Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

Sunday, December 15, 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 HANDBELL PRELUDE: “Christmas Carol Fantasy” ................................. arr. John C. Dare
The Jubilate Ringers

Linda Campbell, E.J. Markwood, Elaine Spencer, Melanie Cahoon,
Jeanne Moore, Kathy Gunther, Jean Sias, Barb Nowland,
John Webb, Ike McRee, Bob Gunther & Nonie Booth

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please pass the guest pads.)

~ The Liturgy of the Advent Candle ~

THE CHORAL INTROIT: “God with Us, Emmanuel”.............................. arr. Joel Raney
The Sanctuary Choir

♦ THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) ........................................ Phil & Randy Parker

Leader: During Advent we wait for the coming Savior who is our Mighty God.

People: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.

Leader: We look to the One in whom we find redemption.

People: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.

Leader: We look to the One who forgives our sins.

People: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.

Leader: We look to the One who overcomes the darkness.

People: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.

Leader: We look to the One who has come to set us free.

People: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES OF HOPE, PEACE, & JOY............... Phil & Randy Parker

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

[Musical notation]

Ev-er-last-ing Fa- ther, Prince of Peace,

Wo-nder-ful Coun-se-lor, Al-might-y God.

Em-man-u-el, Em-man-u-el, God with us, Em-man-u-el.
God of majesty and glory, we are thirsty for your grace. You made a way for us in the wilderness, and still, in our foolishness, we go astray. We hide our eyes from your presence. We do not listen to your word. We are lifeless when we ought to dance and speechless when we ought to sing. Forgive us, O Lord. Speak peace to our fearful hearts, strengthen our weak hands, and make firm our feeble knees as we seek to follow in your holy way.

Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

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 CHORUS NO. 137: "He Came Down that We May Have Joy" (Sung twice) ...... HE CAME DOWN

He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy;
Hallelujah forevermore.

~ The Word of the Lord ~

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION ................................................................. Ron Baker, Liturgist


Thus says the Lord of hosts: Let your hands be strong—you that have recently been hearing these words from the mouths of the prophets who were present when the foundation was laid for the rebuilding of the temple, the house of the Lord of hosts. For before those days there were no wages for people or for animals, nor was there any safety from the foe for those who went out or came in, and I set them all against one another. But now I will not deal with the remnant of this people as in the former days, says the Lord of hosts. For there shall be a sowing of peace; the vine shall yield its fruit, the ground shall give its produce, and the skies shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things. Just as you have been a cursing among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so I will save you and you shall be a blessing. Do not be afraid, but let your hands be strong.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.
THE CHORAL ANTHEM: “One Candle Lights the Way”...............................Albrecht/ Althouse

The Sanctuary Choir

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 1: 1-17.......................The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.

So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON: “Lessons from Jesus’ Family Tree” .....................................The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

~We Respond to the Word~

♦THE HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 100: “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

♦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 PASTORAL PRAYER & 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 ........................................................................... Ike McRee, Greeting Elder

THE HANDBELL OFFERTORY: "A Carol Jubilee" ............................arr. Sharon E. Rogers

The Jubilate Ringers
Next Sunday at OBPC
The 4th Sunday of Advent
Matthew 1: 18-25

An angel announces to Joseph that Mary will bear a son named Jesus, who will save the people from their sins. Joseph has faith in God and follows the angel’s instructions. We celebrate the wonderful, amazing gift of Christmas of Emmanuel, God with us! We will light the candle of Love on the Advent Wreath.

Blue Christmas Service
Today at 3:00 pm

This afternoon, 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.
Christmas Reception
Join us for our Annual Christmas reception in the fellowship hall following this morning’s worship service. Come celebrate the season with your church family!

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. A bulletin insert and special envelopes are available today.

Advent Devotionals
The cherished carol "I Wonder as I Wander" launches this inspiring Advent journey through themes of seeking and being found by God. These daily Advent devotions capture the surprise, truth and wonder of God’s pursuit of each one of us. Copies of "I Wonder as I Wander," by Michelle Van Loon, are available in the Gathering Space.

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 no later than tomorrow, Monday, December 16th, 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.

2020 Sanctuary Flower Schedule
The 2020 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 Cathie in the office.

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.

New Prayer Chain
Prayer is vital to our lives as Christ’s followers. Jesus prayed regularly and we are invited to lift one another up in prayer. As a way to care for our members and friends in their joys and in their hours of need, we have developed a new prayer chain. In addition to our congregation’s current ministry of listing prayer requests in the bulletin and sending prayer cards, a small group of individuals have committed themselves to a prayer ministry. If you have any request that you would like for the prayer team to lift up, please share it with the prayer coordinators.

Our prayer coordinators are: Jean Basnight and Rosalyn Pugh and you may share a request with them by phone at 252-480-1028 (Home) or 252-619-7661 (Cell). Some examples of prayer requests that we hope will be shared include: hospitalization, illness, chronic need, death, discernment for God’s guidance for a decision, and sharing joys. We invite our members to not be shy: please contact the prayer team if you have a need or joy for yourself or others and we promise to support you in prayer. The team appreciates the trust placed in them and recognizes the need to respect privacy and confidentiality.

Church Office Holiday Hours
The office will be closed Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, December 24, 25 & 26, for the Christmas holidays. In addition, the office will be closed on Tuesday, December 31 and Wednesday, January 1. It will re-open for limited hours on Thursday, January 2 (10:00-2:00) and then resume a normal schedule on Monday, January 6, 2020.
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.

All Saints Episcopal Church in Kitty Hawk is in need of chaperones for the weeks of Jan. 19-26 and Mar. 22-29. If you can chaperone for 1 or more nights (6 pm to 7 am), please contact Tim McKeithan at 757-672-3045. Or you can contact Betse Kelly at RITI 252-305-3885.

This Week at OBPC

Sunday, December 15, 2019
The Third Sunday of Advent
9:00 am.......................... Sunday School
10:00 am ......................... Morning Worship
11:15 am ........................ Christmas Reception
3:00 pm.......................... Blue Christmas Service
4:30 pm.......................... Youth Group

Monday, December 16, 2019
6:30 pm......................... Boy Scouts (at Peak Resources)

Tuesday, December 17, 2019
6:30 pm.......................... Cub Scouts

Wednesday, December 18, 2019
6:30 pm.......................... Adult Study
6:30 pm.............. Scouts Order of the Arrow

Thursday, December 19, 2019
12:00 pm ...................... Third Thursday Lunch
5:00 pm.......................... Girl Scouts

Friday, December 20, 2019
8:00 am.......................... Men's Study
4:30 pm.......................... Mommy & Me

Saturday, December 21, 2019

Sunday, December 22, 2019
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:00 am.......................... Sunday School
10:00 am ......................... Morning Worship
4:30 pm.......................... Youth Group

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

This Week....
December 15, 2019
Greeting Elder: Ike McRee
Liturgist: Ron Baker
Coffee Hour: Christmas Reception
Children's Church: Writtenberry & Michler

Next Week....
December 22, 2019
Greeting Elder: Judy Whittle
Liturgist: Ben Cahoon
Coffee Hour: Evangelism Committee
Children's Church: Moore & McDowell

Room In The Inn
Volunteers Needed

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Vital Signs
December 1.......................... $7,726.00
December 8.......................... $4,057.00
December Total.......................... $11,783.00
Pennies for Hunger......................... $73.97

Attendance
December 1.......................... 98
Dec. 7 (Christmas Concert)............... 227
Dec. 8 (Morning Worship)............. 127
Dec. 8 (Christmas Concert)............... 211

Assisted Listening Devices
If you have trouble hearing the service, we now have devices to amplify the sound. They are available at the sound booth and must be checked out and returned at the end of the service. Four of these devices are available on a first come, first served basis.
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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