



Overbrook

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 16, 2025 | 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church
(on the Road)

We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning!

Notes on Today's Service

Leadership:

The Rev. Dr. Adam Hearlson, Pastor

Mary Ann Blair, Liturgist

Anthony 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 Laurie Geers
in loving memory of her mother, Ann Geers.

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.

Large Print Bulletins and Hymns are Available.

Please speak to one of the ushers if you have special needs.

Following worship today, all are welcome to join us for Fellowship Hour hosted by Jill Van Rawley, Nancy Gilhool, Cindy Gray and Linda Huff Paul.

*Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare for worship,
and remember to silence all electronic devices before the service*

❖=Stand as you are able

GATHERING IN

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Blessed be the Lord

Eleanor Daley
(b. 1955)

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Ann Blair

Adapted from 1 John:4

Leader: Beloved of God,

People: **Let us love one another, for love comes from God.**

Leader: Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.
This is love:

People: **Not that we loved God,
but that God loved us and sent Jesus as a sacrifice for our sins.**

Leader: God is love.

People: **Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.**

Leader: Blessed Creator, may your love reign.

All: **May your love gather us today and may your love send us out to
love the world.**

❖HYMN (*on next two pages*)

FAITHFULNESS

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
날 마 다 자 비 를 베 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

WELCOME

Adam Hearlson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COURAGE (*unison*)

Mary Ann Blair

From the United Church of Canada

Compassionate Creator, look with mercy upon us as we name our collective brokenness: We name our resistance to unpack traditions and to engage in difficult conversations; we name our willingness to remain estranged from that which challenges us or frightens us; we name constructs of superiority—language that “others,” biases that entrench; And we name the “-isms” we carry in our thinking that is carried over into our living. We name other truths about ourselves in this moment of silence...

Compassionate Creator, Most Loving Mother, forgive us our transgressions, as we forgive those who have transgressed against us. This we ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

EMBRACING GOD’S GRACE

❖GLORIA PATRI

HYMN No. 581

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen, amen.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 1

Mary Ann Blair

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

BIBLICAL STORYTELLING

Anthony Carrella

*(Following the storytelling, learners in Pre-K through Grade 5
are encouraged to recess to Sunday School.)*

SOLO

My Lord, What a Mornin' arr. Harry T. Burleigh
Matthew Lulofs, baritone (1866-1949)

My Lord, what a mornin',
My Lord, what a mornin',
Oh, my Lord, what a mornin',
When de stars begin to fall.

Done quit all my worldly ways
Jine dat hebbently ban?
Done quit all my worldly ways
Jine dat-a hebbently ban'.

Spiritual, from Revelations 8:10

NEW TESTAMENT
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Galatians 5:22-26

Adam Hearlson

SERMON

“The Fruit of the Spirit: Goodness”
*(Following the sermon youth in Grades 6-12
are encouraged to recess for Sunday School.)*

Adam Hearlson

❖ HYMN *(on next page)*

BEACH SPRING

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Theological Declaration of Barmen

“I am the Way and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except through me.” —John 14:6

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved.” —John 10:1,9

Jesus Christ, as he is attested to us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God whom we have to hear, and whom we have to trust and obey in life and in death.

We reject the false doctrine that the Church could and should recognize as a source of its proclamation, beyond and besides this one Word of God, yet other events, powers, historic figures and truths as God’s revelation.

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)
 F Dm B \flat

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) (Bm)
 F Dm

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) (D) (A)
 B \flat F C

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) (F \sharp m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)
 Dm Am Dm B \flat C F

to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) (G) (D)
 Dm B \flat F

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

LIFE AT THE CROSSROADS

Adam Hearlson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Christy Lang Hearlson

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

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor
(1875-1912)

In Thee, O Lord
The Overbrook Choir

In Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust,
let me never be put to confusion,
but rid me, and deliver me in Thy righteousness.

Into Thy hands I commend my spirit,
for Thou hast redeemed me, Thou god of truth.

Psalm 71

❖DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

❖PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Mary Ann Blair

God, may these gifts inspire us with a bold and beautiful vision. May they become food for our journey and grace in our times of need. May all who receive these gifts know the grace and power of your love. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

❖HYMN (*on opposite page*)

HENDON

Take My Life, and Let It Be

❖BENEDICTION

Adam Hearlson

❖CHORAL RESPONSE

Donald Cashmore

Renew us by thy grace

(1926-2013)

POSTLUDE

Please depart quietly for those who wish to listen to the postlude.

Music Spotlight: Anthem at the Offering



Samuel Coleridge-Taylor was of mixed ancestry, born to a Creole father and an English mother. He displayed musical skill early in life and studied at the Royal College of Music at age 15. Today's piece reflects the influence that English choral music had on Coleridge-Taylor's works; listen to how the contrasts between dynamic levels (loud and soft) correspond to the text's changes in mood.

1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat-ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as

cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne,
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee,
 ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Annual Congregational Meeting—Immediately after worship. The Session announces that the Annual Meeting of the congregation and corporation of Overbrook Presbyterian Church will be held in person immediately after worship. All business proper to a general meeting of our congregation will be addressed. For a digital copy of the annual report, scan the QR code.



Honoring Sharon Parker—Today, 3:00 P.M. At the end of January, Sharon Parker retired from her position as Parish Care Associate at Overbrook Presbyterian Church. To honor her ministry, we will have a service on in the Chapel of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. A reception will follow in the Education Wing of BMPC. Please join us then to celebrate Sharon!

“Look Here!”: Stained-Glass Pictures Wanted. The Stained Glass Committee is looking to gather any pictures you may have of the windows that were in the Sanctuary. We know that some of you may have taken them in moments of awe or distraction; they will be of great use to us and our partners at Pittsburgh Stained Glass Studios. Please send them to stainedglass@overbrookpresb.org.

Centering Prayer—Wednesday, February 19, 9:30 A.M. Centering Prayer takes every Wednesday morning at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El. This practice offers opportunities for both spoken and contemplative prayer. All are welcome.

Bible Study—Wednesday, February 19, 10:30 AM. All are welcome to join us for Bible Study at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El.

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.



Chancel Flowers—Donations needed. Please consider donating the Sunday morning chancel flowers in honor/memory of a loved or simply in a celebration of or thanksgiving for the many blessings we receive every day. The cost of the flowers is \$60.00, but you may contribute what you wish. To sign up, follow the link to the sign-up genius: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8ecsur>. There are three ways to pay for the flowers:

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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).

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Opportunity: “Walking the Walk.” Sponsored by Interfaith Philadelphia, the nationally recognized “Walking the Walk®” youth initiative brings high-school-aged youth together from across different faith and spiritual traditions to learn about the religious and cultural diversity of our region, strengthen their identity and values, and grow as leaders with empathy, curiosity, and skills for allyship and solidarity. This cohort will be based in the Broomall/Media areas, with visits to houses of worship of participating students. To learn more, scan the QR code.



Kensington Project—Sunday, February 23. OPC Youth are once again going to minister to our friends in Kensington. If anyone has any new or gently used clothing to donate, feel free to bring it to church by next Sunday. Contact Becky Lazo (rebeccalazo@hotmail.com) with any questions.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Help Create Our Children’s “Cave Art” Mural! Our Children’s Sunday School program is exploring two contemplative practices this February—**Listening with Ears of the Heart** and **Seeing with Eyes of the Heart**—and will build a “cave art” mural featuring hundreds of plant and animal images. We invite the whole congregation to contribute by picking up magazines from the labeled table (in Fellowship Hall or just outside the Sanctuary) after worship, cutting out the shapes of nature pictures at home, and dropping them off in the designated boxes in the Penn Wynne lobby or Fellowship Hall. Magazines are available today and on February 9, and all cutouts are due on February 16. Mads C. and Davorka S. are leading this project; feel free to reach out to either of them with questions. Thank you for your expressions of care and delight!

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY
(CONTINUED)

Tuesday Evening Contemplative Caregiver Gatherings—Please RSVP. Join us monthly on the lower level of Overbrook for a shared meal and a time of sacred quiet. We'll begin with a community-organized dinner at 5:30 P.M. community-organized dinner, followed by contemplative practice from 6:00 to 6:45 P.M. A collaborative cleanup will occur in the last fifteen minutes of the session. Childcare will be available during the practice, allowing caregivers a moment of rest for body, mind, and soul in God's presence.

- **February Gathering:** Explore the Centering Prayer movement.

So that we can schedule these gatherings, please give your availability, fill out an RSVP, and sign up for mealtime roles here: tinyurl.com/RSVP-Caregivers.

Please plan to arrive at 5:30 so we can start our practice smoothly at 6:00 and wrap up by 7:00. This revised schedule reflects the rhythms of young families and the availability of our caregivers. Bring your whole self—your hopes, your weariness, and your joy—as we share in this monthly space for holy listening. If you have any questions, you can get in touch with **Anthony or Molly** in person or by email: cfm@overbrookpresb.org.

Parents: Support the Fellowship Hour! To foster a safe, warm, and welcoming multigenerational atmosphere at Overbrook, we are strongly encouraging parents and caregivers to volunteer their time to support Fellowship Hour. We're seeking parents to sign up for a brief 10-minute setup or cleanup shift for the children's Fellowship Hour games. Volunteers commit to one month and share the role with a partner. If one of you cannot make it on a Sunday, the other will fill in. To read detailed instructions and add your name to the rotation, please visit tinyurl.com/CFM-Fellowship If you have any questions, you can reach **Anthony or Molly** in person or by email: cfm@overbrookpresb.org.

RETIRED PERSON'S MINISTRY

RPM Café. Friday, February 28. 11:30 AM-1:00 PM. Anderson Hall (upper level), The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas. Won't you be My Neighbor? The RPM Café will be open for business, and our business is to welcome all for a good meal, great conversation and an inspirational program. Homemade soups and salads will be on the menu. Please contact Sharon Parker (sparker614@gmail.com) or Pat Dillon (psdillon1@earthlink.net) if you are able to provide a beverage or dessert to share. Following lunch, we'll welcome guest presenters to offer perspectives on creating a faith community that provides and cares for our neighbors.

Prayer List

- Prayers for restoration of health for all who have been diagnosed with norovirus, COVID, and influenza, especially the most vulnerable members of our community, our children and our elders.
- Prayers for peace and comfort for Phil Sheau's cousin, Mark Der Bing, as he enters hospice care.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Gwen Anthony, as she remains under medical care.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Mary Lou Ryce, as she remains under cardiac care.
- Prayers for comfort and restoration of health for Peter Seidel following hip replacement surgery.
- Prayers for Janie Martin's cousin, Maureen Cook, who is undergoing medical care for pancreatic cancer.
- Prayers for compassionate care and comfort for Jim Mc Daniel's mother, Doris McDaniel, who is receiving hospice care.
- Prayers for all who are facing health concerns, especially Jane Bevan, Bob Bevan, Scott Long, Gwen Harden, Ed Harvey, Milton Stokes, 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.
- Prayers for strength, guidance, and wisdom for parents facing the daily challenges of balancing precious time between the needs of their beloved children and diverse life and career demands.
- Prayers for strength, peace, and comfort for all who parent young families, while also caring for their aging loved ones.
- Prayers of gratitude for the faith communities that continue to sustain Overbrook during our time of relocation.
- Prayers for vision, wisdom, and stamina for all who are leading and supporting the revitalization and restoration efforts of Overbrook.
- Prayers for strength, peace and hope for all people impacted by the changing national environment.

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

OPC SESSION MEMBERS:

Adam Hearlson, Moderator

Raelyn Harman, Clerk of Session; Stephanie Morris, Treasurer

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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.”
