For your safety, every other row in the Sanctuary has been marked with red ribbon. Please DO NOT sit in these rows. Also, sit 6-feet away from anyone not in your immediate family. Face masks covering your nose and mouth must be worn at all times. We will not have an offering during the service. Please leave any offerings in the plate on the table in the gathering space either upon entering or upon leaving. Thank you!

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And the Presbytery of New Hope

This is God’s House! All are Welcome!
The Order of Service for the Lord’s Day

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: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” ............................... arr. Susan E. Geschke

Jubilate Ringers
Jason Evans, pianist

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦ THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive; from Psalm 46) .............................. Jean Basnight, Liturgist

ONE: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

ALL: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea.

ONE: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

ALL: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

ONE: “Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

ALL: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

♦ THE OPENING PRAYER ........................................................................ Jean Basnight, Liturgist

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Spoken in unison)

Faithful God, have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

♦♦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE (Spoken Responsively)

ONE: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

You are invited to greet your neighbors by putting your hand over your heart as a sign of love and friendship that highlights our unity as a church family.

THE MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP & GENEROSITY

(Children in K-5 are dismissed to go to Children’s Church)
THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION ................................................................. Jean Basnight, Liturgist

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 3: 19-28............................. Jean Basnight, Liturgist

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith.

THE SPECIAL HANDBELL MUSIC: “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” ..arr. Susan E. Geschke

Jubilate Ringers

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 8: 31-36 .........................The Rev. Keith Dey

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’”

Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

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

THE SERMON: “Free Indeed” ........................................................................................................... The Rev. Keith Dey

~ We Respond to the Word ~

♦THE HANDBELL MEDITATION: “It Is Well with My Soul” ............ arr. Marth Lynn Thompson

Jubilate Ringers
Jason Evans, pianist

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.
~ We Go Forth in Jesus’ Name ~

♦ THE CLOSING SPOKEN RESPONSE: "May God's Blessings"............................Cliff Barrow

(spoken only)

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.

♦ THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Postlude on ‘A Mighty Fortress’” .......................arr. Rebecca Owens

Jason Evans, organist

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A LOOK AHEAD TO NOVEMBER

Communion

Communion on November 1st at OBPC will look a little different than previous celebrations. We will now be using individual cups that contain both the wafer and juice. The top seal provides easy access to the wafer and the second seal will open to the juice. They will be served from communion trays that will be on the table in the Gathering Space as you enter. Please help yourself to one of the cups along with your bulletin as you enter the sanctuary. During the service, those who are present in the sanctuary will share together in the bread and juice. Those worshipping virtually will still provide their own elements, as you have for the past several months. Receptacles will be provided to dispose of the cups at the end of the service. This new way will allow us to share in communion safely while gathered together.

All Saints’ Day

We will celebrate All Saints’ Day on Sunday, November 1st, during the morning worship service. On that Sunday, we will remember and celebrate the lives of our church members who died during the past year. All Saints’ Day commemorates those whom God has chosen, have died in the faith, and have joined the church triumphant. We will be remembering the lives of Patricia Yoder, Etta Parrott, Judy Dempsey, Howard Miller, Marge Bennett, James Jackson, and Robert Callens.

Consecration Sunday

Fulfilling God’s mission, we now enter into a season of discernment and dedication. During this season we are encouraged to reflect on ways to be generous stewards in all areas of the church’s ministry through dedication of self and financial resources. As we move toward Consecration Sunday on November 15, let us joyfully prepare to give of our time, talent, and treasure in order to participate in God’s Kingdom lived here and now.

Soon, you will receive a letter and pledge card in the mail from the Stewardship & Generosity Committee. During worship on Sunday, November 15, we will reaffirm our stewardship and generosity by presenting our pledge cards for 2021. If you are unable to attend, you may mail your pledge card to the church office.
Sanctuary Flowers
The flowers are placed in the sanctuary this morning by Susan Callens in memory of the birthday of her husband, Robert Callens.

Trunk or Treat Fall Festival-Today!
Our youth group is sponsoring the second annual Trunk or Treat festival today, October 25, from 5:00-6:00 PM. This year’s event will be a drive-thru festival where children and families can come in costume, remain in their vehicles, and drive through our church parking lot to trick or treat.

Thanksgiving Food Drive
We are also kicking off our Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Beach Food Pantry this evening. You may drop off food at the Trunk or Treat event, on Sunday mornings when you come to worship, or during a “drive by” drop off between 5:00-6:00 PM on Sunday, November 1st when our youth will be outside to collect any donations.

Items requested by the Beach Food Pantry:
- Canned Corn (15.25 oz.)
- Canned Green Beans (14.5 oz.)
- Canned Peas (15 oz.)
- Canned Sweet Potatoes/Yams (40 oz.)
- Canned Cranberry Sauce (14 oz.)
- Stuffing Mix (6 oz.)
- Instant Mashed Potatoes (15 oz.)
- Gravy Packet (1 oz.)
- Chicken Broth (14.5 oz.)
- Canned Easy Pumpkin Pie Mix (30 oz.) or Pie Filling
- Boxed Pie Crust (9 oz.)
- Canned Evaporated Milk (5 oz.)
- Cream of Mushroom Soup (10.5 oz.)
- Fried Onions (3 oz.)
- $10 Gift Card for a Turkey/Ham

Food does not need to be “bagged” for a complete meal this year. Please donate whichever items you would like.

Elder Class of 2023
Congratulations to our newly elected Elders who will begin serving three-year terms on the Session in January of 2021: Bev Jones & Maggie Snyder. Congratulations also to Bobby Gentry who will begin serving an additional one-year term in January of 2021.

Next Week’s Sermon
Revelation 7:9-17. Revelation shares a vision of heaven, where all God’s people gather together in joyous celebration. Heaven is described as a place where we will hunger no more, thirst no more, and God will wipe away every tear from our eyes. On this All Saints’ Sunday, we will be remembering those church members who have died over the past year.

Pastor’s Fall Bible Study
The final class of the 5-week Bible study Pastor Jody has been leading will take place on Tuesday, October 27, at 5:00 pm in the sanctuary. The Scripture passage for the October 27 class is Revelation 7: 9-17. Please join us even if you have not been able to attend the other classes. We would be happy to see you!

Ushers Needed
As we return to in-person worship, two ushers will be needed to serve at each service. Responsibilities of an usher will be a little bit different than they used to be. Instead of handing out bulletins, the ushers will direct worshipers to a table where they can pick up their own bulletin. Instead of passing offering plates, the ushers will point worshipers to stationary offering plates where individuals may place their gifts. They will greet those entering and encourage them to remain six feet apart.

If you would be willing to serve as an usher during this reopening process please contact Cathie in the church office. Serving as an usher during these uncertain times is a vital aspect to OBPC safely reopening. Some of our regular ushers will be unable to serve at this time, so it is important for some new people to volunteer.

Daylight Saving Time Ends
Be sure to set your clocks back one hour when you go to bed on Saturday, October 31st so you won’t miss church on Sunday, November 1st!
Due to the pandemic, Ruthie's Kitchen closed down last spring. After Labor Day, they decided to limit their outreach by having organizations pre-package meals and hand them out to people in the parking lot of the Son Rise Church.

Our church prepared 50 carry-out meals for Tuesday, September 15. Many thanks to all the people who brought green beans, cornbread, applesauce, cookies, brownies, and donated money for fried chicken and bottled water.

Our church will again prepare a meal on Tuesday, November 17. We will gather in the church kitchen on November 17th to assemble the meals. All are welcome and encouraged to join in this local community outreach. If you are interested in helping, either by preparing food or helping to pack the meals, send your email contact information to Linda Campbell at lindagbc103@gmail.com.

Vital Signs
October 18 ................................ $5,918.00
October Total ............................ $14,762.00
Peace & Global Witness .......... $320.00

Attendance
October 18 ........... 39 in-person + online viewers
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

Helen Beshens.................................................................Peak Resources, Nags Head, Phone in room: 252-596-0109
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Members & Friends

Jack Abernethy.....................................................................Health Concerns
Donna Bissell (friend of George & Lynda Wood)......................Breast Cancer
Jim Carns (friend of Ellen Grove)..........................................Lung Transplant
Vince Daniels (son of George & Mary Daniels).........................Recovering from Heart Surgery
Tommy DeSanto.....................................................................Health Concerns
Donna Evans.........................................................................In Hospital with Covid-19
Terry Evans...........................................................................Recovering from Hip Surgery
Ann Gilbert (friend of Ellen Grove).......................................Cancer
Jim Goes ...............................................................................Cancer
Judy Goins (friend of Alicia Norwood).................................Cancer
Linda Helmkamp.................................................................Health Concerns
Joe Hendricks.....................................................................Recovering from Neck Surgery
Nick Hodsdon......................................................................Cancer
Carl Lilieberg......................................................................Health Concerns
Bettye Machen (Susi Gentry’s Stepmother)............................Health Concerns
Luke Mahler (grandson of Craig & Fran Peel).........................Covid-19
Andy Mallory (Barb & Joe Morgan’s son/stepson)..................Brain Cancer
Sharon McRear.....................................................................Health Concerns
Nancy Messinger..................................................................Health Concerns
Joe Morgan...........................................................................Health Concerns
Claudia Riley (Louise Roberts’ mother)................................Health Concerns
Louise Roberts.....................................................................Health Concerns
Fred Smith...........................................................................Health Concerns
Kathy Townsend (Frank & Carol Moore’s daughter’s mother in law) Brain Tumor
Lynda Wood ........................................................................Cancer
John Younkin (Brother of Don Younkin).................................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!

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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