Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

January 10, 2021
10:00 am

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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 ~


Jason Evans, organist

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦ THE CALL TO WORSHIP................................................................. Barbara Hardy, Liturgist

ONE: In the beginning, God created the world, and God blessed it, saying:

ALL: “It is good.”

ONE: In the beginning, God created light, and God blessed it, saying:

ALL: “It is good.”

ONE: In the beginning, God created life, and God blessed it, saying:

ALL: “It is good.”

ONE: Since the beginning, God has not stopped creating, calling us closer to all that is good.

ALL: Let us worship almighty God!

♦ THE OPENING PRAYER................................................................. Barbara Hardy, Liturgist

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Spoken in unison)

God whose spirit moved over the waters, you have washed us in your mercy, claimed us as your own, bound us in community, and called us to lives of baptismal grace. Forgive us, O God, for we have not lived as if we were your baptized people. We stumble over opportunities for forgiveness. We prioritize our own selfish interests. We ignore the suffering of our neighbors. Forgive us O God, and lead us back to your waters of transformation. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS
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 ................................................................. Barbara Hardy, Liturgist

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Genesis 1:1-5 ................................. Barbara Hardy, Liturgist

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

THE SPECIAL MUSIC: “Borning Cry” .......................................................... J. Ylvisaker
Judith Speidel, soloist

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 19:1-7 ................................. The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

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

THE SERMON: “The Significance of Baptism” ................................. The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

~ We Respond to the Word ~

THE PIANO MEDITATION: “The Lord’s Prayer” ................................................. Malotte
Jason Evans, pianist
God has often made material things channels through which God’s grace is understood and powerfully experienced. We believe that in Baptism the Spirit demonstrates and confirms God’s promise to include us and our children in God’s gracious covenant, cleansing us from sin, and giving us newness of life, as participants in Christ’s death and resurrection. Baptism sets us in the visible community of Christ’s people and joins us to all other believers by a powerful bond. In baptism we give ourselves up in faith and repentance to be the Lord’s. For both children and adults, baptism is a reminder that God loves us long before we can love him. For both, God’s grace and our response to it are not tied to the moment of Baptism, but continue and deepen throughout life.

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 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

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Festive Trumpet Tune”.........................................................D. German

Jason 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!
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.

2020 Pledges
If you plan to catch up your pledge promise or give additional donations for 2020, please do so no later than today, January 10th. Thank you!

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

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 tcarrico24503@gmail.com. Please join us for any or all of these classes! All are welcome!

2021 Sanctuary Flowers
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 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!

Next Week’s Sermon: January 17
Habakkuk 1:1-4 and 2:1-4. The prophet shows us what an authentic relationship with God looks like. Habakkuk is willing to ask God the hard questions about why suffering occurs, why the wicked prevail too often over the righteous, and why destruction and violence surround us. Habakkuk has the faith to trust and wait on the Lord. What does it look like for us to put our faith in God today?

Ordination & Installation of Elders
Ordinarily we ordain and/or install Session members in worship, but the Book of Order allows for the flexibility for us to install in other ways. We will plan to install Bev Jones and Maggie Snyder at the January 12th Stated Session meeting instead of at a worship service. While we won’t be able to physically lay hands on these new elders-elect, please offer them your spiritual support and encouragement and pray for them and the entire Session.

Thank you to Bob Messinger and Barb Nowland, whose three-year terms on the Session end on January 12, 2021.

Congregational Meeting
The Session has decided to postpone the Annual Congregational Meeting until the spring when the Pandemic might be subsiding and it would be easier to hold in-person worship services. However, Session agreed to hold an in-person or Zoom meeting of the Congregation on January 24, 2021 for the purpose of approving the Pastor’s Terms of Call for 2021.

MLK Celebration: Jan. 16 at 11am
The Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration Committee invites the Dare County community to join us in a virtual program to celebrate the rich legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This year marks the 30th year the celebration has gone on in Dare County. The program will feature re-enactments of Dr. King’s I Have a Dream Speech, songs, and inspirational messages by Rev. Tom Priest and others. The celebration will take place on Saturday, January 16th, at 11 a.m. on Zoom. The link to join the program is https://bit.ly/3pLIxDi the Meeting ID: 912 5055 5628 and the Passcode: 136382.
On Tuesday, November 17th, our church delivered 60 takeout meals to Son Rise Church for Ruthie’s Kitchen after preparing them in our OBPC kitchen. We wore masks, stayed 6 feet apart, and were very careful with touch, because the viral pandemic is very aggressive right now.

Many thanks to all the people who brought green beans, corn bread, applesauce, cookies, brownies, and donated money for fried chicken and bottled water.

Our church will again prepare a meal for Ruthie’s Kitchen on Tuesday, January 19th. We will gather in the church kitchen that day to assemble the meals. All are welcome and encouraged to join in this local community outreach. If you are interested in helping, either by preparing food or helping to pack the meals, send your email contact information to Linda Campbell at lindagbc103@gmail.com.
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**

Don & Nancy Bierwerth ...........................................410 Hastings Ln, Apt. 309, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
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**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.......................................................................................................................Home Recovering from Covid-19
Terry Evans .........................................................................................................................Recovering from Hip Surgery
Ann Gilbert (*friend of Ellen Grove*) ................................................................................Cancer
Jim Goes.............................................................................................................................Health Concerns
Gayle Goetschius .................................................................................................................Heart Problems
Judy Goins (*friend of Alicia Norwood*) ..............................................................................Cancer
Margaret Hartman ................................................................................................................Health Concerns
Linda Helmkamp ..................................................................................................................Health Concerns
Joe Hendricks ......................................................................................................................Health Concerns
Nick Hodsdon ......................................................................................................................Cancer
Carl Lilieberg ........................................................................................................................Health Concerns
Bettie Machen (*Susie 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
Robert Shaw (*Tom Williamson’s wife*) ...........................................................................Covid-19
Claudia Riley (*Louise Roberts’ mother*) ............................................................................Health Concerns
Fred Smith ............................................................................................................................Health Concerns
Norm Sparks .........................................................................................................................Recovering from Neck Surgery
Kathy Townsend (*Frank & Carol Moore’s daughter’s mother in law*) ......................Brain Tumor
Tom Williamson ....................................................................................................................Hospitalized with COVID-19
Lynda Wood ..........................................................................................................................Recovering from 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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Another way to give is through online donations via a website link ❤GIVE NOW at: www.outerbankspresbyterian.org.

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