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 and pledge cards in the plates on the table in the gathering space either upon entering or upon leaving. Thank you!

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

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 HANDBELL PRELUDE: .................................................. The Jubilate Ringers
“A Carol Jubilee” ............................................................... arr. Sharon Rogers
“Carol Medley” ............................................................... arr. Margaret Tucker

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SPECIAL PRESENTATION

~ The Liturgy of the Advent Candle ~

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF LOVE............... The Writtenberry Family

THE SPOKEN RESPONSE: “He Came Down”

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 forever more.

THE OPENING PRAYER................................. The Writtenberry Family

~ We Gather Together as God's People ~

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

ONE: An angel spoke to Mary: “Do not be afraid!”

ALL: The child she carries will be God’s son, and the world will never be the same.

ONE: An angel spoke to Mary: “Do not be afraid!”

ALL: God was with her, and God is with us, drawing us into worship and praise.

ONE: Let us worship Christ, whose birth we celebrate this season.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Spoken in Unison)

An angel spoke to Mary: “Do not be afraid!” And yet, O Lord, we find ourselves paralyzed by fear of what we do not know. Forgive us of our sins, O Lord, and give us the faith of Mary to respond to your grace with lives of grateful praise. Let us hear the good news that she first heard: Light is breaking. Love is coming. The world is about to turn! Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS
THE PASSING OF THE PEACE (Spoken Responsively)

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

PEOPLE: 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.

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

~ The Word of the Lord ~

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION ........................................................ Nonie Booth, Liturgist

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 16:25-27 ............ Nonie Booth, Liturgist

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

THE SPECIAL MUSIC: “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” .......... arr. Lloyd Larson

The Jubilate Ringers


In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

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

THE SERMON: “Good Tidings”................................. The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

~We Respond to the Word~

THE PIANO/HANDBELL MEDITATION: “Silent Night”....... arr. Margaret Tucker

The Jubilate Ringers & Jason K. Evans, piano
THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ................................ From A Declaration of Faith, Ch. 4.1

(Spoken in Unison)

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. 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.

~ We Go Forth in Jesus’ Name ~

THE CLOSING RESPONSE: "Emmanuel" ............................................................. McGee

(Spoken Only)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel; God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.

THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE: “In Dulci Jubilo”................................. arr. Susan Caudill

Jason K. Evans, organist

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We now go forth in peace to love and serve God and God’s people in Christ’s name!
Christmas Eve Service
The Session has decided that the Christmas Eve Service at OBPC should be online only. The service will be available to watch on our website at any time on Christmas Eve. Just go to www.outerbankspresbyterian.org, then, on the fourth line highlighted in yellow, follow the instructions to “click.” That will take you to a page that says “Watch Services on Demand.” The Christmas Eve service will be the first one under that heading. Having the service online will enable all of us to light candles and sing our favorite Christmas carols.

Christmas Joy Offering
Supporting Past, Present & Future Leaders
Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor this gift by providing assistance to current and retired church workers (ministers, educators, missionaries) in their time of need, and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

There is an insert & special envelope in your bulletin today. You may also send your Joy Offering to the church office with "Joy Offering" written on the Memo Line. Address: OBPC, P O Box 2199, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948. Please give prayerful consideration to your gift for these special groups of people.

Daily Advent Devotional
The daily Advent devotional booklet this year is "Praying the Jesse Tree" by author Debra Grant. She brings fresh insights to the Biblical images that lead from the Garden of Eden to the birth of the Messiah. In chronological order, discover everything from rainbows to roses, from sandals to stars. Colorful illustrations accompany devotions for all the days in Advent and Christmas week, each with its own Scripture reference and closing prayer.

The booklet is available in the Gathering Space. If you would prefer to have a copy mailed to you please contact Cathie in the church office.

2021 Pledges
We continue to accept pledges for 2021. We ask that you place your pledge cards in one of the offering plates on the table in the gathering space. Or, you may mail it to the office. If you need a pledge card, please let an usher know.
This Week at OBPC

Sunday, December 20, 2020
8:30 am ............ Sunday School (Zoom)
10:00 am .............. Morning Worship
4:30 pm ................ Youth Group

Monday, December 21, 2020
7:30 am ....................... A.A.

Tuesday, December 22, 2020
7:30 am ....................... A.A.

Wednesday, December 23, 2020
7:30 am ....................... A.A.

Thursday, December 24, 2020
Christmas Eve Office Closed
Christmas Eve Service Available Online
7:30 am ....................... A.A.

Friday, December 25, 2020
Merry Christmas
7:30 am ....................... A.A.

Saturday, December 26, 2020

Sunday, December 27, 2020
8:30 am ............ Sunday School (Zoom)
10:00 am .............. Morning Worship
4:30 pm ....................... Youth Group

Please note: The office will be closed on December 28, 29, & 31.

Those Serving Today

This Week....
December 20, 2020
Greeting Elders:
Campbell & Messinger
Liturgist: Nonie Booth
Usher:
Karen Foard
Children's Church:
Hollie & Elisabeth Writtenberry

Next Week....
December 27, 2020
Greeting Elders:
Nock & McRee
Liturgist: TBA
Ushers:
TBA
Children's Church:
Hollie & Elisabeth Writtenberry

Session Notes

The Session met on Tuesday, December 8, and made the following decisions regarding church building use:

The Session approved a 10-person limit for all church and non-church groups meeting inside our building (excluding worship services). The decision was effective on December 14, 2020. Masks must be worn at all times and social distancing of at least 6 feet is required. Hand sanitizers are available inside the building. Groups using the church should wipe down with sanitizing cleaners any surfaces touched. The Session may grant exceptions to the 10-person limit on a case-by-case basis.

Vital Signs

Sun., Dec. 13 ............... $9,088.00
December Total ............. $30,824.00
Christmas Joy .............. $60.00

Attendance

Sun., Dec. 13 .......... 36 + 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**

Don & Nancy Bierwerth .......... 410 Hastings Ln, Apt. 309, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
Margaret Brown .. Currituck Health & Rehab, 3907 Caratoke Hwy, Barco, NC 27917
Anne Cramer .......... Spring Arbor, 803 Bermuda Bay Blvd, Rm. 101, KDH, NC 27948
John & Helen Dick .................. 591 Moyer Rd., Lot 48, New Castle, PA 16101
Claudette Forney .................. 321 Gunas Drive, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948
Oscar Northen .................. P O Box 1331, Gloucester, VA 23061

**Christian Sympathy**

Helen Beshens passed away on December 7, 2020. We offer our prayers to her friends and family including her children Paige Beshens and Stephen Beshens.

**Members & Friends**

Jack Abernethy ................................................................. Health Concerns
Donna Bissell (*friend of George & Lynda Wood*) ................................ Breast Cancer
Jim Carns (*friend of Ellen Grove*) ........................................ Lung Transplant
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 ................................................................. Health Concerns
Gayle Goetschius ................................................................. Health Concerns
Judy Goins (*friend of Alicia Norwood*) ........................................ Cancer
Margaret Hartman ................................................................. Health Concerns
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
Ken McGee (*brother of Gary McGee*) ........................................ Health Concerns
Andy Mallory (*Barb & Joe Morgan's son/stepson*) ......................... Brain Cancer
Sharon McRee ................................................................. Health Concerns
Nancy Messinger ................................................................. Health Concerns
Joe Morgan ................................................................. Health Concerns
Claudia Riley (*Louise Roberts' mother*) ........................................ Health Concerns
Louise Roberts ................................................................. Health Concerns
Barbara Rust ................................................................. Recovering from Covid-19
Fred Smith ................................................................. Health Concerns
Kathy Townsend (*Frank & Carol Moore's daughter's mother in law*) ..... Brain Tumor
Norm Sparks ................................................................. Recovering from Neck Surgery
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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