Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 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!
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: “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” ......................arr. Jason Payne

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

†THE CHORAL INTROIT: “Upon this Rock” .................................................................arr. Albrecht

♦ THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) .............................................................. Rev. Tanta Luckhardt Hendricks, Liturgist

ONE: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
ALL: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praises.
ONE: We find our strength in you, O Lord.
ALL: For one day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
ONE: Happy is everyone who trusts in you, O God.

♦ THE OPENING PRAYER................................................................................Rev. Tanta Luckhardt Hendricks, Liturgist

† THE HYMN NO. 12: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” ........................................... ST. DENIO

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Spoken in unison)

O eternal Lord, you are the source of all truth and wisdom, yet we have arrogantly trusted our own stubborn will and gone on our own paths. You want to show us the way that will lead us to righteousness and contentment, yet we follow our own desires. Pillars of the faith and mentors have offered to teach us, but we have ignored their goodwill and good advice. You, oh Lord, have sought to instruct us in the faith, yet we have neglected our responsibility to grow as your disciples. Forgive us and help us to recommit ourselves to learning more about our faith tradition and what it means to follow your will. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

♦ THE GLORIA: “Crown Him with Many Crowns” ....................................................... DIADEMATA

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n! One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit thro' Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise, For Thou hast died for us.
Be Thou, O Lord, thro’ endless days adored and magnified.

‡ 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 MINUTE FOR MISSION ..................................................................................... Nonie Booth
THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION ............................ Rev. Tanta Luckhardt Hendricks, Liturgist


Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day’s journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, “Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.” He said to them, “Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

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

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Proverbs 9:1-12 (From The Message)The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

Lady Wisdom has built and furnished her home; it’s supported by seven hewn timbers. The banquet meal is ready to be served: lamb roasted, wine poured out, table set with silver and flowers. Having dismissed her serving maids, Lady Wisdom goes to town, stands in a prominent place, and invites everyone within sound of her voice: “Are you confused about life, don’t know what’s going on? Come with me, oh come, have dinner with me! I’ve prepared a wonderful spread: fresh-baked bread, roast lamb, carefully selected wines. Leave your impoverished confusion and live! Walk up the street to a life with meaning.”

If you reason with an arrogant cynic, you’ll get slapped in the face; confront bad behavior and get a kick in the shins. So don’t waste your time on a scoffer; all you’ll get for your pains is abuse. But if you teach and correct those who care about life, that’s different, they’ll love you for it!

Save your breath for the wise, they’ll be wiser for it; tell good people what you know, they’ll profit for it. Skilled living gets its start in the fear of God, insight into life from knowing a Holy God. It’s through me, Lady Wisdom, that your life deepens and the years of your life ripen. Live wisely and wisdom will permeate your life; mock life and life will mock you.

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

THE SERMON: “Growing in Our Knowledge of God”.................................The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

~ We Respond to the Word ~

♦THE HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 707: “Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”............................. HALL

♦THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH........................................................................From A Declaration of Faith, Ch. 8.2

God sends us to proclaim the gospel. We testify that God is at work here and now when people obey Christ’s commission to teach about him and make disciples of all nations, when they spread the good news by their words and embody it in their lives. We believe that God sends us to tell all nations that Christ calls everyone to repentance, faith, and obedience. We are to proclaim by words and deed that Christ gave himself to set people free from sin and
self-hatred, from ignorance and disease, from all forms of oppression, and even from death. We must not restrict our proclamation to persons like ourselves. We invite people everywhere to believe in Christ and become his followers. We urge them to join us in telling others the good news and in struggling for justice, compassion, and peace. Amen.

THE RECOGNITION OF TEACHERS/CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LEADERS

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 .................................................................Jim Goes, Greeting Elder

THE PIANO OFFERTORY: “Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”...............................arr. J. Evans

♦ THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 647: “Give Thanks” .................................................................GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart; Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, the Son (Repeat)
And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
Let the poor say, "We are rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us! (Repeat)
Give thanks, Give thanks.

♦ THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION .................................................................Jim Goes, Greeting Elder

~ We Go Forth in Jesus’ Name ~

♦ THE HYMN NO. 462: “I Love to Tell the Story” ................................................................. HANKEY

♦ THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

♦ THE CLOSING RESPONSE: “May the Lord, Gracious Lord” ................................. Unknown

May the Lord, gracious Lord, bless and keep us forever.
Let us be more like thee in our every endeavor.
Holy Spirit, Eternal God, this we pray together.
May the Lord, gracious Lord, bless and keep us forever.

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Rejoice the Lord Is King” ................................. arr. Jason Payne

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Ministry & Activities Fair

The Christian Education Committee is hosting a Ministry & Activities Fair after worship today to kick off our church’s fall season. In addition to Adult Sunday School, Men’s Bible Study, children & youth programs, and Presbyterian Women’s Circles, there are many activities, including the Faith Knitters, Flu Shot Clinic, Becky Watson Program, and 40th Anniversary Dinner at Duck Woods. Please plan to visit the tables that are set up in the Fellowship Hall to get information and get involved!
Sanctuary Flowers
The flowers are placed in the sanctuary this morning in loving memory of Rebekah Cecille Writtenberry-Lewis on the occasion of her 3rd birthday by her mom, Hollie, and her siblings, Elisabeth and Gideon.

Music for Wellness
Come join us for a fun musical activity led by Becky Watson, a Board-Certified Music Therapist and retired Navy Captain. No music experience required! This workshop is designed for people with memory issues and their caregivers and anyone else who just wants to have a good time! There is no cost for participation and the event is open to the community. It will take place at OBPC on Wednesday, September 18, from 1 – 2pm.

Third Thursday Lunch
Please join us on Thursday, September 19, at 12 noon at Steamers Restaurant, 1 Ocean Boulevard, Southern Shores, for our first lunch of the new year. Join us for a great meal and fellowship! Please RSVP to Cathie in the church office at 252-441-5897 or office@outerbankspresbyterian.org no later than Monday, September 16.

Called Congregational Meeting September 29th
Due to Hurricane Dorian, the Congregational Meeting that was scheduled for today has been postponed until Sunday, September 29th. The Session has called the congregation to meet to hear a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee, including their recommendation for Ron Baker, Barbara Nock, and Evelyn Webb to serve on the Session's Class of 2022. Please plan to attend this important meeting!

Shot Clinic
Mark your calendars for the annual "shot clinic", planned for October 6, 2019 after worship. There will soon be a sign-up sheet in the gathering space, where you can mark which immunizations you need - we hope to have flu, tetanus, pneumococcal, and shingles vaccines available by Walgreen's pharmacy. It really helps to protect you and all the people around you. Thanks for participating.

Next Week’s Sermon
Ecclesiastes 3:1-14. We will celebrate the fortieth anniversary of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church, looking back at our church’s rich history, thanking God for our present blessings, and looking forward to what God has in store for us in the years to come. Ecclesiastes speaks to the many seasons of our individual lives and the many seasons in the life of a church: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to heal, a time to break down and a time to build up, a time to keep silence and a time to speak, and a time to love. We will explore how God is faithful to us through all of the seasons of our lives.

Beach Food Pantry
Our church will be volunteering Sep. 23-27. If anyone would like to volunteer at the Beach Food Pantry, you can contact Dot Landis (the new coordinator of our church volunteers) at 919-645-8064 or landisdorothy2@gmail.com. Our church works one week every other month, from 2-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Each day needs 4 volunteers. One person takes care of paperwork, and the other 3 walk around with clients as they pick out their food. Please contact Dot if you would like to volunteer one or more days during Sep. 23-27.

Hurricane Dorian Disaster Relief
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is working with partners in the Bahamas, as well as US presbyteries in the path of Dorian. The best way to help those affected by this disaster is through financial donations. If you would like to support PDA’s response, please make gifts by check to Outer Banks Presbyterian Church and write “Hurricane Dorian” on the memo line. The Outer Banks Community Foundation is also accepting donations to support relief and recovery efforts in both Dare County and Ocracoke. To make donations by check, write “Disaster Relief” in the memo line of your check and specify whether your gift should be designated for Dare County, Ocracoke, or both. (Disaster gifts without a specified geography will be split 50/50 toward both communities.) Mail checks to the Outer Banks Community Foundation at 13 Skyline Road, Southern Shores, NC 27949.
40th Anniversary of OBPC

The weekend of September 21st and 22nd, OBPC will celebrate its 40th Anniversary. What an exciting and uplifting weekend it will be. There will be a special musical program Saturday evening. Sunday morning worship will include celebration of the Lord’s Supper, with visiting clergy and more special music. Afterwards we will travel to Duck Woods Country Club for an Anniversary Luncheon, complete with a slide show of the past 40 years, celebration cake, and a small gift of commemoration. We hope you will make plans to be with us this very special weekend. If you would like to make a gift to help offset any expenses incurred, there are envelopes available in the Gathering Space.

Reservations Needed

It is essential that we have an accurate count for our Celebration Luncheon on September 22. Today is the last day to make your reservations. Please sign up at the table in the Fellowship Hall today after worship service. Thank you.
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 Road, Rm. 407, 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  
Claudette Forney .................................... 321 Gunas Drive, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948  
Howard Miller ...................................... 2232 Clemson Rd., Apt. 1014, Columbia, SC 29229  
Etta Parrott ............................. Peak Resources, 430 Health Center Dr., Nags Head, NC 27959  
Bud Sheets .................................................. 5500 W. Seachase 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  
George Daniels ............................................. Recovering from Cancer  
Matt & Dorothy George ........................................ Health Concerns  
Ann Gilbert (Friend of Ellen Grove) ................................. Cancer  
Linda Helmkamp .................................................. Health Concerns  
Ansley Johnson (Friend of Sharon McRee) ......................... 8-year old with Leukemia  
Terry Legel ..................................................... Complex Metastatic Cancer  
Nancy Messinger .................................................. Health Concerns  
Joe and Barbara Morgan ........................................... Health Concerns  
Roy Murray (Trumpeter friend of OBPC) ......................... Stroke  
Richard Phersick (friend of Barbara Rust) ....................... Health Concerns  
Frank Stallings (Jim Goes’ Son-in-Law) .............................. Cancer  
Kevin Scholl (Son of Ruth Ann and Tom Scholl) .................. Metastatic Melanoma  
Peggy Seifert (Linda McGee’s Executive Asst.) .................. Health Concerns  
Fred Smith ..................................................... Health Concerns  
Hank Sprenger ................................................. Recovering from Surgery  
Lisa Trupo (Friend of Ellen Grove) ......................... Single mother with Stage-4 Cancer  
Pat Yoder ...................................................... Health Concerns
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!

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

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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