~ We Gather Together as God’s People ~

THE ORGAN PRELUDE: “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” ........................................ arr. Al Travis
Mr. Jason K. Evans, organist

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

♦ THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) .................................................................. Mrs. Jeanne Martie

LEADER: Come let us worship God, rejoicing in God's loving care for us.

PEOPLE: We bring all our differences and yet we worship together in unity.

LEADER: God is merciful to all. O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

PEOPLE: Through God all things are made. We are in awe at our Creator's majesty.

LEADER: Let us worship almighty God!

THE OPENING PRAYER.............................................................................................. Mrs. Jeanne Martie

~ The Word of the Lord ~

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION.............................................................................. Mrs. Jeanne Martie

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 16: 13-20 ......................................................... Mrs. Jeanne Martie

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living
God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

THE SPECIAL MUSIC: “Hope in Me” ................................................................. Terre Johnson
Mrs. Elaine Spencer, soloist

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 16: 21-28 ................................. The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, ‘God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.’ But he turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’ Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ‘For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.’

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

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

~ We Respond to the Word ~

THE PIANO MEDITATION: “The Lord’s Prayer” ................................. arr. J. Evans
Mr. Jason K. Evans, pianist

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Toccata on ‘St. Anne’”..............................arr. Michael Burkhardt
Mr. 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!
Next Week’s Worship Service

Our worship service for Sunday, September 6 will be livestream only at 10:00 am. Please join us virtually for our worship service that morning as we celebrate Holy Communion!

The Presbyterian Women finished last season with excellent participation in “Zoomed” meetings. Therefore, we’re planning to start out the new fall sessions using Zoom. Maggie Snyder has agreed to be our leader again. Mollie Bass will conduct the lessons which are on The Psalms. The first Zoom session is scheduled for Tues., Sept. 15th at 5:30 pm. Rev. Jody Moore will teach the first lesson in Sept. and Mollie Bass will be teaching the subsequent lessons. Zoom does not limit the number of participants. If you wish to participate, please send an email to Bev Jones at: beverlykoops@yahoo.com.

Pre-arrangements for picking up the lesson study guide books, updating your PW directory listings, and paying the participation dues will be confirmed before the September event. So, welcome to the start of the new season.

Prayer Request

- Helen Beshens suffered a heart attack on Friday, Aug. 12. She is doing well but is at Peak Resources for rehab. She is out of quarantine and relocted to room 210B. Her direct phone number is 596-0220 and she welcomes calls.

- Rev. Tom Murphy died on Sunday, August 16th. Tom was founding pastor of Roanoke Island Presbyterian Church, where he served for many years. He preached at OBPC on several occasions and has moderated our Session. Please pray for Tom’s wife, Mary Helen, their children, their grandchildren and all of his friends and colleagues. Rev. Murphey’s obituary is available at www.twifordfh.com.

Second Message from the OBPC Ad Hoc Medical Team

This Week’s COVID-19 Question: Have you been exposed to someone with known COVID-19 infection. If so, you know the public health nurse contacts you to be tested, and says you must stay in a 14-day quarantine, even if test results are negative. Why?

The Answers: The testing is done for you, to identify infection as soon as possible and begin your care as needed. But results may be falsely negative, since tests are not 100% accurate, and exposed people may convert to positive in the next few days.

Therefore, the 14-day quarantine is done for others, to slow community spread of the virus, since the incubation period is 2-14 days. In other words, it’s the Golden Rule. Thanks for caring!

Get the FLU SHOT not the flu!

The Congregational Care Committee is again planning a “Shot Clinic” at OBPC on Sunday, October 4, 2020, hosted by Walgreens Pharmacy. This is a great benefit to us, because it eliminates the risk of waiting inside for vaccines. Appointments will be scheduled 15 minutes apart for individuals, couples or families, to review or complete the paperwork and give the shots.

The personal information needed by the pharmacy, ahead if possible, includes:

- Name and Date of Birth
- Vaccines desired and any relevant previous shots (example, previous pneumonia shot)
- Phone and Email (if any)
- History of Pre-Existing Heart or Lung Conditions

To schedule your appointment and to indicate which vaccines you want: flu, shingles, and/or pneumonia: Call, Text or Email Bev Jones at 252-423-9107 or beverlykoops@yahoo.com
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