Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Thursday, December 24, 2020

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 Christmas Eve

~ We Gather Together as God's People ~

May all who have come to this Christmas Eve service know that we want you to feel a part of this family of God. Welcome to all!

THE PIANO/ORGAN PRELUDE .............................................Cheryl Needham & Jason Evans
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" ............................................ arr. Gordon Young
“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks” ................................ arr. Gordon Young
“I Came Upon the Midnight Clear” ...................................... arr. Diane Bish
“Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella” ...................................... arr. Mark Hayes
"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" ...................................... arr. Mark Hayes

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS .................................. The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE ............................. Nonie Booth & Linda Younkin

THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 133: “O Come, All Ye Faithful” ................................ ADESTE FIDELES
Elaine Spencer & Judith Speidel, soloists

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:

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee all be glory given!
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing!

O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ, the Lord!

THE CHRISTMAS LITANY: "The Magnificat" (Spoken Responsively) .........................Luke 1: 46-55
The Rev. Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks, liturgist

LEADER: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

PEOPLE: For God has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden.

LEADER: For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

PEOPLE: For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name.

LEADER: And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

PEOPLE: He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree.

LEADER: He has filled the hungry with good things and the rich He has sent away empty.

PEOPLE: He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy.

THE CHRISTMAS 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 Prophecy

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the trampling warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

O 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 Journey and the Birth

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

The first Nowell the angel 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.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

The Angels

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for
see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors!’ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’

THE CAROL NO. 113: “Angels We Have Heard on High” (Verses 1 & 2) ................................................. GLORIA

Elaine Spencer & Judith Speidel, soloists

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the glad some tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

The Shepherds


So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

THE MEDITATION ......................................................................................................................... The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

THE SPECIAL MUSIC: “Mary Did You Know?” ............................................. M. Lowery & B. Greene

Cheryl Needham & Jason Evans

†THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (Spoken in Unison)................................. From A Declaration of Faith, Ch. 4.1

The Lord sent the promised deliverer to God’s people. We affirm that Jesus was born of a woman as is every child, yet born of God’s power as was no other child. In the person and work of Jesus, God himself and a human life are united but not confused, distinguished but not separated. The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God’s promised rule. Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection, he brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended.

~ Sharing of the Light of Christ ~

†THE CAROL NO. 122: “Silent Night” .......................................................... Stille Nacht

Elaine Spencer & Judith Speidel, soloists

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
‘Round yon virgin mother and Child! Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.
Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

~ We Go Forth in Jesus' Name ~

THE CAROL NO. 134: “Joy to the World”............................ ANTIOCH
Elaine Spencer & Judith Speidel, soloists

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing.  
And heaven and heaven and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,  
And wonders and wonders of His love.

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Joy to the World with Hallelujah Chorus” ........arr. Susan Caudill

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In Loving Memory of...

Our Parents, Don & Valma Younkin
Wib & Blanche Walker
Don & Linda Younkin

Richard Edward Nock
Barbara Nock

Michael Foard, Beloved Son
Shirley Lillard

John Gallop, Sadly Missed Son-in-Law
Shirley Lillard

My parents, W. Dale & Thelma Guseman
My Husband, Larry & Sister
E.J. Markwood

Ethel & Cal Moore
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Phil & Sharon Moore)

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Carl & Laura Lilieberg
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Warren Davis

Our beloved daughter, Laury,
and our parents
Fred & Helen Gauvreau

Wesley Cullipher (Laurie’s Father)
Laurie & Pogie Worsley

Carl Worsley (Pogie’s Father)
Laurie & Pogie Worsley

Carl Worsley, My Husband
Nancy Worsley

Paul Warren, My brother
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My Friend, John Zeno Macomber
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Welcome!

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 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 and our programs, please contact us!

The Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Joseph "Jody" G. Moore ......................................................................................... Pastor
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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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