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 ORGAN PRELUDE

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” ............................................................ arr. Gordon Young
“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night” ................................ arr. Gordon Young

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ The Liturgy of the Advent Candle ~

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF PEACE ...........................................Ron and Clara Ann Baker

THE SPOKEN RESPONSE: “He Came Down”

He came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
hallelujah forever more.

♦THE OPENING PRAYER.................................................................Ron and Clara Ann Baker

~ We Gather Together as God’s People ~

♦THE CALL TO WORSHIP.................................................................Jean Basnight, Liturgist

ONE: A voice cries out in the wilderness,
ALL: “Prepare the way of the Lord!”
ONE: Let us line the road with beauty
ALL: and pave it with acts of justice.
ONE: For the Holy One is coming our way,
ALL: the giver of life and the source of living water.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Spoken in unison)

“Prepare the way of the Lord,” your prophet says to us. Forgive us when we have failed to prepare your way. Forgive us when we have stood in your way, instead: when we let the challenging words of your prophets roll off of lives, rather than let them spark change; when we walk around a neighbor in need, rather than encounter a chance for compassion. Forgive us, O Lord, and grant us assurance that the glory of your coming does not depend upon the righteousness of your followers. Forgive us, O Lord, and free us to try again. 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.

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

~ The Word of the Lord ~

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION ................................................................. Jean Basnight, Liturgist

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13 ......................... Jean Basnight, Liturgist

Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin. Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

THE SPECIAL MUSIC: “Gesu’ Bambino” .................................................. Pietro A. Yon

Elaine Spencer, soloist

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 1: 1-8 ............................... The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

ONE: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON: “Preparing the Way” ......................................................... The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

~ We Respond to the Word ~

THE PIANO MEDITATION: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” ....................... arr. Mark Hayes
THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Spoken in Unison) ....................................................... The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

~ The Sacrament of Holy Communion ~

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE & THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ONE: The Lord be with you.
ALL: And also with you.
ONE: Lift up your hearts.
ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.
ONE: Let us give God thanks and praise.
ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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 COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

~ We Go Forth in Jesus’ Name ~

♦THE CLOSING SPOKEN RESPONSE: "May the Lord, Gracious Lord” ....................... UNKNOWN (spoken only)

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. Amen.

♦THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION


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We now go forth in peace to love and serve God and God’s people in Christ’s name!
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.

The 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.

Food For Thought

Do you remember the “Pennies for Hunger” baskets passed down the rows during the first of the month Sunday worship services? The pandemic has changed that. As a result, one of our treasured charities is hurting. Food For Thought is an important charity that no longer receives its portion of that collection. Yet, this charity is about the students being fed, even in the pandemic, even when they are being schooled remotely. Food for Thought packs lunches for close to 500 students a week! It has doubled its outreach to families that have never needed help before. And, it costs them $275 per student per year. We know that hunger impacts our students’ ability to learn. We can continue to help fund Food for Thought. As Jesus said, “Suffer the children to come unto me”. Please consider sending an individual donation to:
Food for Thought
PO BOX 1167
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949

Today, December 6th, is the last Sunday to place your order for poinsettias for the sanctuary for this Christmas. The cost of the poinsettias is $10.00. Envelopes are available in the Gathering Space.

Room In The Inn Fundraiser

The "Lunch to Go" fundraiser for RITI is today. It is being provided by Kelly's Catering. You may choose meatloaf or seafood jambalaya with Kelly's famous sweet potato biscuits. Tickets are $20.00 and may be purchased in advance from our church members Linda Campbell or Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks.

Pick-up is today between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at 1004 9th Avenue in Kill Devil Hills. (Turn west on Airstrip Road in KDH. There will be signage at the corner of Airstrip Rd. and Rt. 158.)

Next Week’s Sermon
December 13:

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11: The Old Testament prophets, including Isaiah, anticipated that God would send the Messiah to save God’s people. Isaiah describes what it looks like for the spirit of the Lord to be upon us: we are called to bring good news to the poor, bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners. Jesus himself used this passage to shape his own mission and ministry. How can we prepare for the coming of our Lord this Advent by following God’s call to seek justice and righteousness? We will light the candle of Joy on the Advent Wreath.
**This Week at OBPC**

**Sunday, December 6, 2020**
8:30 am.................................. Sunday School (Zoom)
10:00 am................................. Morning Worship
4:30 pm .................................. Youth Group

**Monday, December 7, 2020**
7:30 am............................................. A.A.
6:30 pm ...................................... Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, December 8, 2020**
7:30 am............................................. A.A.
4:00 pm .................................. Stated Session Meeting
6:30 pm .................................. Cub Scouts

**Wednesday, December 9, 2020**
7:30 am............................................. A.A.
10:00 am .................................. PW in Sanctuary
6:00 pm .............................. Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal
7:00 pm .................................. PW on Zoom

**Thursday, December 10, 2020**
7:30 am............................................. A.A.
5:30 pm ......................... Faith, Hope, & Love

**Friday, December 11, 2020**
7:30 am............................................. A.A.

**Saturday, December 12, 2020**

**Sunday, December 13, 2020**
8:30 am.................................. Sunday School (Zoom)
10:00 am................................. Morning Worship
2:30 pm .................................. Stamp Club
4:30 pm .................................. Youth Group

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**Those Serving Today....**

**This Week....**
December 6, 2020
Greeting Elders: Barb Nowland & Bob Messinger
Liturgist: Jean Basnight
Usher: Bette Kraemer & Lisa Rhodes
Children's Church: Hollie & Elisabeth Writtenberry

**Next Week....**
December 13, 2020
Greeting Elders: Bobby Gentry & Evelyn Webb
Liturgist: Barbara Hardy
Ushers: TBA
Children's Church: TBA

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**Vital Signs**

November 29.............................................. $3,865.00
November On-line Donations .............. $12,265.05
November Total ..................................... $31,114.05

**Attendance**

November 29...... 35 in-person + online viewers

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**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 will be a bulletin insert & special envelope on December 20. 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.
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
Don & Nancy Bierwerth .................................. 410 Hastings Ln, Apt. 309, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
Margaret Brown...Currituck Health & Rehab Center, 3907 Caratoke Highway, Barco, NC 27917
Anne Cramer ........................................... Spring Arbor, 803 Bermuda Bay Blvd, Room 101, Kill Devil Hills, 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
Vince Daniels (son of George & Mary Daniels) ........................................... Recovering from Heart Surgery
Tommy DeSanto .......................................................... Health Concerns
Ann Gilbert (friend of Ellen Grove) ......................................................... Cancer
Jim Goes .................................................. 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
Bettey Machen (Susi Gentry’s Stepmother) ............................................. Health Concerns
Ken McGee (brother of Gary McGee) .................................................. 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
Fran Peel .......................................................... Pneumonia
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
Norm Sparks .......................................................... Recovering from Neck Surgery
Lynda Wood .......................................................... Recovering from Cancer
Don Younkin .......................................................... Throat Surgery on 12/4
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!

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

Welcome to the Outer Banks Presbyterian Church.