Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

December 27, 2020
10:00 am

The First Sunday of Christmas

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!

FOR unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given
And the government shall be upon His shoulder And His name shall be called
WONDERFUL Counsellor
The Mighty God
The Everlasting Father
THE PRINCE OF PEACE

ISAIAH
9:6
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: “Hark! the Herald, Angels Sing”..............arr. Varner

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS .......................Nonie Booth, Liturgist

♦ THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS WREATH................. Nonie Booth, Liturgist

(Spoken Responsively)

Leader: We light these candles today, celebrating the birth of the one who brings hope, who gives peace, who grants the gift of joy and offers unending love to us.

ALL: We thank God for Jesus, Light of the World, God’s antidote to the darkness of human sin and brokenness. By the light of his saving love, we are comforted in dark times; we are made whole by his healing light. We light these candles, and rejoice.

Leader: Let us pray:

ALL: Loving God, thank you for coming to us as Emmanuel, for being with us as light in the darkness. As Jesus was born in Mary, be born in us that we might reflect his light of hope, peace, joy and love in the world. May we worship and adore him, Amen.

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

Leader: God has spoken to us in these last days by a Son by whom he created all that is.

People: We rejoice and give thanks to God for such a gift as this.

ALL: For to us, a child is born; for to us, salvation has come. Christ, the Savior, is born!

♦ THE OPENING PRAYER.........................................................Nonie Booth, Liturgist

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Spoken in Unison)adapted from Book of Common Worship

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light or trusted your good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to your glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let the redeemed people of God together say:

People: Amen.

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 HEbrew SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3............. Nonie Booth

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

THE SPECIAL MUSIC: “MY GROWN UP CHRISTMAS LIST”...........Foster/Thompso

Elisabeth Writtenberry, soloist


In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’”) From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.
~ We Respond to the Word ~

THE PIANO MEDITATION “The Birthday of the King” .........................arr. Hamlin

♦ THE CHRISTMAS AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Spoken in Unison)

We believe Jesus is the Son of God. We affirm that this joyous gospel was birthed in Bethlehem, where deity was cradled in a manger. A few saw and understood this in-break, this Word-Made-Flesh. As an adult, Jesus walked among the people, healing, preaching, breaking new paths to truth. He explained life as it is and incarnated hope. We join with those who received him then, and without reservation, we receive him now in Christmas Love. 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: "Go Tell it on the Mountain” .................... GO TELL IT (Spoken Only)

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.

♦ THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Leader: Go, Christians! Tell the story of God’s love and Jesus' birth!

People: We go, being light against the darkness.

Leader: May you be blessed in reflecting God’s love.

People: We will shine with the glory of Christ in our hearts. Christ the Savior is born! Amen.

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Joy to the World” ........................................ arr. Caudill

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We now go forth in peace to love and serve God and God’s people in Christ’s name!
News Around Outer Banks Presbyterian

Next Week’s Sermon: January 3, 2021

Matthew 2:1-12. On January 6th, we celebrate the day of Epiphany, which is the 12th day of Christmas and when the wise men came to worship the baby Jesus. This passage tells about the different responses to Christ’s coming we find from Herod, the scribes, and from the wise men. We will also hear the story of the 4th wise man and reflect on our calling to share our gifts with Christ and the world.

Adult Sunday School

After a break on December 27th and January 3rd, the Adult Sunday School Class continues a study of Comparative Religion. We are using the book 12 Major World Religions by Jason Boyett. In January we have a four-week block on Islam. We meet at 8:30 on Sunday mornings via Zoom. Invitations on how to join in on Zoom are included in a weekly class e-mail as well as on the Church Facebook page. Recordings of each week’s class are available via secure link, also by e-mail. If you would like to be included on the class e-mail list please contact Tom Carrico at tccarrico24503@gmail.com. Please join us for any or all of these classes! All are welcome!

Here is the schedule for January 2021:

January 3: No class (Holiday)
January 10: Life of Muhammad and History of Islam
January 17: Major Tenets of Islam
January 24: Liturgical and Ceremonial Practices
January 31: Muslim Texts and Major Divisions of Islam

2021 Sanctuary Flowers

It’s hard to believe that 2021 is almost here! The calendar for signing up to place flowers in the Sanctuary on Sundays in 2021 is now available. Placing flowers in the sanctuary is a great way to honor or memorialize someone, or to recognize a birthday, anniversary, birth or any other special occasion!

Because the number of people attending church is still limited, you may call or email Cathie in the office at office@outerbankspresbyterian.org or 252-441-5897 if you would like to sign up for flowers on a specific Sunday. Or, if you are at church, please feel free to sign up yourself. Thank you!
This Week at OBPC

Sunday, December 27, 2020
10:00 am .................. Morning Worship

Monday, December 28, 2020
Office Closed

7:30 am .......................... A.A.

Tuesday, December 29, 2020
Office Closed

7:30 am .......................... A.A.

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

Thursday, December 31, 2020
Office Closed

7:30 am .......................... A.A.

Friday, January 1, 2021
New Year's Day
7:30 am .......................... A.A.

Saturday, January 2, 2021

Sunday, January 3, 2021
10:00 am .................. Morning Worship
4:30 pm .................. Youth Group

Those Serving Today

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December 27, 2020

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Liturgist: Nonie Booth
Usher: Barb Nowland
Children's Church: Hollie & Elisabeth Writtenberry

Next Week....
January 3, 2021

Greeting Elders: Whittle & Gentry
Liturgist: TBA
Ushers: TBA
Children's Church: Hollie & Elisabeth Writtenberry

Poinsettias

If you purchased a poinsettia(s) in honor or memory of a loved one, you are welcome to take them home today after the worship service. Thank you for helping to make our Sanctuary beautiful this Christmas season!

Offering Envelopes

If you requested 2021 offering envelopes, they are available for pick-up in the Gathering Space.

Vital Signs

Sun., Dec. 20 .................. $2,366.00
Total for December ........ $33,190.00
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Attendance

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**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

**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 .................................................. Recovering from 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
Jeff *(Reid & Marilyn Hinson’s Son-in-Law)* ....................................... Cancer
Carl Lilieberg ................................................................. Health Concerns
Bettye Machen *(Susie Gentry’s Stepmother)* .................................... Health Concerns
Ken McGee *(Gary McGee’s brother)* ........ Recovering from Motorcycle Accident
Andy Mallory *(Barb & Joe Morgan’s son/stepson)* .................. Brain Cancer
Sharon McRee ................................................................. Health Concerns
Nancy Messinger ................................................................. Health Concerns
Joe Morgan ................................................................. Health Concerns
Bill Pratt ................................................................. Health Concerns
Claudia Riley *(Louise Roberts’ mother)* ........................................ Health Concerns
Louise Roberts ................................................................. Health Concerns
Barbara Rust ................................................................. Recovering from Covid
Fred Smith ................................................................. Health Concerns
Hank Sprenger ................................................................. 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!

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