This Advent, John’s words command us to turn away from our sin, rededicate our lives to God, and commit to serving Christ. We will light the candle of Peace on the Advent Wreath.

Blue Christmas Service
December 15 at 3:00 pm

On December 15th, Outer Banks Presbyterian Church will host a Blue Christmas Worship Service at 3:00 pm. Blue Christmas, also called the Longest sleep in the Western Christian tradition, is a day in the Advent season marking the longest night of the year. Near this day, some churches hold a church service which recognizes that the holidays are sometimes “blue” or filled with difficult feelings around painful life events such as death, disease, poverty, or abuse. This worship service is traditionally held around the longest night of the year, which falls on or about December 21, the Winter Solstice. There is an interesting convergence for this day as it is also the traditional feast day for Saint Thomas the Apostle. This linkage invites making some connections between Thomas’s struggle to believe the tale of Jesus’ resurrection, the long nights just before Christmas, and the struggle with darkness and grief faced by those living with loss. This worship service will include opportunities for expression of grief and pain as well as an opportunity to focus on the promise of hope we have in Jesus Christ. All OBPC church members, friends, and local citizens are invited to attend this meaningful service.
Sanctuary Flowers
The flowers are placed in the sanctuary this morning by Cathie Feild in honor of her mother Susan Callens’ birthday, which was Nov. 30th.

Advent Devotionals
Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Copies of "I Wonder as I Wander," by Michelle Van Loon, are available in the Gathering Space. These daily Advent devotions capture the surprise, truth and wonder of God's pursuit of each one of us.

Angel Tree
This is the last day to turn in your Angel Tree gifts. The gifts need to be returned to the church, unwrapped with the angel tag attached. They will then be delivered to the Baum Center to be processed for distribution. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Moore (757-508-1657) or Evelyn Webb (540-829-3515).

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 8.

Christmas 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 15.

Third Thursday Luncheon
Join us for the last 3rd Thursday Lunch of the year on December 19 at 12 noon. The lunch will be held at the Sea Ranch Resort in Kill Devil Hills and everyone will choose their own lunch from the menu. Please RSVP to the church office at 252-441-5897 or office@outerbankspresbyterian.org by December 12 to let us know if you will be attending. This is a special time of fun and fellowship and there will be door prizes! We hope you will join us.

Ruthie’s Kitchen
Our church will be providing dinner for Ruthie’s Kitchen on Tuesday, Dec. 3, 5-6 p.m. There is a sign-up board in the Gathering Space. The menu consists of a sloppy joe tater tot casserole (menus are on the board), green beans, applesauce, rolls, desserts. There is also a space on the board for you to sign up to help serve/clean up. The Kitchen is held at Son Rise Church in Kill Devil Hills. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Martie at jlmartie@charter.net or 252-441-8608.

Room In The Inn Fundraiser
Room In The Inn is our local church and faith-based homeless shelter. On Friday, December 6 – from 5 to 8 pm – a fundraiser will be held at Sugar Creek Restaurant. Enjoy traditional holiday dishes by Chefs from the finest restaurants on the Outer Banks. There will also be a silent auction from Local Retailers and Artists. Tickets are $25 each. Jeanne Martie has tickets. Catch her at church, or call 441-8608 or e-mail jlmartie@charter.net.

Christmas Reception
The Annual Christmas reception will be Sunday, December 15 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!

Welcome New Member
Roseanne Arndt of Kill Devil Hills joined OBPC by reaffirmation of faith on November 17th. Please take some time to get to know Roseanne and give her a warm OBPC welcome!

Room In The Inn Volunteers Needed
Roanoke Island Presbyterian Church will be hosting RITI December 22-29. They are in need of chaperones (male or female) and meals. If you plan to be in town Christmas week and can volunteer for a night or meal, please contact Nancy Griffin at RIPC 252-423-1781. Or you can contact Betse Kelly at RITI 252-305-3885. Chaperones need to be at RIPC from 6 pm to 7 am. Dinner and breakfast are provided.
This Week at OBPC

**Sunday, December 1, 2019**
*First Sunday of Advent*
9:00 am.......................... Sunday School
10:00 am ......................... Morning Worship
4:30 pm ............................ Youth Group

**Monday, December 2, 2019**
10:00 am ....................... Hanging of the Greens
6:30 pm ........................... Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, December 3, 2019**
5:00 pm .......................... Ruthie’s Kitchen
6:30 pm ......................... Cub Scouts

**Wednesday, December 4, 2019**
3:00 pm .......................... Officer Training
6:00 pm ....................... Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm ........................... Adult Study
7:15 pm ........................... Handbells

**Thursday, December 5, 2019**
9:30 am ........................... Dorcas Circle
5:00 pm ........................... Girl Scouts

**Friday, December 6, 2019**
8:00 am ............................ Men’s Study
5:00 pm ...................... Room In The Inn Fundraiser
7:00 pm ....................... Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal

**Saturday, December 7, 2019**
10:00 am .................... Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal
5:00 pm .......................... Christmas Concert

**Sunday, December 8, 2019**
*Second Sunday of Advent*
9:00 am ........................... Sunday School
10:00 am ........................... Morning Worship
5:00 pm .......................... Christmas Concert

AA meetings are held at the church
Mon-Sat at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

This Week....
December 1, 2019
Greeting Elder: Ike McRee
Liturgist: Nonie Booth
Coffee Hour: Stewardship & Generosity
Children’s Church: Braymiller
Communion Guild: Louise Roberts & Barbara Nock

Next Week....
December 8, 2019
Greeting Elder: Ike McRee
Liturgist: Brenda Brown
Coffee Hour: Christian Education
Children's Church: Hardy & Wood

Christmas Musical at OBPC
Saturday, Dec. 7  |  5:00 pm
Sunday, Dec. 8  |  5:00 pm

Join us for our 12th Annual Christmas Musical in two presentations presented on Sat. Dec. 7 at 5:00 pm and Sun. Dec. 8 at 5:00 pm. The concert will be presented by the Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra, and guest singers under the direction of Nonie Booth and Jason Evans, with Susan Harman-Scott providing narration.

The first portion of the concert will be an assortment of Christmas favorites sure to get you in the Christmas spirit – and don’t forget to bring your voice – there will be opportunities for you to join in song too! The second portion of the concert will feature both traditional carols and newly composed anthems that visit the timeless Christmas story with fresh insight. A nursery will be provided onsite and a freewill love offering will be taken.

Outer Banks Chorus Christmas Concerts
Sat., Dec. 14, 7pm: Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Kitty Hawk
Sun. Dec. 14, 7pm: St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Nags Head

Vital Signs
November 24 .......................... $4,163.00
November Total ......................... $20,651.00
Pennies for Hunger .................. $125.95

Attendance
November 24 .......................... 118
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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Cathie Feild, Office Manager (441-5897)

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Another way to give is through online donations via a website link ❤️GIVE NOW at: www.outerbankspresbyterian.org.

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