



Overbrook

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship Service
Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025
11:00 A.M.

Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church (on the Road)
We are glad you are worshiping with us this morning!

Notes on Today's Service

Leadership:

The Rev. Dr. Adam Hearlson, Pastor

Anne Conroy, Liturgist

Anthony M. Carrella, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

The Overbrook Choir

Matthew Lulofs, baritone

Today's chancel flowers are given by Joan Moylan for the Glory of God.

Childcare is available during the worship service.

Worship is for all ages, but should your infant or preschooler become restless, excellent childcare is provided in the nursery.

Following worship today, please join us for Fellowship Hour,
hosted by the Bryan Family. All are welcome!

❖=Stand as you are able

GATHERING IN

PRELUDE

Beneath the Cross

arr. Olivia Cresswell
(b. 1980)

INTROIT

Blessed is He

Eleanor Daley
(b. 1955)

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

From the Church of Scotland

Anne Conroy

Leader: Humble and riding on a donkey,

People: **we greet you;**

Leader: Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children,

People: **we cheer you;**

Leader: moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power,

People: **We salute you: Christ our Lord.**

Leader: You are giving the beast of burden

People: **a new dignity;**

Leader: you are giving majesty

People: **a new face;**

Leader: you are giving those who long for redemption

People: **a new song to sing.**

Leader: With them, with heart and voice, we shout:

All: **Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

❖HYMN (*on next page*)

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN
All Glory, Laud, and Honor

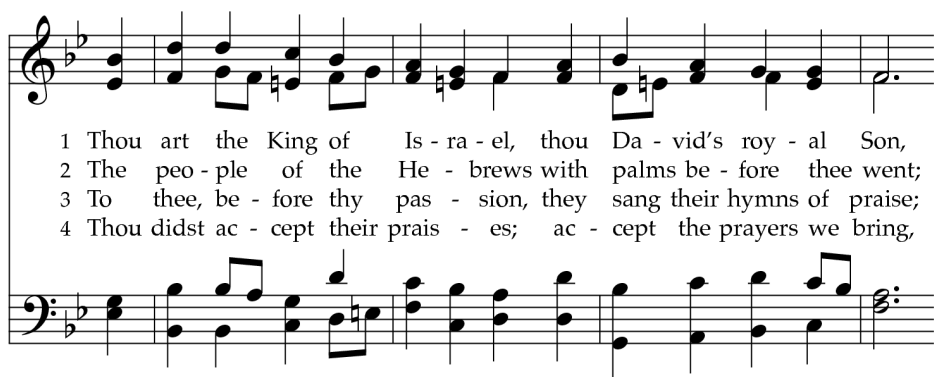
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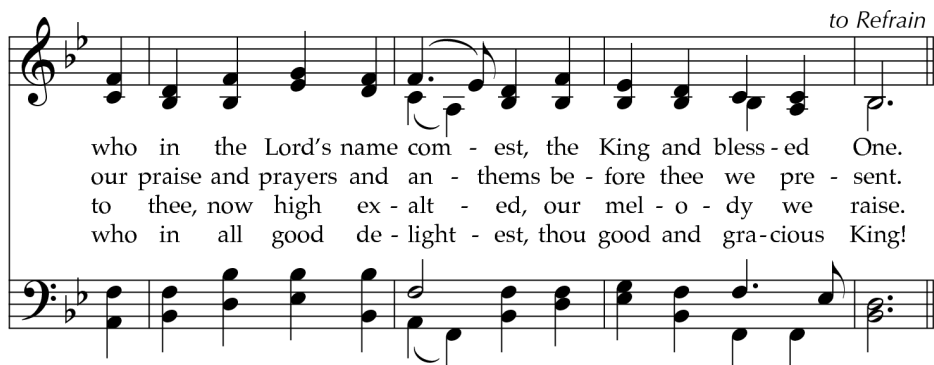
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King!

WELCOME

Adam Hearlson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COURAGE (unison)

Anne Conroy

Loving Christ, you rode into Jerusalem
and the people waved palms and acclaimed your name.
Forgive us for being silent when the creation rejoices.
King of Kings, the crowds vanished when you finally entered Jerusalem.
Give us the courage this week to follow you all the way to the cross.
Lord Jesus, pardon us for our petty betrayals,
our arrogant hubris, our own self-centeredness.
Restore us to a place of humility
so that we might see the depth of your sacrifice.
Prince of Peace, forgive us for ignoring the destitute,
the prisoner, the condemned, and those marked for death.
Stoke within us a heart that burns as brightly as yours.
Chosen one, choose us.
Chosen one, embrace us, so that we might enter into your glory. Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Capo 3: (Bm7) (Em7) (Fmaj7) (B^b7)
Dm7 Gm7 A^bmaj7 D^b7



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have

(A^bmaj7) (Fm7) (Em7) (F[#]7)
C^bmaj7 A^bm7 Gm7 A7



mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

(Bm7) (Em7) (Fmaj7) (B^b7)
Dm7 Gm7 A^bmaj7 D^b7



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:

(A^bmaj7) (Fm7) (G2)
C^bmaj7 A^bm7 B^b2



grant us, O grant us your peace.

SILENT CONFESSION

EMBRACING GOD'S GRACE

AMEN (*seated*)



HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 118:1-2; 19-29

Anne Conroy

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

BIBLICAL STORYTELLING

Anthony Carrella

(Following the storytelling, children may return to their pews or proceed to the Prayerground.. The nursery is also open for childcare.)

SOLO

Spiritual, arr. Hall Johnson

Ride On, King Jesus!

(1888-1970)

Matthew Lulofs, baritone

Ride on, King Jesus! No man can-a hinder me.
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on! No man can-a hinder me.
For He is King of kings, He is Lord of lords,
Jesus Christ, de first an' las', no man works like Him.

King Jesus rides a milk white horse, no man works like Him.
De river of Jerdin He did cross, no man works like Him.

King Jesus rides in de middle o' de air,
He calls de saints from everywhere

He is de King, He is de Lord!
Jesus Christ, de first an' las', no man works like Him!
Ride on, Jesus!

African-American Spiritual

❖ GOSPEL LESSON
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Luke 19:28-40

Adam Hearlson

SERMON

“The Lord Needs it”

Adam Hearlson

*(Following the sermon, youth in Grades 6-12
are encouraged to recess for Sunday School.)*

❖ HYMN *(on next page)*

LOVE UNKNOWN

My Song Is Love Unknown

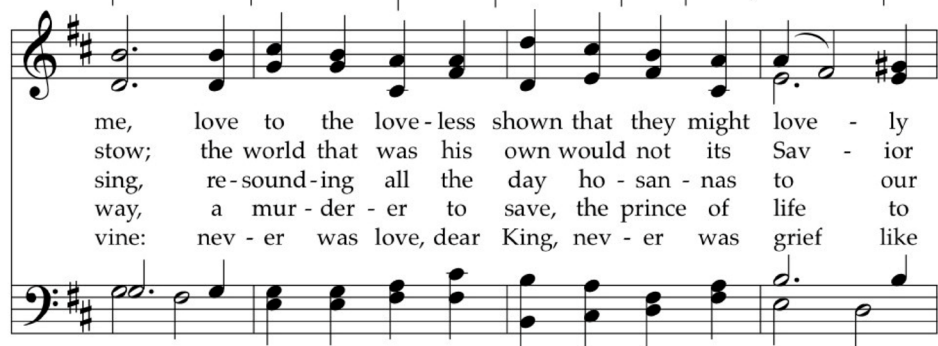
❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

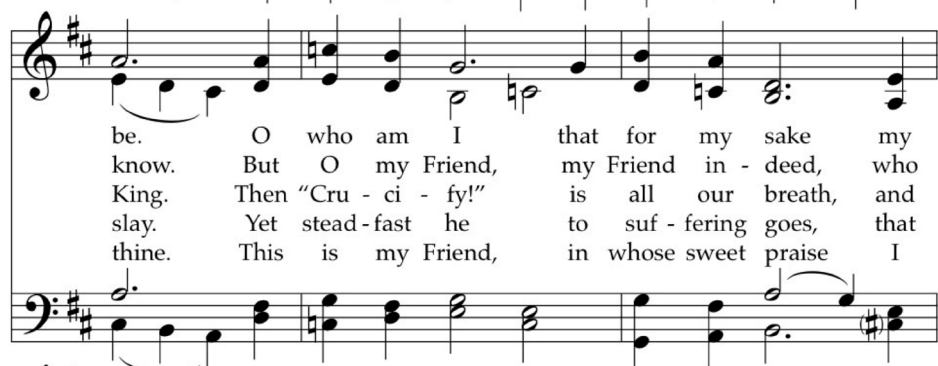
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose 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.



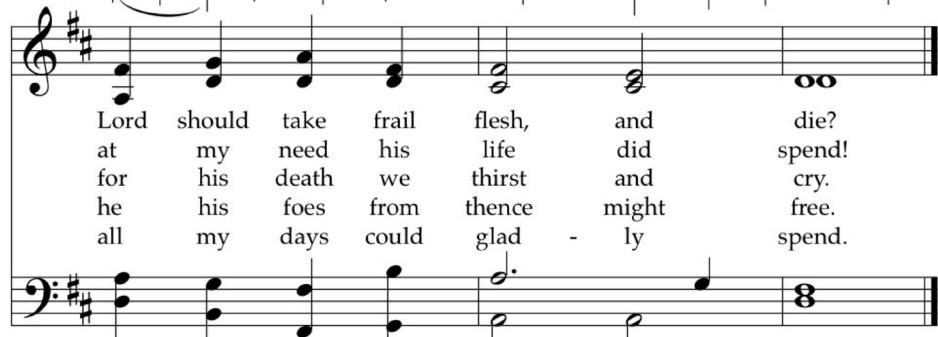
1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from heav - en's throne sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times we strew his way, and his sweet prais - es
 4 Un - heed - ing, we will have our dear Lord made a -
 5 Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di -



me, love to the love-less shown that they might love - ly
 stow; the world that was his own would not its Sav - ior
 sing, re-sound-ing all the day ho - san - nas to our
 way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of life to
 vine: nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like



be. O who am I that for my sake my
 know. But O my Friend, my Friend in - deed, who
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all our breath, and
 slay. Yet stead-fast he to suf - fering goes, that
 thine. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I



Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 at my need his life did spend!
 for his death we thirst and cry.
 he his foes from thence might free.
 all my days could glad - ly spend.

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

LIFE AT THE CROSSROADS

Adam Hearlson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING OF PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Adam Hearlson

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Jack Ossewaarde
(1918-2004)

Hosanna to the Son of David
The Overbrook Choir

Hosanna to the Son of David:
Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.
O King of Israel:
Hosanna in the highest!

Antiphon for Palm Sunday

❖DOXOLOGY

ROCKINGHAM

With palms we come to praise our King,
 "Ho - san - na" is the song we sing,
 All praise the One who rides this day,
 And brings us hope in ev - 'ry way.

❖PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Anne Conroy

In the name and in the spirit of Jesus,
 we bring our gifts to you, O God.
 Help us to give with them
 a ready mind,
 a willing spirit,
 and a joyful heart. Amen

SENDING FORTH

❖HYMN (*on next page*)

TWENTY-FOURTH

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty

❖BENEDICTION

Adam Hearlson

CHORAL RESPONSE

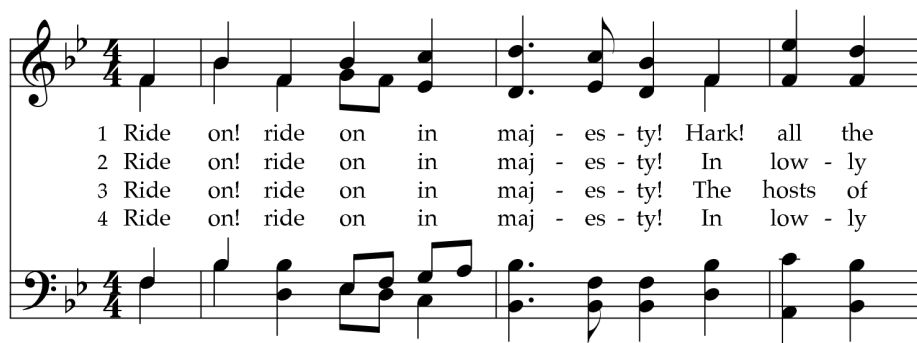
G. T. Thalben-Ball
 (1896-1987)

Behold the Cross displayed

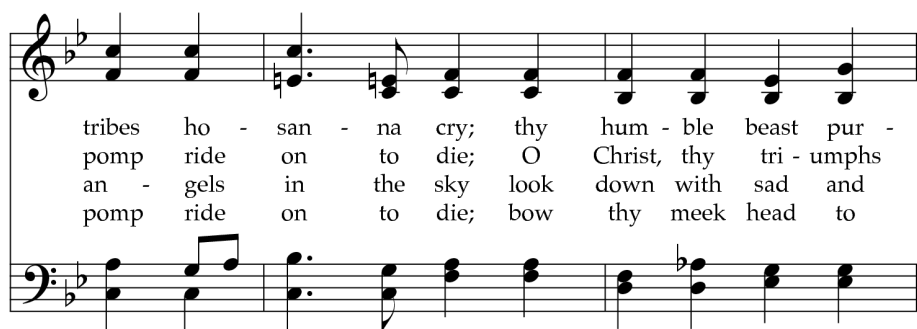
POSTLUDE

Praeludium in D minor

Johann Ludwig Krebs
 (1713-1780)



1 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the
 2 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of
 4 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur -
 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and
 pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to



sues its road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 mor - tal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Music Spotlight: Prelude

Originally from British Columbia, Olivia Cresswell received her M.Mus. from the Royal Conservatory of Music in London and serves as a pianist, composer, and educator in the United States. You might not immediately recognize the tune of “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” in today’s setting, but listen more closely—it actually appears in the middle of the piano texture, not in the highest or lowest voice. Around it swirl gentle harmonies that invite us to reflect on the humanity and sacrifice of Jesus.



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Chancel Flowers—Donations needed. Please consider donating the Sunday morning chancel flowers in honor/memory of a loved one or simply in a celebration or thanksgiving for the many blessings we receive. The cost is **\$60.00**, but you may contribute what you wish. To sign up, follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8secsur>. There are three ways to pay for the flowers:

1. Log onto Realm: <https://onrealm.org/overbrookpresb/give/flowers>
2. Text “GIVEOPC FLOWERS \$60.00” to 73256 to give using your mobile device. This number will never send unsolicited texts to you. To cancel further messages, text STOP. If you need assistance with text giving, text HELP. Standard text message and data rates may apply.
3. Mail a check to the church office, Attn: Carol. Please indicate “Chancel Flowers” in the memo of the check.

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa (manager@overbrookpresb.org) or Carol (carol@overbrookpresb.org).

Fellowship Hour Hosts Needed. If you would like to host but think you need a hand, if you are able to help set up and clean up but need assistance with food, or if you need supplies, CLC can help! (Note that the coffee service is a separate ministry.) Please scan the QR code to sign up. If you would like more information or have any questions about this ministry, feel free to reach out to clc@overbrookpresb.org.



Centering Prayer and Bible Study—Wednesday, April 16, 9:30 A.M. Centering Prayer takes place every Wednesday morning; Bible Study follows at 10:30 A.M. All are welcome to join us at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El.

LENT AND EASTER AT OPC

Special Worship Services and Events

Maundy Thursday—April 17, 6:00 P.M., Basement of OPC.
Join us as we congregate for a meal together and worship as we celebrate Jesus' final meal with his friends. To **RSVP** for Maundy Thursday, scan the QR code at right.



Good Friday—April 18, 12:00 P.M., African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas.

Holy Saturday Bonfire Vigil—April 19, 7:00 P.M., Parking Lot of OPC.

Easter Sunday—April 20, 10:30 A.M., Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El.

Please note the start time of 10:30 A.M.

Last chance to order Easter Flowers. OPC will order Easter Flowers this year from Taddeo's Greenhouses; they will be used to decorate Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El for Easter morning. We invite you to donate flowers in honor or memory of a loved one by scanning the QR code; the cost of the flowers is \$25.00 each.



Payment can be mailed to the church, placed in the offering plate, or paid online through Realm at the following link: <https://onrealm.org/overbrookpresb/give/easterflowers>. (please write "Easter Flowers" in the memo).

Please note that all flowers will need to be collected at the end of worship on Easter Sunday. If you do not wish to take your flowers, please indicate as such on the sign-up sheet so that we can offer the flowers to others or deliver to our homebound friends.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Help Needed: Easter Egg Stuffing During Fellowship Hour! -CFM invites everyone to lend a hand during Fellowship Hour as we stuff Easter eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt happening right after worship on Easter Sunday! Come enjoy some good company and help us prepare a fun and joyful experience for the kids. Every egg you stuff adds a little more excitement to the celebration!

Easter Morning Volunteers Needed! To support our children and guests on Easter morning (April 20), we are forming three volunteer teams:

- Setup Team (9:00 to 9:45 A.M.)
- Greeter Team (9:45 to 10:30 A.M.)
- Egg Hunt & Cleanup Team (11:45 A.M. to 12:15 P.M.)

If you are able to serve, please contact **Anthony and Molly** at cfm@overbrookpresb.org. Your presence helps make the day joyful and welcoming for all.

April Sunday School Schedule. Palm Sunday and Easter liturgies are designed to be experienced together as a full church family. In light of this priority, **Children's Sunday School will pause for the first part of April** to allow children, caregivers, and our volunteers to fully engage the beauty of Holy Week liturgies. In the meantime, **the Prayerground will remain open and well supported**, with thoughtful tools to deepen children's participation in worship. Additionally, our nursery will remain open and staffed for children who would prefer spending time outside of the Sanctuary. Children's Sunday School will resume on **April 27**.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Presbyterian Youth Triennium -Calling all high school youth* starting 9th grade in Fall 2025 up to recent 2025 HS graduates to join us at the Presbyterian Youth Triennium! There is an upcoming *informational gathering with fun, food, and fellowship on Sunday, April 27th, from 2 - 4 pm, at Salt & Light Church, 5736 Chester Ave., Philadelphia. Please email youth@overbrookpresb.org, if you are interested in this amazing opportunity and plan on joining us at Salt & Light.*

What is it? Every 3 years, the Presbyterian Church (USA) welcomes thousands of youth* entering 9th grade up to recent high school graduates to experience four days of worship, recreation, bible study, and faith formation.

Where is it? Most programming and meals will be held at the Kentucky International Convention Center, with all participants housed at nearby Triennium hotels.

When is it? July 27th - 31st

We travel together by motorcoach with other area churches.

Cost? \$570/person All are welcome; OPC will cover the costs for participants in need.

***Young Adult Track:** Two options for young adults aged 19-23 years

- The Service Track -working behind the scenes of the event
- The Leader Lens Track - focused on developing leadership skills, theological exploration, and experiences for a new kind of church leader.

ADULT FORUM

Adult Forum—Tuesday, April 15, 7:00 P.M. A very special Holy Week Adult Forum will be offered on Tuesday. Guest presenters Aimerie Scherluebbe and Brian and Karen Taussig-Lux will share the stories of their personal pilgrimages on the Camino de Santiago and La Via di Francesco. Please join us for an evening filled with great adventures and extraordinary journeys of faith. Join the Zoom meeting by clicking here: <https://tinyurl.com/OPCForumZoom>.

BOARD OF DEACONS

“It is the duty of Deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who have been in distress both within and beyond the community of faith.”
—The Presbyterian Book of Order

The OPC Deacons are here to support you and your loved ones through challenging times, such as sickness; family loss; instability of housing, food, or income; or other times of crisis. The Deacons will use the utmost discretion and provide personal support. Additionally, they are available to provide rides to and from church or appointments, run minor errands, deliver food, or just offer love and care. If you or someone you know might need additional support, please contact Adam Hearlson (adam@overbrookpresb.org) or office manager Lisa Faso (manager@overbrookpresb.org).

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Norristown Hospitality Mission and Outreach’s next trip to Norristown is on Monday, April 21, 2025. If you can help with donations for this or future months, scan the QR code.



Prayer List

- Prayers the Baker and Chamberlain family as they mourn the death of Eric Chamberlain, Bill Baker's son-in-law.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Vince Gilhool as he faces health challenges.
- Prayers for Peggy Boatwright and her daughter as they face challenges navigating decisions after fire spread through Peggy's home.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Artia Benjamin's friend, Gwen Burnett, as she recovers from surgery.
- Prayers for health and comfort for Joan Moylan as she faces a recurrence of breast cancer.
- Prayers for Davorka Sabljak, as she faces health challenges.
- Prayers for Beth Brawley and family as they mourn the death of their uncle, David Pelton.
- Prayers for restoration of health and comfort for Susan Leach, mother of Becky Lazo.
- Prayers for healing and comfort for Meryth Piatt, Mads Piatt Cosgriff's aunt as she heals from an accident.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Karen Testa's father as he is receiving medical care for health challenges.
- Prayers for Laila Soueif, friend of Scott Long, and her family as she is currently hospitalized for health reasons.
- Prayers of support for the Eastling family as they navigate challenging times.
- Prayers for compassionate care and comfort for Phil Sheau's nieces in law, Emma Mon and Phil's cousin Mark Der Bing, as they are receiving hospice care.
- Prayers for Janie Martin's cousin, Maureen Cook, who is undergoing medical care for pancreatic cancer.
- Prayers for all who are facing health concerns, especially Gwen Anthony, Jane Bevan, Bob Bevan, Scott Long, Gwen Harden, Ed Harvey, Milton Stokes, Mary Lou Ryce, Valerie Craig, Joan Moylan, Jim Moylan and Natalie DeShields.
- Prayers for strength, guidance and peace for all who are facing life transitions and confronted with challenging decisions.

Please contact Lisa Faso (manager@overbrookpresb.org) or Adam Hearlson (adam@overbrookpresb.org) to add names to the prayer list.

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OPC SESSION MEMBERS:

Adam Hearlson, Moderator

Raelyn Harman, Clerk of Session; Stephanie Morris, Treasurer

* indicates one-year term ** indicates second consecutive term

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Elizabeth Cosgriff**	Artia Benjamin	Brian Burke
Bob Harden, Jr.**	Joseph Blair	Karen Testa
Janie Martin*	Keedra Carroll**	Brian Taussig-Lux**
Corinna Bowser	Solomon Hunter**	Christoph Von Andreae**
Cheryl Davis	Nathalie May**	Mimi Winkler**

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Bill Baker, Moderator, Board of Deacons

Jason Sheau, Treasurer; Denise Stewart, Secretary

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Dela Geraldo	Denise Stewart	Margene Biedermann
Sharon Elwell	Miriam Harden**	Mads Piatt Cosgriff
Bill Baker**	Hannah Lazo*	Rebecca Lazo
Bob Kaercher**	Leah Mayne**	Zee Ann Mason
Philip Brown	Jason Sheau**	Mike Rottinger**

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The Overbrook Quartet:

Iris Fairfax, *soprano*; Syrena Torres, *alto*;

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