Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2020
10:00 am

A Member of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
And the Presbytery of New Hope

This is God’s House! All are Welcome!

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The Order of Service for the Lord’s Day

As people enter the sanctuary, they are encouraged to greet one another and share the gifts of friendship and love. 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: “Joyful Praise”......................................................... arr. Susan E. Geschke

The Jubilate Ringers

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please pass the guest pads.)

†THE CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT: “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”............WESMINSTER ABBY

The Sanctuary Choir & Congregation

♦THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) ................................................................. Brenda Brown, Liturgist

ONE: Happy are those whose footsteps follow the way of the Lord—

ALL: the path of justice and mercy that draws us toward wholeness.

ONE: Happy are those whose hearts delight in the law of the Lord—

ALL: teachings that root us in love, sustain us in hope, and nurture generous spirits within us.

ONE: Happy are our souls when we gather to worship the Living Lord—


♦THE OPENING PRAYER....................................................................................... Brenda Brown, Liturgist

♦THE HYMN NO. 32: “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”................................. ELLACOMBE

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Spoken in unison)

Holy God, we confess that we bow down before other gods; we have turned our hearts away from you. Our worship of work and devotion to consumerism disorders our love of you and each other. Forgive us, God, and mend what is broken, that we may be one with you. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE (Spoken Responsively)

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

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

THE MINUTE FOR MISSION................................. Lorie Fees, Children’s Hope Alliance

~ The Word of the Lord ~

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION ............................ Brenda Brown, Liturgist

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 5: 38-48 ....................... Brenda Brown, Liturgist

“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”


THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 ..........The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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

THE SERMON: “Choosing God’s Lifegiving Path” ............................. The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

~ We Respond to the Word ~

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 733: “We All Are One in Mission” ......ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVOGELEIN
THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ........................................................................................................ From the Iona Community

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.

We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present, and his kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and eternal life. 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.

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS ........................................................................................................ Bobby Gentry, Greeting Elder

THE ORGAN OFFERTORY: “Let All Things Now Living” .................................arr. Anna Laura Page

The Jubilate Ringers
Hollie Writtenberry, flute
Elisabeth Writtenberry, percussion

THE DOXOLOGY: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” ......................OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION ......................................................................................... Bobby Gentry, Greeting Elder

~ We Go Forth in Jesus’ Name ~

THE HYMN NO. 269: “Lead On, O King Eternal!” ......................................................... LANCASTER

THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING RESPONSE: "May God’s Blessings” .............................................. Cliff Barrows

The Sanctuary Choir & Congregation

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 Jubilate Ringers
Jason Evans, organ

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers this morning are given by Ron Herron in honor of Valentine’s Day.
News Around Outer Banks Presbyterian Church!

**Healing Service**
There will be a service of Healing and Wholeness about 15 minutes after the worship service this morning.

**Third Thursday Luncheon**
The February luncheon will be held on the 20th at noon at Black Pelican in Kitty Hawk. To reserve your seat, please contact Cathie at the office by phone at 441-5897 or by email at office@outerbankspresbyterian.org no later than tomorrow. We hope to see you there!

**New Member Lunch**
There will be a lunch after worship on March 1st for potential new members to get to know more about the church and each other. If you are interested in attending this lunch, please let Barbara Nock know at 252-255-5979.

**Prayer Team**
A small group of individuals at OBPC have committed themselves to a prayer ministry. If you have any request that you would like for the prayer team to lift up, please share it with the prayer coordinators. Our prayer coordinators are: Jean Basnight and Rosalyn Pugh and you may share a request with them by phone at 252-480-1028 (Home) or 252-619-7661 (Cell). Some examples of prayer requests that we hope will be shared include: hospitalization, illness, chronic need, death, discernment for God’s guidance for a decision, and sharing joys. The team appreciates the trust placed in them and recognizes the need to respect privacy and confidentiality.

**Eastern Carolina Concert Society: A Grand Finale Concert**
Join us for a concert, free to the public Sunday, March 15, 4pm, at Duck United Methodist Church, 1214 Duck Road. You’ll be entertained by keyboard artists who performed in our 2018 “Outstanding” Keyboard Extravaganza; inspired by The Drummond Family’s signature sound with newly-stylized gospel songs; serenaded with an encore performance by our well-established Trio La Mer; and captivated by a long-awaited rendezvous with Ocracoke Island duo, Coyote. You are warmly invited to enjoy helping us celebrate the close of an era of ECCS programs highlighting some of the treasure trove of talented musicians living here with us in The Outer Banks.

**Wednesday Lenten Worship Services**
Outer Banks Presbyterian has proudly hosted community Lenten Services sponsored by the Dare County Ministerial Association for many years. The services begin on Ash Wednesday, February 25, at 12:00 noon and continue every Wednesday through April 8. There is a service in the sanctuary followed by a light lunch in the fellowship hall. The cost of the lunch is $5.00 and the proceeds go to the Beach Food Pantry. All are invited to these services of music and reflection. The schedule for the 2020 Lenten season is as follows:

- **February 26, Ash Wednesday**
  The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore  
  *From Outer Banks Presbyterian Church*

- **March 4**
  The Rev. Dr. Gaye Morris  
  *From Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Outer Banks*

- **March 11**
  The Rev. Nick Hodsdon  
  United Church of Christ

- **March 18**
  Chaplain Cherri Wheeler, Retired

- **April 25**
  The Rev. Keith Dey  
  *From Emmanuel Lutheran Church*

- **April 1**
  The Rev. Dr. Michelle Lewis  
  *From Mighty Wind United Methodist Church*

- **April 8**
  The Rev. Spottswood Graves  
  *From Calvary Presbyterian, Swan Quarter*

**What is Lent?**
Lent is a period of prayer and reflection that begins on Ash Wednesday, which is February 25th this year, and ends on Easter Sunday, April 12th. Lent is a holy season of preparation for the church. During Lent, we follow Jesus on the road toward Jerusalem and his death on the cross for our sake. Lent recognizes that life is full of temptations and that we too often succumb to sin and distance ourselves from God’s will. In Lent, God calls us to a time of simplicity where we focus our attention on God’s voice. Jesus himself spent forty days in the wilderness so that he could more clearly discern God’s direction for his life.
Matthew 17:1-9. Jesus takes three of his disciples up to the mountain to pray when something amazing happens. Jesus is transfigured and Moses and Elijah appear by his side. These disciples have a mountaintop experience of faith as they are filled with a sense of awe at God’s presence. We will discuss mountaintop experiences of faith and how they can continue to sustain and inspire our faith.

Pastor’s Bible Study
Pastor Jody will be teaching a 6-week Bible study on the Gospel of John on Tuesdays at 5:00 pm beginning February 25 and continuing through March 31. We hope you will plan to attend.

Ash Wednesday Service
February 26 at Noon

Genesis 2:15-17, 31:13. God provides a stable home for Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, yet their sin leads to Adam and Eve’s expulsion from the garden. Adam and Eve must face the consequences for their actions. How do we respond when we, like Adam and Eve, have fallen short and are facing adversity? What is God’s will for our lives when things do not go according to our own plans?
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

Marge Bennett ........................................ Pine Run, 777 Ferry Rd., Rm. 308, Doylestown, PA 18901
Don & Nancy Bierwerth ........................................ 410 Hastings Ln, Apt. 309, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
Anne Cramer .................................... Spring Arbor, 803 Bermuda Bay Blvd, Room 101, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948
Judy Dempsey ...................................... 916 Canterbury Ln., Apt. 2304, Prescott, AZ 86301
John & Helen Dick .................................... 591 Moyer Rd., Lot 48, New Castle, PA 16101
Claudette Forney ...................................... 321 Gunas Drive, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948
Howard Miller ..................................... Homestead at the Crossings 2232 Clemson Rd., Apt. 1014, Columbia, SC 29229
Etta Parrott ........................................ Peak Resources, 430 Health Center Dr., Nags Head, NC 27959

Members & Friends

Jack Abernethy ....................................................... Health Concerns
Martha Butcher (Art Teacher at FFES & MES) ....................................................... Health Concerns
Robert “Tex” Callens (husband of Sue Callens) ................................................... Neck Fracture
Barbara Campbell Davis (former Executive Presbyter of NHP) ........................................ Health Concerns
Tommy DeSanto ....................................................... Health Concerns
Arlene Evans ....................................................... Health Concerns
Fred Gauvreau ....................................................... Recovering from Pneumonia
Judy Goins (friend of Alicia Norwood) ................................................................. Cancer
Nick Hodsdon ......................................................... Cancer
Terry Legel ......................................................... Complex Metastatic Cancer
Andy Mallory (Barb & Joe Morgan’s son/stepson) .................................................. Brain Cancer
Nancy Messinger ....................................................... Health Concerns
Joe Morgan ......................................................... Health Concerns
Roy Murray (Trumpeter friend of OBPC) ................................................................. Stroke
Richard Phersick (Friend of Barbara Rust) ......................................................... Health Concerns
Claudia Riley (Louise Roberts’ Mother) ................................................................. Health Concerns
Brantley Rogers (Frank & Carol Moore’s grandson) ............................................. Health Concerns
Kevin Scholl (Son of Ruth Ann and Tom Scholl) ............................................. Metastatic Melanoma
Fred Smith ......................................................... Health Concerns
Susan Smith ......................................................... Recovering from Knee Surgery
Lisa Trupo (Friend of Ellen Grove) ................................................................. Single Mother w/Stage 4 Cancer

Congratulations!

Joseph Lewis, a member of OBPC and our Scout Troop, achieved the rank of Eagle Scout on February 10, 2020.
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.

**Disbursing Treasurer**
Cathie Feild, Office Manager (441-5897)

**Receiving Treasurers**
Becky Lofton - DeSanto
(480-0724)
Barb Nowland
(480-0423)

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

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**The Stated Session**
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