Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

Sunday, December 22, 2019
10:00 am

Welcome to our church family!

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 PIANO PRELUDE ................................................................. Cheryl Needham

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) ........................................... The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore Family

   Leader: During Advent we wait for the coming Savior who is our Everlasting Father.
   People: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.
   Leader: During Advent we look to the One who knows our deepest thoughts.
   People: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.
   Leader: During Advent we look to the One who cares for our deepest needs.
   People: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.
   Leader: During Advent we look to the One who knows our pressing concerns.
   People: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.
   Leader: During Advent we look to the One who knows our innermost being.
   People: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES OF HOPE, PEACE, JOY, & LOVE.............. The Moore Family

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

♦THE OPENING PRAYER.............................................................. The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore Family

♦THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 119: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”............... MENDELSSOHN

THE CALL TO CONFESSION
THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Spoken in unison)

God of hope and peace, God of strength and gentleness, remind us again in this Advent season of the holy way for God's people to travel. Forgive us for failing to see your joy and majesty. Forgive us for being weak in serving you. Forgive us for failing to see the glory of your creation where waters can break forth in the wilderness and the deserts shall bring forth beauty. Open our eyes to see your promises. Open our ears to hear the good news of your love for all your children. Quench our thirst with showers of your love for us. 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 CHORUS: "He Came Down that We May Have Love" (Sung twice) ......................... McGee

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

~ The Word of the Lord ~

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION ................................................................. Ben Cahoon, Liturgist

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 7:10-16 .................................. Ben Cahoon, Liturgist

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

THE CHORAL ANTHEM: “How Quietly” .................................................. Joel Raney

Elisabeth Writtenberry, soloist

The Sanctuary Choir

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 1:18-25 ......................... The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means,
“God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

THE SERMON: “God’s Son Has Come Near to Us”.........................The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

~ We Respond to the Word ~

♦THE HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 145: “What Child Is This” ........................................ GREENSLEEVES

♦THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH................................................. From A Declaration of Faith, Ch. 4.1

God sent the promised Deliverer to God’s people. Jesus, the long-expected Savior, came into the world as a child, descended from David, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, a virgin. He lived as a Jew among Jews. He announced to his people the coming of God’s kingdom of justice and peace on earth. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

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 ................................................................. Judy Whittle, Greeting Elder

THE PIANO OFFERTORY .................................................................. Cheryl Needham

♦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 ....................................................... Judy Whittle, Greeting Elder

~ We Go Forth in Jesus’ Name ~

♦♦THE HYMN OF SENDING NO. 146: “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” ............... TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

♦THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

♦THE CLOSING RESPONSE NO. 136: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain” (Refrain only) ........ GO TELL IT

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE.................................................................Cheryl Needham

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We now go forth in peace to love and serve

God and God's people in Christ's name!
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**

Marge Bennett .......................................................... Pine Run, 777 Ferry Rd., Rm. 308, Doylestown, PA 18901
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 27948
Judy Dempsey .......................................................... 916 Canterbury Ln., Apt. 2304, Prescott, AZ 86301
John & Helen Dick .................................................. 321 Gunas Drive, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948
Claudette Forney ..................................................... PO Box 131, Slippery Rock, PA 16057
Howard Miller ............................................................ Homestead at the Crossings 2232 Clemson Rd., Apt. 1014, Columbia, SC 29229
Etta Parrott ............................................................. Peak Resources, 430 Health Center Dr., Nags Head, NC 27959

**Members & Friends**

Jack Abernethy .................................................................................................. Health Concerns
Les Basnight (*Jean Basnight’s son*) ................................................................. Health Concerns
Martha Butcher (*Art Teacher at FFES & MES*) .................................................. Health Concerns
Tommy DeSanto ......................................................... Recovering from a Stroke
Lisa Evans (*Jason Evan’s Sister-in-Law*) ......................................................... Health Concerns
Ann Gilbert (*Friend of Ellen Grove*) ............................................................... Cancer
Reid Hinson .................................................................................................. Health Concerns
Nick Hodsdon ........................................................................................................ Cancer
Dawn Jones (*Niece of Nancy Laird*) ................................................................. Health Concerns
Terry Legel ................................................................. Complex Metastatic Cancer
Andy Mallory (*Barb & Joe Morgan’s son/stepson*) .......................................... Brain Cancer
Nancy Messinger .......................................................................................... Health Concerns
Joe Morgan .................................................................................................. Health Concerns
Roy Murray (*Trumpeter friend of OBPC*) ...................................................... Stroke
Fran Peel .................................................................................................. Recovering from Heart Surgery
Richard Phersick (*Friend of Barbara Rust*) .................................................. Health Concerns
Dan & Marianne Raymond (*Friends of Ann Harrison*) ................................ Both have Cancer
Claudia Riley (*Louise Roberts’ Mother*) .......................................................... Health Concerns
Brantley Rogers (*Frank & Carol Moore’s grandson*) ........................................ Health Concerns
Kevin Scholl (*Son of Ruth Ann and Tom Scholl*) .......................................... Metastatic Melanoma
Fred Smith .................................................................................................. Health Concerns
Frank Stallings (*Jim Goes’ Son-in-Law*) ......................................................... Cancer
Steve (*Friend of McRee’s*) ............................................................................. Kidney Cancer
Trish Thomas ................................................................................................ Broken Ankle
Lisa Trupo (*Friend of Ellen Grove*) ............................................................... Single Mother w/Stage 4 Cancer
Rev. Elizabeth Whitmer (*Cann Memorial Presbyterian*) ................................ Surgery & recovery
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be December 24th at 5:00 pm, with a piano and organ prelude starting at 4:40. 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.

Candlelight Service Offering

The Session approved that the Christmas Eve offering go to the Outer Banks Community Foundation to benefit hurricane-impacted residents of Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands.

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.

Request for 2019 Budget

At our current pace, our 2019 Financial Budget will finish the year in a deficit position. Our spending has occurred as projected. Unfortunately, our revenues have dipped below expectations due to the loss of several members who have moved away or died during the current year. We hope that everyone will check to be sure that their pledges are up to date for 2019. If you are able, we prayerfully ask that you consider going over and above your pledge. Blessings from the Finance Committee.

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!

Cub Scout Sponsors

Our Cub Scout Pack is looking for two or three people who would like to sponsor the annual fee for children whose family circumstances would not otherwise allow them to participate in Cub Scouts. The fee is $102 per Scout. If you are interested, please contact Scout leaders Blair (252-207-9667) or Marion (252-216-8256) Siefferman (blairmarionsiefferman@gmail.com).

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 Wed., 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.

Ordination & Installation of Elders

The three incoming Elders for the Class of 2022—Ron Baker, Barbara Nock, and Evelyn Webb—will be ordained and installed during the worship service on January 12th.

2020 Pledge Envelopes

Boxes of 2020 Pledge envelopes for those who requested them are labeled and available on the table in the Gathering Space.

Poinsettias

If you purchased a poinsettia for the sanctuary, you are invited to take it home following the Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service.
This Week at OBPC

**Sunday, December 22, 2019**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

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

**Monday, December 23, 2019**

- 6:30 pm: Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, December 24, 2019**

*Christmas Eve*

- 5:00 pm: Candlelight Service

**Wednesday, December 25, 2019**

*Merry Christmas!*

- Offices Closed

**Thursday, December 26, 2019**

- Offices Closed

**Friday, December 27, 2019**

**Saturday, December 28, 2019**

**Sunday, December 29, 2019**

- 9:00 am: Sunday School
- 10:00 am: Morning Worship

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

This Week....

**December 22, 2019**

Greeting Elder: Judy Whittle

Liturgist: Ben Cahoon

Coffee Hour: Evangelism Committee

Children's Church: Moore & McDowell

**Next Week....**

**December 29, 2019**

Greeting Elder: Ike McRee

Liturgist: Nonie Booth

Coffee Hour: Dorcas Circle

Children's Church: Writtenberry & Michler

Room In The Inn Volunteers Needed

Roanoke Island Presbyterian Church will be hosting RITI this week, 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.

Vital Signs

- December 15: $21,610.00
- December Total: $33,393.00
- Dec. 7 Christmas Concert: $945.00
- Dec. 8 Christmas Concert: $902.00
- Pennies for Hunger: $73.97

Attendance

- Dec. 7 (Christmas Concert): 227
- Dec. 8 (Christmas Concert): 211
- December 15: 120

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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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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