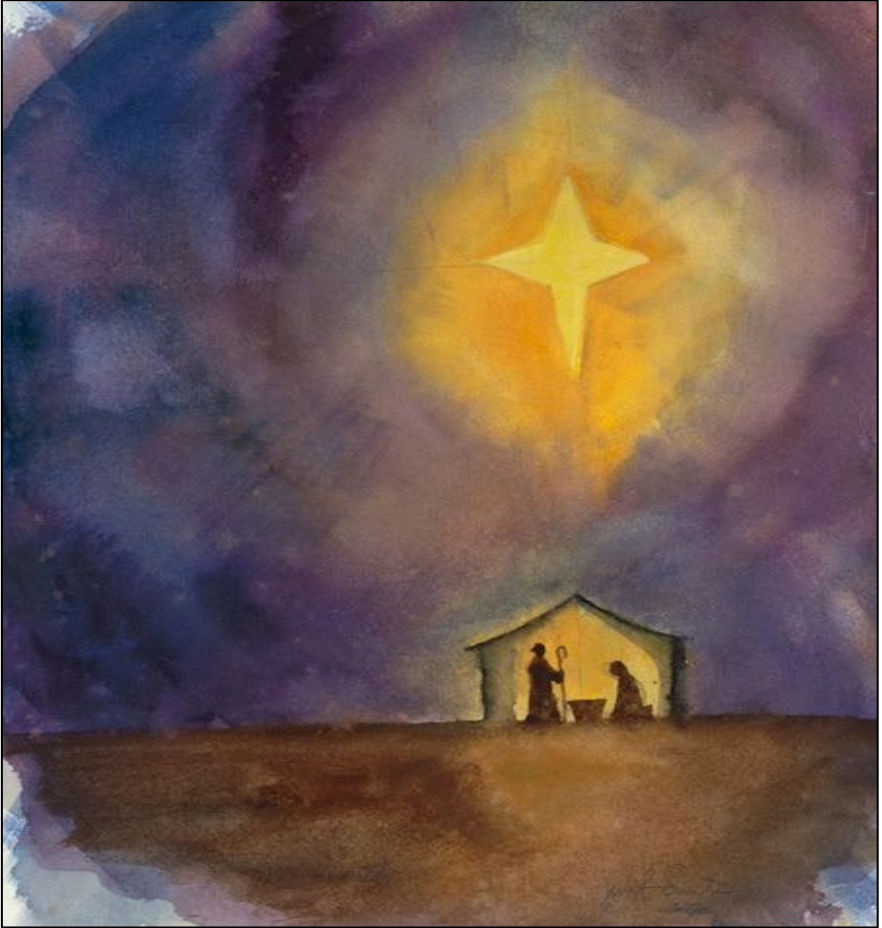

Overbrook Presbyterian Church



The Annual Christmas Pageant
December 24, 2024
4:00 p.m.

Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church!

Leading Worship this Evening

The Rev. Dr. Adam Hearlson, Pastor
Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music
Anthony M. Carrella, Director of Children and Family Ministry
Members of the Children and Family Ministry
The Children, Youth, and Families of Overbrook Presbyterian Church

How to Participate in the Christmas Pageant

Costumes & Props

Clean, thoughtfully prepared costumes—and props for most characters—are available on the Upper Level of Penn Wynne, just steps from the Sanctuary. **Please see a costumer before 3:55 PM** to ensure you have both your costume and any necessary props, helping us begin promptly. After the pageant, please leave your costume on your pew and return all props to the designated table near the Sanctuary exit.

Bringing the Story to Life

As each scene begins, the **Script Supervisor** will invite your character forward to the chancel area to help bring the story to life. Our **Narrators** will share the tale as the **Action Announcer** guides you through movements and lines to repeat. If you lose your place, forget a word, or misplace a prop, fear not—grace abounds! We will reach the manger together. Thank you for your patience, generosity of spirit, and joyful presence. May you delight in this evening's storytelling.

Departing Penn Wynne

Once the pageant concludes, please remove your costume and depart in a timely manner so both faith communities gathering here this evening have ample time to celebrate in this shared sacred space. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

*Thank you for being with us tonight!
We are glad you are here.*

GATHERING IN

WELCOME

Adam Hearlson and Anthony Carrella

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Adam Hearlson & Family

PRAYER

Loving God, on this Christmas Eve, we give thanks for the gift of the Christ Child. In Jesus, you took on flesh and lived among us. Our hearts are overflowing with joy and excitement. We pray that all our costumes and singing and acting would please you and give others joy, in Jesus' name. Amen.

CAROL

VENI EMMANUEL

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
3. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind all peo - ples



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in low - ly ex - ile
tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
in one heart and mind; bid en - vy, strife, and dis - cord



here un - til the son of God ap - pear.
law in cloud and ma - jes - ty and awe. *Re - joice! Re - joice!*
cease; fill all the world with hea - ven's peace.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Adapted from "A Baby Born in Bethlehem"

by Martha Whitmore Hickman

I. Mary and the Angel Gabriel

Who? Mary, Angel Gabriel, and the Bright Lights.

CAROL

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came



1. The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
4. Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born_____



his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes_____ as flame;
in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,_____
and Chris - tian folk through-out the world will ev - er say—



most high-ly fa-vored la - dy,"
"Most high-ly fa-vored la - dy," *Glo - ri - a!*_____

II. The Journey to Bethlehem

Who? Mary, Joseph, a Donkey, and Innkeepers.

CAROL

MUELLER

Away in a Manger



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the poor ba - by wakes,
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.
close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
I love thee, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

III. At the Manger

Who? Mary, Joseph, a Donkey, the Animals, and the Holy Family.

CAROL (*on next page*)

GLORIA

Angels We Have Heard on High



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains:
What the glad - some ti - dings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.



Glo - - - - - ri - a,



in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo - - - - -



- - - - - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - - - o!



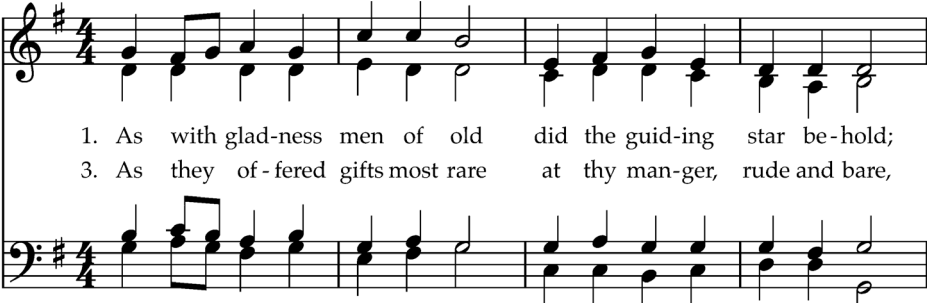
IV. Shepherds Abiding in the Fields

Who? Shepherds, Sheep, and Angels.

CAROL

DIX

As with Gladness Men of Old



1. As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;
3. As they of-fered gifts most rare at thy man-ger, rude and bare,



as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
so may we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy,



so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.
all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heaven-ly king.

V. The Magi and their Gifts
Who? Magi and the Star of Bethlehem.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Adam Hearlson

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

SENDING FORTH

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Adam Hearlson

CAROL (*on next page*)

ANTIOCH

Joy to the World

POSTLUDE



Special Thanks Extend To . . .

- **Penn Wynne Presbyterian Church** for their generous hospitality. Without their care and support, this Christmas Pageant would not be possible.
- **Pastor Lisa Farrell of Penn Wynne** for her generous contribution toward costumes and props.
- **Chairloom** in Narberth for contributing many yards of reclaimed fabric textiles and offering their staff's time and talents toward new, handmade costumes. Learn more by visiting www.chairloom.com
- **Teachers' Teammates** for contributing many of our props. Teachers' Teammates is a nonprofit formed by educators and community members. Learn more by visiting www.teachersteamates.org
- **Our Sunday School Teachers, Assistants, and Children:** Molly Andrews Burke, Carol Rozmiarek, Emily Stewart, Laurie Geers, Davorka S, and OPC Parents, who worked with the children over three weeks to create many of the costumes, sets, and props that bring this story to life tonight.



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -



her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness



and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heaven and na - ture sing,



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CHRISTMAS AT OVERBROOK

Worship services will take place at Penn Wynne Presbyterian Church.

Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols—Tonight, 6:00 P.M. This service, modeled on the annual King's College "Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols," presents readings and music to celebrate the birth of Christ with the Overbrook Quartet and the Overbrook Choir.

First Sunday of Christmas—Sunday, December 29, 11:00 A.M. Come and continue the celebration of Christmas in word and song.

Epiphany—Sunday, January 5, 11:00 A.M. Epiphany marks the appearance of the Magi and their recognition of Jesus Christ. We will celebrate this occasion with a special worship service.

OPC SESSION MEMBERS:

Adam Hearlson, Moderator

Raelyn Harman, Clerk of Session; Stephanie Morris, Treasurer

** indicates second consecutive term

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Herb Brabham**	Elizabeth Cosgriff**	Artia Benjamin
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Brian Taussig-Lux	Linda Huff-Paul**	Keedra Carroll**
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Mimi Winkler	Cheryl Davis	Nathalie May**

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Sharon Parker - *Parish Care Associate*

Lisa Faso - *Office Manager*

Carol Rozmiarek - *Financial Secretary*

Leonard Robbins - *Church Custodian*

The Overbrook Quartet:

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

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

“Overbrook Presbyterian Church actively seeks to worship God, serving each other and the world through a welcoming, loving, and inclusive ministry.”
