Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 25, 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!

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: “My Eternal King”................................................................. Jane M. Marshall
Jason Evans, organist

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Spoken Responsively)....................... Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks, Liturgist

ONE: The peace of God is with us.
ALL: Christ Jesus stands among us.
ONE: By the power of the Holy Spirit,
ALL: we have seen the risen Lord.
ONE: Let us worship almighty God.

♦THE OPENING PRAYER ................................................................. Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks, Liturgist

THE HYMN: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” ................................................................. BEECHER
Elaine Spencer, soloist
THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Spoken in unison)

God, whose love knows no bounds, forgive us when we fail to reflect your loving kindness. When we turn away from the goodness of your love, call us back with the tender voice of a caring friend. When we stumble over the gift of your grace, lift us up with the strong arms of a loving parent. When we are certain that we are alone in the chaos of this world, shower us with peace, the gentle breeze of evening rain. When we cannot feel the flowing of your peace, show us your love with the hands and feet of Christ, your love incarnate. Forgive us, O Lord. 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 Word of the Lord ~

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION .............................................Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks, Liturgist

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 10:11-18 .................Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks, Liturgist

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

THE SPECIAL MUSIC: “My Heart Ever Faithful” ................................. J. S. Bach (1685-1750) 
  Elaine Spencer, soloist

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1st John 3:16-24 ..................... The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

ONE: This is the Word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God!
THE SERMON: “Abiding in Love”................................................. The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

~ We Respond to the Word ~


Jason Evans, pianist

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OUR OFFERINGS....... Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks, Liturgist

♣ THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH..............................................(Adapted from The Confession of Belhar)

We believe in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects, and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. . . We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and deed to the new heaven and new earth in which righteousness dwells.

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 CHORUS: “We Are One in the Spirit”............................ THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

Elaine Spencer, soloist

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION


Jason Evans, organist

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Sanctuary Flowers
The flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God!

Next Week’s Sermon
May 2, 2021. 1st John 4:7-21. For the second consecutive week, we will hear from 1st John. Throughout this book, the focus is on the centrality of love. This week, we hear that God’s very nature itself is love. Because God has loved us so much, we are commanded to love one another.

Adult Sunday School
Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks is teaching an adult Sunday School class on the book of Acts of the Apostles. The class began on Sunday, April 18th, and will continue each Sunday through June 6th. The classes will be by Zoom at 8:30 a.m. Contact Maggie Snyder (571-594-0815) or Karen Lurie (252-619-6144) for the Zoom link. The only book needed is your Bible!
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. There will be a graveside service on May 10th at Little River Presbyterian Church in Hurtle Mills, NC.

We offer our prayers to the family of Barbara Nock, who passed away on April 6th. Her funeral service was held at OBPC on April 13th, with burial at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Norfolk, VA.

An obituary for Judy Dempsey, who passed away on April 21, 2020, has been published in the Outer Banks Voice on the anniversary of her death. To read the obituary, go to www.outerbanksvoice.com and click on “Obits.”

This Week at OBPC

Sunday, April 25, 2021
8:30 am ......................... Sunday School (Zoom)
10:00 am ........................ Morning Worship
4:30 pm ........................... Youth Group

Monday, April 26, 2021
7:30 am ............................. A.A.
6:30 pm ............................ Boy Scouts

Tuesday, April 27, 2021
7:30 am ............................. A.A.
1:00 pm ................... Prepare for Ruthie’s Kitchen
6:30 pm ............................ Cub Scouts

Wednesday, April 28, 2021
7:30 am ............................. A.A.
6:00 pm ....................... Jubilate Ringers Rehearsal

Thursday, April 29, 2021
7:30 am ............................. A.A.

Friday, April 30, 2021
7:30 am ............................. A.A.

Saturday, May 1, 2021

Sunday, May 2, 2021
8:30 am ........................ Sunday School (Zoom)
10:00 am ........................ Morning Worship
4:30 pm ........................... Youth Group

Those Serving Today....

Audio & Visual Ministry:
Don Younkin & Nonie Booth

This Week ....
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Greeting Elder:
Ike McRee & Bev Jones

Liturgist: Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks

Ushers:
Karen Lurie & EJ Markwood

Children’s Church:
Jeanne Moore

Vital Signs

April 18 ........................................ $4,479
Total for April ........................... $12,102

Attendance

April 11 43 + online worshippers

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