



Overbrook

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 2, 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
Cindi Landmesser, Liturgist
Anthony Carrella, Director of Children and Family Ministry
Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music
The Overbrook Choir
Iris Fairfax, soprano

Communion Servers:

Bill Baker
Corrina Bowser
Solomon Hunter
Leah Mayne

Today's chancel flowers are given by Trudy Sheau
in celebration of Chinese New Year and God's grace.

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 the Sheaus in celebration of Chinese New Year.

*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

Gracious is the Lord

Donald Cashmore
(1926-2013)

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

From Howard Thurman

Cindi Landmesser

Leader: Lord, open unto me:

People: Open unto me—light for my darkness.

Leader: Open unto me—courage for my fear.

People: Open unto me—hope for my despair.

Leader: Open unto me—peace for my turmoil.

People: Open unto me—joy for my sorrow.

Leader: Open unto me—strength for my weakness.

People: Open unto me—wisdom for my confusion.

Leader: Open unto me—forgiveness for my sins.

People: Open unto me—love for my hates.

Leader: Open unto me—thy Self for my self.

All: Lord, Lord, open unto me!

❖HYMN (*on next page*)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

WELCOME

Adam Hearlson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COURAGE (*unison*)

Cindi Landmesser

O Beautiful Spirit,
Give us the courage to chart our course by your guiding light.
Give us the strength to follow your call.
Give us the wisdom to know your voice.
Forgive us for listening too closely to the rabble.
Forgive us for taking too seriously the shallow advice of the privileged.
Forgive us for assuming that recreating the past was the same as following
you into the future.
Open our hearts, O merciful one, and wash us clean.
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

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Cindi Landmesser

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

W. A. Mozart

“Laudate Dominum” from *Vesperae solennes de confessore* (1756-1791)

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes;	Praise the Lord, all nations,
laudate eum, omnes populi	praise him, all ye peoples.
Quoniam confirmata est	For his loving kindness
supernos misericordia ejus,	has been bestowed upon us,
et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.	and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Psalm 100:1-2

NEW TESTAMENT

Galatians 5:22-26

Adam Hearlson

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Fruit of the Spirit: Kindness”

Adam Hearlson

❖HYMN (*below*)

MC KEE

In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -
mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
race may be. All chil - dren of the
south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

LIFE AT THE CROSSROADS

Adam Hearlson

SHARING OF PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Zanaida Stewart Robles

Nunc Dimittis

(b. 1979)

The Overbrook Choir

Lord, now lettest now thy servant depart in peace,
 according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation
 before the face of all people.

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
 And to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
 and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now,
 and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

❖ 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

Cindi Landmesser

God, may these gifts meet the one who has waited too long. May they bind up the brokenhearted, may the proclaim release to the captive, may the bring clarity to a world that struggles to understand. May they be a small contribution to your inbreaking kingdom. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Adam Hearlson

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

SANCTUS

HYMN No. 552



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)
C F/A Am B^b C Dm



pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FORETASTE OF THE HEAVENLY BANQUET

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

SENDING FORTH

❖ HYMN (*on next two pages*) SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT
There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

❖ BENEDICTION *Adam Hearlson*

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE Eleanor Daley
(b. 1955)
A Blessing

POSTLUDE

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

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

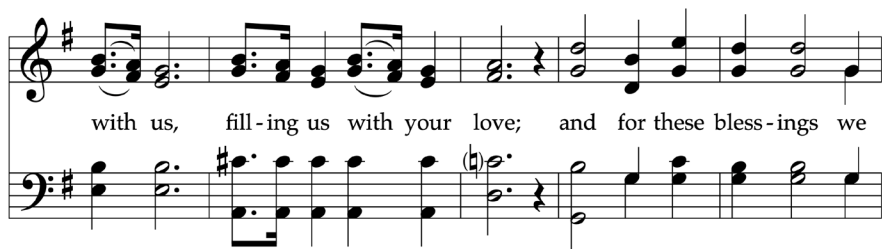
know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

This gospel hymn grew out of this African American author and composer's intense experience of prayer with her interracial choir in Los Angeles one Sunday morning before worship. She recalled that sense of "a sweet, sweet Spirit" when she sat down at her piano the next day.

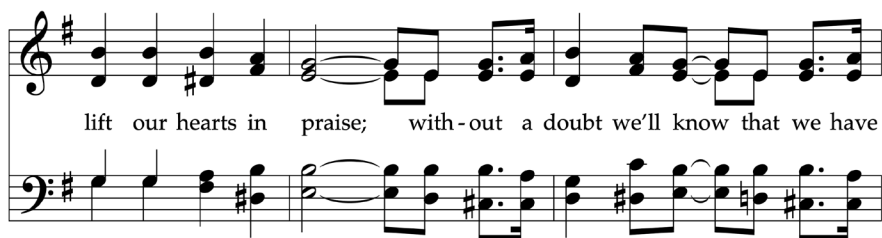
Refrain



Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here



with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings we



lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have



been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

Music Spotlight: Anthem at the Offering



Zanaida Stewart Robles is an internationally recognized composer, conductor, and singer. This piece may at first sound strange because it uses a combination of notes not found in “major” or “minor” scales. Try to get a sense of the overall soundscape, and listen especially for the slowly rising vocal lines, suggesting a heavenward gaze and a glimpse of the promise of salvation.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

“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 5, 9:30 A.M. Centering Prayer takes every Wednesday morning at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El. This practice offers the opportunity for both spoken and contemplative prayer. All are warmly welcome.

Bible Study—Wednesday, February 5, 10:30 AM. All are welcome to join us for Bible Study at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El.

Souls Shot Portrait Exhibition and Reception—Thursday, February 6, 7:00 P.M. All are welcome to attend this evening of reflection and remembrance and to experience the powerful art, music, and poetry offered in memory of those who have lost their lives to gun violence. Overbrook is honored to join Congregation Beth Am Israel and Cease Fire PA in sponsorship of this exhibit. The event will take place at Congregation Beth Am Israel (1300 Hagys Ford Road in Penn Valley). Please share this invitation with friends; the exhibit is offered to the public at no cost.

Annual Congregational Meeting—Sunday, February 16, 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 on Sunday, February 16, 2025. All business proper to a general meeting of our congregation will be addressed.

Honoring Sharon Parker—Sunday, February 16, 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!

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:

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

Volunteer Opportunity: Sunday School Teachers Needed! Do you have a passion for guiding and inspiring the next generation? We are looking for dedicated and compassionate volunteers to teach Sunday School for our middle- and high-school students. This is an exciting opportunity to make a lasting impact on young lives by helping them grow in their faith and navigate life’s challenges. Please note that all volunteers must have their clearances completed. Details on how to complete clearances are on the sign-up genius. If you’re ready to invest in the spiritual development of our students, scan the QR code to the right. Feel free to contact Corinna Bowser (corinnabowser@gmail.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.
- **March Gathering:** Delve into spiritual poetry—food for the soul—and extended periods of silence.

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.

PARISH CARE

Morning Prayer on Zoom—Tuesdays, 7:30 to 8:30 A.M. Early risers are invited to start the morning with small-group community prayer. Join us from the comfort of your home for a time of faith-filled fellowship and shared prayer. All are welcome: tinyurl.com/OPCTuesPrayer.

Prayer List

- Prayers for restoration of health and spirit for Lillian Carnahan who has contracted COVID and is in quarantine at Simpson House.
- 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 McDaniel'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 Bill Baker (wbaklava@aol.com) or Sharon Parker (sharon@overbrookpresb.org) to add names to the prayer list.

OPC SESSION MEMBERS:

Adam Hearlson, Moderator

Raelyn Harman, Clerk of Session; Stephanie Morris, Treasurer

** indicates second consecutive term

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Elizabeth Cosgriff**	Artia Benjamin	Brian Burke
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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
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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.”
