Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021
10:00 am

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 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 PRELUDE: “Glorify Thy Name” ................................................................. Arr. Pethel Hollie & Elisabeth Writtenberry, musicians

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Spoken Responsively) ............................................... Ike McRee, Liturgist

ONE: God welcomes us here and walks beside us on our journey.

ALL: Give God thanks and praise.

ONE: Call upon the name of God and praise the Lord in our midst.

ALL: We are precious in God’s sight.

ONE: Let us worship almighty God!

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

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Spoken in unison)

Almighty and eternal God, forgive us our indifference to the good news of your love. We close our eyes and do not see the hurts of the world when you call us to recognize your presence in the faces of our brothers and sisters who are hurting. You are standing right next to us, guiding us along, and yet, like the travelers on the road to Emmaus, we do not even notice you. We are too often preoccupied by our own concerns. We get side-tracked from doing your will by the distractions of our everyday world. Forgive us our nearsightedness, our apathy, and our lack of courage to do your will. Make us bold to be your Easter people, who proclaim your love to the world. 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 OF ILLUMINATION ........................................... Ike McRee, Liturgist


Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.”

THE SPECIAL MUSIC: “What Faith Can Do” ............................................. Davis/Krippayne

Elisabeth Writtenberry, soloist


Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

ONE: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

THE SERMON: “The Eyes of Faith” ..................................................... The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

~ We Respond to the Word ~

THE MUSICAL MEDITATION: “Spirit, Fall on Us” ........................................ Nelson

Hollie & Elisabeth Writtenberry, musicians

♦ THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.............................................. (From Belonging to God, #1)

I am a child of God. I belong to God, who loved me even before the creation of all that is. Even though all of us have turned away from God and fallen into sin, God never stops loving us. In the fullness of time, God sent Jesus to be our Messiah—the anointed one—who
rescues us from sin and death. Jesus called disciples to follow him. He fed the hungry, healed the sick, blessed children, befriended outcasts, required people to repent, and forgave their sins. He taught people not to fear but to trust always in God. He preached the good news of God’s love and gave everyone hope for new life. As a result of his life and death and resurrection, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are the church. We are people who believe the good news about Jesus, who are baptized, and who share in the Lord’s Supper. Through these means of grace, the Spirit renews us so that we may serve God in love. I am a child of God. Thanks be to God! 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 POSTLUDE: “We Are One in the Spirit”..........................................................Scholte
Hollie & Elisabeth Writtenberry, musicians

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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 Sermon
April 25, 2021. 1st John 3:16-24

First John focuses on the centrality of love. This text explains that God has shown the ultimate example of love in Jesus Christ, who laid down his life for us. Inspired by Christ, we are called to share God’s love with each other and the world.

Sanctuary Flowers

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

Adult Sunday School

Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks is teaching an adult Sunday School class on the book of Acts of the Apostles beginning this Sunday, April 18th through Sunday, June 6th. The classes will be by Zoom at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday. Contact Maggie Snyder (571-594-0815) or Karen Lurie (252-619-6144) for the Zoom link. This week, we will study Acts 1-2, with background, authorship, and dating. Next week, will be Acts 3-5 (hopefully we can move that quickly). The only book needed is your Bible.

Ruthie’s Kitchen: An Outreach Activity

Did you know that OBPC has a flower ministry? Flowers placed in the sanctuary may be donated to the ministry after the service. Volunteers then separate the flowers into smaller arrangements and take them to members of the congregation who are home-bound.

We find ways of serving the Lord by helping others. One those ways is our next Ruthie’s Kitchen on the afternoon of Tuesday, April 27th.

Ruthie’s Kitchen is an Outer Bank’s Tradition. More than a decade ago, it was created by the bequest left to St. Andrews Episcopal Church by Ruthie Rigor- hence the name. Ruthie’s Kitchen provides free meals to community members on Tuesday evenings, September thru June. Churches and other organizations along the beach alternate providing the more than 60 “drive-thru” dinners distributed at Son Rise Church. (We usually participate 4-5 times a year.) To help on April 27, see the sign-up poster in the gathering space, or contact Linda Campbell at lindagbc103@gmail.com for more details.
Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi
(Said at Barbara Nock’s Funeral)

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light; and
Where there is sadness, joy . . .

For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born
to eternal life.

Vital Signs
April 11 .......................................$2,710.00
Total for April ...............................$7,623.00
One Great Hour of Sharing ..........$681.00

Attendance
April 11 ............................... 33 + online worshippers
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

Nancy Bierwerth ............................................. 401 Hastings Ln, Apt. 309, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
Margaret Brown ............................................. Peak Resources, 430 Health Center Dr., Nags Head 27959
John & Helen Dick ........................................... 591 Moyer Rd., Lot 48, New Castle, PA 16101
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Claudette Forney ............................................. 321 Gunas Drive, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948
Oscar Northen .................................................. P O Box 1331, Gloucester, VA 23061
Jim & Jean Sias ................................................ 7836 Sunset, Hayes, VA 23072

Christian Sympathy

We offer our prayers to Louise Roberts and her family upon the death of her mother, Claudia Riley, who passed away on April 11th.

We offer our prayers to the family of Barbara Nock, who passed away on April 6th.

Kathy Townsend, Frank & Carol Moore’s daughter’s mother in law, passed away on April 4th.

We offer prayers to the Townsend and Moore families.

Don Beirwerth passed away on March 25, 2021. We offer our prayers to his wife, Nancy, and the rest of their family.

Members & Friends

Jack Abernethy .................................................. Recovering from Surgery
Warren Davis .................................................. Health Concerns
Tommy DeSanto .............................................. Health Concerns
Susi Gentry .................................................... Health Concerns
Jim Goes ....................................................... Health Concerns
Gayle Goetschius ............................................ Heart Problems
Wray Grumiaux ................................................ Health Concerns
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 Morgan’s son) ....................... Brain Cancer
Norm Sparks .................................................. Health Concerns
Mary Sansone (Sharon Moore’s mother) ................. Broken Leg
Fred Smith ..................................................... Health Concerns
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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**Receiving Treasurers**
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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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