
Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
First Sunday after Easter
April 11, 2021
10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church
We are glad you are worshiping with us this morning!

Leading Worship Today:

The Rev. Dr. Adam Hearlson, Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Catherine E. Williams, Guest Preacher

Ron Homer, Liturgist

Keedra Carroll, Margene Biedermann, and Johanna Gosfield,
Prayer Leaders

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

The Overbrook Choir

Iris Fairfax, soprano

Carol Rozmiarek, Tech Manager

GATHERING IN

PRELUDE

CWG

Improvisation on “Lancashire”
 (“The Day of Resurrection!”)

CALL TO WORSHIP/WELCOME

Adam Hearlson

OPENING HYMN

O FILII ET FILIAE

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ron Homer

From Kairos South Africa

God,
You ask for our courage to protect the powerless
but we prefer to remain safe, preserving ourselves for future challenges.

You ask us to speak out for justice
but we whisper, in case we are heard.

You ask us to stand up for what is right,
but we would rather blend in to the crowd

You ask us to have faith,
when doubting seems so much easier.

Lord forgive our calculated efforts to follow you,
only when it is convenient to do so,
only in those places where it is safe to do so,

only with those who make it easy to do so.

Together we pray
God forgive us and renew us;
Inspire us and challenge us
So that we might risk the journey, to your kingdom with you,
Amen

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Adam Hearlson

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ron Homer

NEW TESTAMENT 1 John 1:1-2:2

Ron Homer

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Anthony Carrella

SOLO

Auf, freue dich, Seele

Johann Ludwig Bach
(1677-1731)

Auf, freue dich, Seele, du bist nun getröst', Dein Heiland, der hat dich vom Sterben erlöst.	Arise, rejoice, my soul, you are now consoled, your Savior has delivered you from dying.
Es zaget die Hölle, der Satan erliegt, Der Tod ist bezwungen, die Sünde besiegt.	Hell falters, Satan succumbs, death is defeated, sin is conquered.
Trotz sprech ich euch allen, die ihr mich bekriegt.	I defiantly address all of you who have waged war against me.

Ernst Ludwig I (1672-1724)?

GOSPEL LESSON John 20: 24-31

Catherine Williams

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Catherine Williams

HYMN

NOEL NOUVELET

Now the Green Blade Rises

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Adam Hearlson
Keedra Carroll
Margene Biedermann*

LORD'S PRAYER (*debts/debtors*)

Johanna Gosfield

SHARING OF PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

ANTHEM

Love's Redeeming Work Is Done

Michael Larkin
(b. 1951)

Love's redeeming work is done,
fought the fight, the battle won.
Death in vain forbids him rise;
Christ has opened paradise.
Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King;
where, O death, is now thy sting?
Once he died our souls to save,
where thy victory, O grave?
Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led,
following our exalted Head;
made like him, like him we rise,
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
Alleluia!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Ron Homer

From Daniel Hayward

God, you have given each of us gifts to use as members of the body of Christ. Here are our gifts – the work of our hands, our hearts, and our lives. We pray that they may help to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our world, today and always, here and everywhere. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN

The Day of Resurrection

LANCASHIRE

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Allegro con brio

J. C. H. Rinck
(1770-1846)

This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Catherine E. Williams to Overbrook Presbyterian as our guest preacher. Dr. Williams joined the faculty at Lancaster Theological Seminary in 2017 after serving both the academy and the church. Her Princeton Theological Seminary doctoral dissertation was on developing a distinctive, post-colonial homiletic rooted in the music of calypso for her birthplace, the twin-island republic of Trinidad and Tobago. She has served as Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care at Princeton United Methodist Church. A graduate of Westminster Choir College of Rider University, she is an accomplished musician who has taught piano and voice. Her higher ed teaching experience includes work as a Graduate Instructor at Princeton Seminary and as an Adjunct Professor at Palmer Theological Seminary, where she earned her MDiv.

Her research interests include the symbiotic relationship between preaching and sacred song, particularly in worshipping communities of color; deconstructing the colonialist hegemony of European and North-American approaches to preaching and worship; intentional, inter-cultural pedagogy as a learning strategy in worship and preaching classrooms; and theorizing and affirming the preaching and worship practices of underrepresented communities of faith.

Sunday School Today and 4/18

In Easter we will encounter the fourth and fifth blessings of the Beatitudes found in Matthew 5:6-7: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst/ Blessed are the merciful. Together, we will explore the metaphor of hunger and thirst and work towards a functional definition of righteousness (justice). We'll also learn about mercy, and learn how to see the world through "mercy glasses". All ages are welcome to join us at the link posted below immediately following worship.

[Sunday School Link](#)

Fellowship Hour!

To continue to build community and serve our congregation, we will be holding a virtual fellowship hour after worship. At the conclusion of the service, people who remain will be invited to join a breakout room where they will have five minutes to catch up with their church friends. After five minutes, you can join another room, and then another, for a total of about 15-20 minutes of conversation and fellowship. So, bring your coffee, snacks, and finger foods, and gather again for a good OPC coffee hour.

Weekly Opportunities

The Work of the Church continues, and we continue to create programming for our community. Links for Bible Study, the Women's Prayer & Support Group, and the Men's Group are below. Please refer to your e-mail or contact the church for information on gatherings for children and youth.

Wednesday Bible Study-Resuming April 21

Morning Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, April 21 at 10:30 am.

Tuesday Women's Prayer & Support Group, 7:30 a.m.

Join [Tuesday Morning Women's Prayer and Support Group](#) or call 646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 932 4865 5338

Thursday Vigil for Racial Justice, 3:00 pm-Dusk- The church holds a public vigil for racial justice on our corner of City and Lancaster. You are invited to show up and pray, hold signs, and witness to the need for racial justice in our city, our country, and our world. Come and make your voice heard!

Saturday Morning Men's' Group, 9:00 am

Join [Saturday Morning Men's Group](#) or call 646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 920 1485 0418

Ways to Give

Many people have asked how they can continue to give to the church during this time. We currently have five ways you can give online to the church.

1. To donate by credit card (with PayPal account): We have a Donate button on our website that will take you to the PayPal Giving Fund where you can make donations to the church using a credit card. When giving this way, the church is not charged any processing fees. You will have to either log in with your PayPal account or create one to donate this way.

2. To donate with a credit card (without PayPal account): If you'd prefer not to use a PayPal account, you can donate through PayPal but using a credit card only. Go to this link: https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s_xclick&hosted_button_id=VX4E5GVVUE7VW&source=url. Pick "Donate with a Debit or Credit Card" and follow the directions.

3. To set up a recurring credit card donation (with PayPal account): If you'd like to set up a monthly credit card donation, you can use this link: https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s_xclick&hosted_button_id=VX4E5GVVUE7VW&source=url. Enter the amount of your donation and check the box to make it a monthly donation. You will have to have (or create) a PayPal account to set it up this way.

4. To set up a recurring donation by check: Most banks offer the option to set up recurring payments by check. You can set it up so that the church is mailed a check on whatever schedule you choose. You'd need to check your bank's website or call them to set that up. The church mailing address is 6376 City Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19151.

5. To give by text: Text GIVE to [484-222-5757](tel:484-222-5757) and follow the prompts. You can make a one-time donation or set up recurring donations.

As with all online giving, most companies take a cut of whatever you give (PayPal takes 3% and texting takes 1% plus the 3% of PayPal), so, if you are searching for the way for the church to receive the whole amount of your gift, automatic deduction from your bank is the most efficient.

Prayer List

- Pamela Taylor, Artia Benjamin's sister, who has COVID-19.
- Theresa McNeil Carter is hospitalized for medical issues.
- Prayers for Becky Lazo's mother who is having medical issues.
- Ellen Burr for continued medical issues and on the recent death of her cousin.
- Artia Benjamin's uncle, Abdul Mokum Sr, who has been put on dialysis and is in the hospital.
- Jeanne Cuvilly is facing family challenges.
- Ken Carroll is grateful for all prayers
- Marita Patino Treat Rosen- prayers for chronic pain relief
- Margaret Young's son Keith remains under medical treatment but is no longer on hospice care.
- Mary Pat, friend of Ginny Leagans, is being treated for colon cancer and just started chemotherapy.
- Caroline Skinner is facing health challenges
- Judy Swartz prayers for continued healing.
- Eric Long's father Bill Long's cancer has returned.
- Wendy Fraser, sister of Jeremy Blatchley, is continuing treatment for cancer.
- Ed Harvey is still facing some multiple health challenges. He is grateful for all the prayers.

*Please contact Terri Hunter (teresahunter42@gmail.com)
or the Church Office to add names to the prayer list.*

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The Overbrook Quartet:

Iris Fairfax, *soprano*; **Amanda Staub**, *alto*;

Toffer Mihalka, *tenor*; **Matthew Lulofs**, *bass*

***Overbrook Presbyterian Church is a welcoming and diverse
Christian community that actively seeks to love and serve
God, each other, and the world.***
