Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

January 3, 2021
10:00 am

The Second Sunday of Christmas and
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

REJOICE & Give Thanks
GOD’S HOUSE, OUR TIME

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: “Angels We Have Heard on High” ......................... arr. Kenneth Varner

Jason Evans, organist

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦THE CALL TO WORSHIP.........................................................................................Ike McRee, Liturgist

ONE: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

ALL: We have seen the darkness cover the earth, and thick darkness cover the people;

ONE: The Lord will rise upon you, and God’s glory will appear over you.

ALL: Let every nation rejoice, for God has come to deliver us.

ONE: Let us worship almighty God!

♦THE OPENING PRAYER.........................................................................................Ike McRee, Liturgist

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Spoken in unison)

 God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. 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 PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION ......................................................... Ike McRee, Liturgist

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 60:1-6 ........................................... Ike McRee, Liturgist

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

THE SPECIAL MUSIC: “The Light of Christmas” ........................................ Joel Raney

Elaine Spencer, soloist

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12 ............................. The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

ONE: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

THE SERMON: “The Fourth Wise Man” ...................................................... The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

~We Respond to the Word~

THE PIANO MEDITATION: “O Holy Night” ............................................. arr. Larson / Evans

Jason Evans, pianist
The Holy Spirit helps believers grow in the new life. The Christian fellowship was not a society of perfect people. The struggle between the old way of life and the new was severe. Yet the Spirit produced among followers of Jesus love, joy, peace, and victories in the battle against evil. We believe the Holy Spirit works today whenever believers grow toward maturity in Christ. As long as we live we struggle with sin, but the Spirit’s presence assures us God will complete what the Lord has begun in us.

~ 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 thanks to the Lord our God.
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: "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 AND BLESSING

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE: “We Three Kings” ............................................. arr. David C. Isele

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!
News Around Outer Banks Presbyterian Church!

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 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
It's hard to believe that 2021 is 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 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 10
Acts 19:1-7. On this Baptism of the Lord’s Sunday, we will hear the apostle Paul explain the meaning of being baptized in Christ’s name, which has a deeper meaning than John the Baptist's baptism. We will reflect on what it means for our Christian identity to be washed clean and to receive the Holy Spirit’s grace through our baptism.

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
Alternative plans have been made for a community Martin Luther King Jr worship service. The worship service will take place this year on Saturday, January 16th, at 11:00 am. Ordinarily we have meet indoors in Manteo—this year we will meet outdoors at the parking lot of Manteo High School for a drive-up worship service where everyone will be able to remain in their cars and hear the speakers and the prayers.
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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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  
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  
Judy Goins (friend of Alicia Norwood) ................................................................. Cancer  
Margaret Hartman .............................................................................. Health Concerns  
Linda Helmkamp .............................................................................. Health Concerns  
Joe Hendricks .............................................................................. Health Concerns  
Nick Hodsdon .............................................................................. Health Concerns  
Carl Lilieberg ......................................................................... Health Concerns  
Bettye 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  
Claudia Riley (Louise Roberts’ mother) ................................................................. 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  
Tom Williamson .................................................................................. Recovering from 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!

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.

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

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