Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

The First Sunday of Christmas

Sunday, December 29, 2019
10:00 am

FOR unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given
And the government shall be upon His shoulder
And His name shall be called WONDERFUL Counselor
The Mighty God
The Everlasting Father
THE PRINCE OF PEACE
ISAIAH 9:6

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This Is God’s House! All Are Welcome!
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 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS................................................. Nonie Booth

The Sanctuary Choir & Congregation

Come on, ring those bells, light the Christmas Tree.
Jesus is the King, born for you and me.
Come on, ring those bells, everybody say,
“Jesus, we remember this your birthday.”

♦ THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Spoken Responsively)..................................Nonie Booth

Leader: Let us tell the gracious deeds of the Lord.
People: Let us tell all that the Lord has done for us.
Leader: We are God’s people. God is our Savior.
People: We are saved by God’s gracious presence; we are redeemed by his hand.
ALL: Praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

♦ THE OPENING PRAYER.................................................................Nonie Booth

Leader: Let us pray:

ALL: O God, who is the greatest giver of all times and places, we thank you for memories and our families. We thank you for gifts and givers, for stories and storytellers. But most of all, we thank you for your love as given to us in our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

♦✝ THE HYMN NO. 134: “Joy to the World” .................................................. ANTIOCH

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Spoken in Unison)

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light or trusted your good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to your glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let the redeemed people of God together say:
People: Amen.

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: "He Came Down that We May Have Love" ............ McGee

_The Sanctuary Choir & Congregation_

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. (repeat)

- The Word of the Lord -

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION......................................................Nonie Booth

THE FRIST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 63: 7-9...................................... Nonie Booth

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, ‘Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely’; and he became their savior in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity, he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

THE ANTHEM: “Carol Medley” (Please see p. 7 for lyrics) ...............arr. J. Evans

_Sanctuary Choir & Congregation_


Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.’ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, ‘Out of Egypt I have called my son.’ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: ‘A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.’ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.’ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, ‘He will be called a Nazorean.’
LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON ............................... The Rev. Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks

~ We Respond to the Word ~

♦ THE HYMN NO. 123: “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” .......................... CAROL

♦ THE CHRISTMAS AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

We believe Jesus is the Son of God. We affirm that this joyous gospel was birthed in Bethlehem, where deity was cradled in a manger. A few saw and understood this in-break, this Word-Made-Flesh. As an adult, Jesus walked among the people, healing, preaching, breaking new paths to truth. He explained life as it is and incarnated hope. We join with those who received him then, and without reservation, we receive him now in Christmas Love. 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 ORGAN OFERTORY: “Still, Still, Still” .............................................. arr. J. Evans

♦ THE DOXOLOGY (Sung to the tune of ‘O Come, O Come Emmanuel’) .............................. 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

~ We Go Forth in Jesus’ Name ~

♦ THE HYMN OF SENDING: ”Let There Be Peace on Earth” ............ Jackson

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Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

♦ THE CHARGE & BLESSING

Leader: Go, Christians! Tell the story of God’s love and Jesus’ birth!
People: We go, letting our words of good news be a blessing to others.
Leader: May you be blessed in telling God’s love.
People: We will tell that God is present! God is born! God is love!
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).

Church Office Holiday Hours
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.

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.

♦ THE RESPONSE NO. 136: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" ............... GO TELL IT
The Sanctuary Choir & Congregation

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: “Joy to the Word with Hallelujah Chorus” .. arr. Caudill

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This Week at OBPC

Sunday, December 29, 2019
9:00 am.............. Sunday School
10:00 am.............. Morning Worship
5:00 pm............... Youth Group

Monday, December 30, 2019
7:30 am ..................... A.A.
10:00 am................... A.A.

Tuesday, January 31, 2019
Church Offices Closed
7:30 am ..................... A.A.
10:00 am................... A.A.

Wednesday, January 1, 2020
Church Offices Closed
7:30 am ..................... A.A.
10:00 am................... A.A.
6:30 pm ............ Adult Evening Study

Thursday, January 2, 2020
7:30 am ..................... A.A.
10:00 am................... A.A.

Friday, January 3, 2020
7:30 am ..................... A.A.
10:00 am................... A.A.
8:00 am .............. Men’s Bible Study

Saturday, January 4, 2020
7:30 am ..................... A.A.
10:00 am................... A.A.

Sunday, January 5, 2020
9:00 am............... Sunday School
10:00 am.............. Morning Worship
4:30 pm............... Youth Group

Those Serving Today

This Week....
December 29, 2019
Greeting Elder: Ike McRee
Liturgist: Nonie Booth
Coffee Hour: Dorcas Circle
Children’s Church: Writtenberry / Michler

Next Week....
January 5, 2020
Greeting Elder: Bob Messinger
Liturgist: Jeanne Martie
Coffee Hour: Administration
Children’s Church: TBA

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Christmas Musical CD’s
The Music Ministry of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church presented the annual Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra Christmas Musical on December 1st and 2nd. If you would like to purchase a CD of the concert for $10.00, please place your order with or see Jason Evans or Nonie Booth or call the church office during the week!

Vital Signs
Sun., Dec. 22 (AM)........... $4,487.00
Total for December ........ $37,880.00
Christmas Joy Offering ........... $2.00
Christmas Eve (Dec. 24) ......... TBA
Pennies for Hunger ............. $73.97

Attendance
Sun., Dec. 22 (AM)............. 102
Mon., Dec 24 (PM)............. 231
O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful Joyful and triumphant.
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him Born the King of Angels!
O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him.
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

Sing, choirs of angels sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heaven above.
Glory to God all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him. Christ the Lord.

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Oh little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting light
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

The First Noel

The First Noel, the Angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel. Born is the King of Israel!

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Hark the herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled"
Joyful, all ye nations rise join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic host proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem"
Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth born to give them second birth
Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King!"
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.

Disbursing Treasurer
Jeanne Martie (441-8608)

Receiving Treasurers’
Becky Lofton-DeSanto
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Welcome