Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2021
10:00 am

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 in the plate 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: “Schumcke dich, o liebe Seele” ....................Johannes Brahms (1833-1937)
Translation: “Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness”
Jason Evans, pianist

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Spoken Responsively) ......................................................... Barbara Hardy, Liturgist

ONE: We worship in the season of Lent, a time to examine our hearts and our lives,
ALL: and journey with Christ through the suffering of the world.

ONE: Let us watch for the coming sign of God’s power,
ALL: a humble servant lifted up on a cross.

ONE: God has marked us as beloved dust
ALL: and called us together to worship.

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

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: “To God Be the Glory” .......................................................... TO GOD BE THE GLORY
Judith Speidel, soloist

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Spoken in unison)

By the gift of your grace we are saved, O God, from all that separates us from you. Still, we would rather believe that we can earn your love. Still, we would rather believe that we are in ultimate control. Forgive us when we do not recognize the radical gift of your grace; have mercy when we fail or refuse to share that grace with one another. Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy. Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Concluding with the Kyrie sung by the soloist)

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 PIANO MEDITATION: “God So Loved the World” ........................................... arr. Ovid Young

~ We Respond to the Word ~

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From Belonging to God, p. 21)

We believe that we were created to live with God, who desires the prayers of our hearts. Our hearts long for God, for we need God’s help and guidance every day. As Jesus taught us, we call upon God like little children who know that God cares for them and loves them. We believe that because Jesus prayed to God as his Father, we can pray to God in this way. We believe that all good things come from God. Even in our most ordinary needs, God cares for us completely. When we pray, we give ourselves over to God’s wise and gracious rule, because we know that God can be trusted and is filled with mercy and goodness. 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.

~ We Go Forth in Jesus’ Name ~

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Oh How He Loves You and Me” ................................. Kurt Kaiser
Judith Speidel, soloist

THE CHARGE AND BENEEDICTION

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE: “I Sing the Mighty Power”.................................arr. arr. Gayden Sikes
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!

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Next Week’s Sermon
March 21, 2021: John 12:23-33

Jesus offers paradoxical wisdom about what it means to be one of his disciples. By being willing to give away our lives for the sake of Christ’s kingdom, we gain new life. It is through sacrificial giving that we receive some of God’s greatest blessings.

Upcoming Worship Services

Beginning with today’s service, the church is holding in-person worship services again. Covid-19 protections continue to be observed:
• Attendance in the sanctuary will be limited to 50 people and you are asked to register in advance.
• Those in attendance must wear face masks and keep a social distance of 6 feet.

Maundy Thursday: April 1st at 5:00 pm. The service will include Communion. There will not be a fellowship meal. The service will also be live-streamed.

Easter Sunday: There will two worship services, one at 8:30 a.m and one at 10:00 a.m. The 10:00 a.m. service will also be live-streamed. There will not be Communion on Easter Sunday.
On Thursday, April 1 at 5 pm we will gather in the Sanctuary for worship and in remembrance of the last meal Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion. For the past several years we have shared a meal and celebrated Communion together in the Fellowship Hall. Due to COVID restrictions this is not possible this year. However, Communion will be celebrated in the Sanctuary. Maundy Thursday is a beautiful and somber time of remembrance and we invite you to join us for this meaningful service. Please register for this service online.

PCUSA has a special offering collection on Palm Sunday, March 28, titled “One Great Hour of Sharing” (OGHS). All monies raised go to our Presbytery of New Hope.

The three programs supported by OGHS - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. The OGHS ministries are driven, not so much by who the recipients are, but by who we are - faithful and generous followers of Jesus Christ.

On Palm Sunday, you can put your offering in the plate. If you are worshipping from home, you may send this offering to the church office -- PO Box 2199, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948. Please write OGHS on the memo line of your check.

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary this morning by Cathie Feild in honor of her mother, Susan Callens, with best wishes and blessings for the new adventure on which she is about to embark. This is Sue’s last Sunday in the Outer Banks before moving to live with her son in Chapala, Mexico.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to honor or remember a loved one with Easter lilies this year, envelopes are available in the Gathering Space, or you may call the office to place your order. The cost of the lilies is $10.00 each and orders must be received by Sunday, March 21st.

The Worship Committee is proud to announce that OBPC will be using Eco-Palms on Palm Sunday, March 28 at our 10 am worship service. You may learn more about Eco-Palms at www.ecopalms.org. If you are not able to be with us for the service the palms will be at the front door of the church for you to take. Please register for the service online.

The 2021 Flower Schedule

The sign-up sheet for flowers is now available in the Gathering Space! Placing flowers in the sanctuary is a wonderful way to honor or memorialize a person(s) or to honor a birthday, anniversary, birth or any other special occasion!
Ushers Needed

As we return to in-person worship, ushers will be needed to serve at each service. Responsibilities of an usher will be a little bit different than they used to be. Instead of handing out bulletins, the ushers will direct worshipers to a table where they can pick up their own bulletin. Instead of passing offering plates, the ushers will point worshipers to stationary offering plates where individuals may place their gifts. They will greet those entering and encourage them to remain six feet apart.

If you would be willing to serve as an usher, please contact Cathie in the church office. Some of our regular ushers will be unable to serve at this time, so it is important for some new people to volunteer.

Vital Signs

March 7 ................................................... $2,685.00
March Total...........................................$2,685.00

Attendance

March 7 ...................................................Online Only
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
Margaret Brown .................................................. Peak Resources, 430 Health Center Dr., Nags Head 27959
Anne Cramer ..................................................... Peak Resources, 430 Health Center Dr., Nags Head 27959
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 .......................................................... Recovering from Surgery
Tommy DeSanto ...................................................... Health Concerns
Jim Goes .............................................................. Health Concerns
Gayle Goetschius .................................................... Heart Problems
Margaret Hartman ................................................... Health Concerns
Linda Helmkamp ..................................................... Health Concerns
Joe Hendricks ........................................................ 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
Claudia Riley (Louise Roberts’ mother) ....................... Health Concerns
Fred Smith ............................................................... Health Concerns
Norm Sparks ........................................................... Health Concerns
Kathy Townsend (Frank & Carol Moore’s daughter’s mother in law) .................. Brain Tumor
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.

**Disbursing Treasurer**
Cathie Feild, Secretary (441-5897)

**Receiving Treasurers**
Becky Lofton-DeSanto
(480-0724)
Lisa Rhodes
(207-5022)

Another way to give is through online donations via a website link [GIVE NOW at: www.outerbankspresbyterian.org](http://www.outerbankspresbyterian.org).

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