Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

A Celebration
of the Lord's Day

March 31, 2019
10:00 am

Fourth
Sunday IN Lent

A Member of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
And the Presbytery of New Hope

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 PIANO PRELUDE “Andante Cantabile from Sontata Pathetique”..... Beethoven (1770-1827)

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

♦THE GATHERING SONG NO. 701: “Lord, Prepare Me” (sung twice).............................. SANCTUARY
The Sanctuary Choir & Congregation

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.

♦THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive).......................................................... Ben Cahoon, Liturgist

ONE: Let all the faithful offer prayers to God! In times of distress, trouble shall not overtake us.
ALL: You are a safe place for us, O God. You preserve us and show us your way.
ONE: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice in God’s righteousness.
ALL: Shout for joy because steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.
ONE: Let us worship almighty God!

♦THE OPENING PRAYER.......................................................... Ben Cahoon, Liturgist

♦THE HYMN NO. 169: “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” .........................................REST

THE ACT OF CONFESSION (Spoken Responsively)

ONE: Why do we confess our sin?
ALL: Because all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.
ONE: Why do we do this together?
ALL: Because we are a community, a covenant people.
ONE: Then let us confess our sin together, praying with one voice.
ALL: Merciful Lord, when we hear the parable of the Prodigal Son and his older brother, we confess that we see a reflection of our own sinfulness on display in this story. At times, we act like the Prodigal Son and we turn away from your presence, squander the good gifts that you have given us, and waste our time and energy. Other times, we are jealous like the older brother. You want us to celebrate life’s goodness, but there are times that we would rather sulk and feel sorry for ourselves. God, forgive us. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Concluding with the Kyrie)

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

♦THE GLORIA NO. 39: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (Verse 3) ..................FAITHFULNESS

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!
THE PASSING OF THE PEACE  (Spoken Responsively)  
ONE: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
ALL: And also with you.  

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

THE RECOGNITION OF THE 2019 OUTSTANDING OLDER ADULT AWARD WINNER

~ The Word of the Lord ~

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


Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’

THE CHORAL ANTHEM: “We Have One Faith” ...................................... Joseph Martin

The Sanctuary Choir


So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused
to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

ONE: This is the Word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON: “Finding a Home”.........................................................The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

~ We Respond to the Word ~

♦THE HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 440: “Jesus, Lover of My Soul” ..................ABERYSTWYTH

♦THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH..........................Excerpts from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. 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 ................................................................. Bobby Gentry, Greeting Elder

THE PIANO OFFERTORY: “This Is My Father’s World” ......................... arr. Mark Hayes

♦THE DOXOLOGY NO. 612: “We Praise you, O God” (Verse 1).................. LASST UNS ERFREUEN

We praise, you O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

♦THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION ...................................................... Bobby Gentry, Greeting Elder

~ We Go Forth in Jesus’ Name ~

♦THE HYMN NO. 649: “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” ............AMAZING GRACE

♦THE CHARGE & Benediction

♦THE CLOSING RESPONSE: “May God’s Blessings” ......................... Cliff Barrows

May God’s blessings surround you each day as you trust Him and walk in His way.
May His presence within guard and keep you from sin.
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love. Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.


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

Relay for Life: Service of Hope
This afternoon at 4:00 pm, Outer Banks Presbyterian Church will host the Dare County Relay for Life Service of Hope. Several area ministers as well as a community choir will participate in this celebration of HOPE in the fight against cancer. Individuals will be given the opportunity to purchase a luminary for $10.00 prior to the service “In Honor Of” or “In Memory Of” a loved one.

Easter Lily Donations
If you would like an Easter Lily placed in the Sanctuary on Easter 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 it in the offering plate no later than Sunday, April 14, 2019.

Palm Sunday Morning
The Palm Sunday morning worship service on April 14 will be a special time. Our regular Sunday morning worship at 10:00 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
We will receive a special offering collection on Easter Sunday from the Presbyterian Mission called, “One Great Hour of Sharing” (OGHS). OGHS helps fund the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance fund; the Presbyterian Hunger Program; and educates Presbyterians about the impact of societal ills. Look for more information and the collection envelope in your bulletin on Easter.

Wednesday Lenten Worship Service Schedule
We hope you will join us for the three remaining Lenten worship services sponsored by the Dare County Ministerial Association. The worship service starts at 12:00 noon and is followed by a light lunch in the fellowship hall. The cost of the lunch is $5.00 and the proceeds go to local food pantries.

April 3
The Rev. Keith Dey
From Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Lunch by Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

April 10
Chaplain Cherri Wheeler
From Kitty Hawk Baptist Church
Lunch by Kitty Hawk Baptist

April 17
The Rev. Spottswood Graves
From Calvary Presbyterian, Swan Quarter
Lunch by St. Andrews Episcopal Church

Next Week’s Sermon
John 12:1-8. Just a few days before his arrest, Jesus comes to Bethany and has a meal at the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. Lazarus’s sister Mary took some costly perfume and placed it on Jesus’ feet, wiping it with her hair. Such an extravagant act was criticized by some, including Judas. Jesus, however, commends Mary for her sincere act of devotion and love, which prepared Jesus for his impending death on the cross.

Scholarship Fund
OBPC has a scholarship fund from which we award scholarships to graduating seniors for higher education. We invite anyone who would like to support this initiative to make a gift to the fund. To do so, make your check payable to Outer Banks Presbyterian Church and write Scholarship Fund on the memo line.
Pastor’s Spring Class

Each Tuesday at 5:00 pm, Pastor Jody and other adult education teachers are leading a 14-week study of the book, Christian Doctrine, by Shirley Guthrie, who was one of Pastor Jody’s seminary professors. Christian Doctrine is written in an accessible way and helps make important theological concepts easier to understand and apply to our daily lives. The schedule of topics for April is listed below. We hope you will join us!

- **April 2:** How Can We Find God? The Doctrine of General Revelation
- **April 9:** How Does God Find Us? The Doctrine of Special Revelation
- **April 16:** Who Is God? The Doctrine of the Trinity
- **April 23:** What Is God Like? The Doctrine of the Attributes of God
- **April 30:** What Does God Want with Us? The Doctrine of Predestination

Vital Signs

- **March 24:** $6,938.00
- **March Total:** $23,605.00
- **Pennies for Hunger:** $74.65

Attendance

- **March 24:** 116
- **March 27 (Noon):** 46

Save the Date!

12th Annual Spring / Easter Musical

- **Saturday, April 13**: 5 pm
- **Sunday, April 14**: 5 pm
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**

Mollie Bass..............................Temporarily at Moore Center, 2003 Cobb St., Farmville, VA 23901
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
Claudette Forney ..................................321 Gunas Drive, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948
Liz Hamley .............................................70 E. Dogwood Trail, Southern Shores, NC 27949
Etta Parrott......................Peak Resources, Rm., 210, 430 Health Center Dr., Nags Head, NC 27959
Bud Sheets.............................................5500 W. Seachase Dr., Nags Head, NC 27959

**Members & Friends**

Jack Abernethy.................................................................Health Concerns
Nathalie & Duel Ballard.................................................................Health Concerns
Martha Butcher (Art Teacher at FFES & MES)........................................Health Concerns
George Daniels ..........................................................Recovering from Cancer
John Dick ..............................................................................Health Concerns
Arlene Evans........................................................................Health Concerns
Matt & Dorothy George................................................................Health Concerns
Roberta Graves ......................................................................Health Concerns
Esther Huntsinger ..............................................................Recovering from Hip Surgery
Ansley Johnson (Friend of Sharon McRee) ..............................................7-year old with Leukemia
Ash Jones...........................................................................Cancer
Terry Legel........................................................................Complex Metastatic Cancer
Nancy Messinger................................................................Health Concerns
Howard Miller.......................................................................Health Concerns
Joe Morgan ............................................................................Health Concerns
Richard Phersick (friend of Barbara Rust)...........................................Health Concerns
Millie Rickers ........................................................................Health Concerns
Louie Rodriguez, Jr. (Single-parent of 9-year-old in Scouts).......................Metastatic Cancer
Kevin Scholl (Son of Ruth Ann and Tom Scholl)........................................Metastatic Melanoma
Shirley (friend of Sharon McRee)..............................................................Cancer Treatments
Fred Smith ...........................................................................Health Concerns
Hans Stelzer (Donna Lowcher’s Uncle)..........................................................Health Concerns
Trish Thomas ........................................................................Recovering from a Stroke
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. One way to give to the church is to make online donations via the link on our website: www.outerbankspresbyterian.org.

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