Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 21, 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: “Meditation on the Cross” ...........................................arr. Mary McDonald

Jason Evans, organist

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦ THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Spoken Responsively) .............................................. Jean Basnight, 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 seek God with our whole hearts and treasure God’s holy Word.

ALL: Jesus said, “Whoever serves me must follow me. Where I am, there will my servant be also.”

ONE: Let us worship God and serve in the name of Jesus Christ.

♦ THE OPENING PRAYER ......................................................................................... Jean Basnight, Liturgist

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: “God of Grace and God of Glory” ............................. CWM RHONDDA

Judith Speidel, soloist

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Spoken in unison)

Through the season of Lent, O God, we have prayed for clean hearts and right spirits. Forgive us, O Lord, if we have prayed with our words but failed to pray with our actions. Forgive us of what we have done that has contributed to the suffering of others, and forgive us of what we have failed to do that could have lightened a neighbor’s burden. Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy. 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 Prayer of Illumination

Jean Basnight, Liturgist

The First Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Jean Basnight, Liturgist

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Special Music: “Your Grace Still Amazes Me”

Craig / Harrington

Judith Speidel, soloist

The Second Scripture Lesson: John 12: 23-33

The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“No now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—’Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

ONE: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon: “Commitment and Sacrifice”

The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

We Respond to the Word

The Piano Meditation: “Praise You”

arr. Hammerly

Jason Evans, pianist

The Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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 BENEDICTION RESPONSE: “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”........................................DENNIS
(Spoken only)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE: “God of Grace” ................................................................. arr. Paul Manz

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 28, 2021: Palm Sunday

Mark 11:1-11. This passage is the Palm Sunday story of Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The crowds are filled with energy and excitement. They joyously welcome the long-awaited Messiah, but then they quickly turn on Jesus when he does not meet their expectations. Are we willing to follow the Messiah and to obey him, even when his demands are not what we expect?

Upcoming Worship Services

We are pleased to be able to hold 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. The service will also be live-streamed for those who wish to participate from home.

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 in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God.

Easter Lilies
Today is the last day to place your order 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.

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.

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**Vital Signs**

March 14........................................ $14,277.00  
March Total....................................... $16,962.00  

**Attendance**

March 14................................. 53 + online viewers
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
- Warren Davis ....................................................... Health Concerns
- 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
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Another way to give is through online donations via a website link ❤️GIVE NOW at:

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