
Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
Epiphany Sunday
Ordination/Installation of Elder/Deacons
January 10, 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

Peter Seidel, Liturgist

Sabrina Johnson and Zubin Fiorillo, Prayer Leaders

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

Matthew Lulofs, baritone

Carol Rozmiarek, Tech Manager

GATHERING IN

PRELUDE

CWG

Improvisation on “Dix”
 (“As with Gladness Men of Old”)

CALL TO WORSHIP/WELCOME

Adam Hearlson

OPENING HYMN

KINGS OF ORIENT

We Three Kings

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Peter Seidel

From Joanne Carlson Brown

Ever-patient God,
we are a people who live in thick darkness.
We stumble around
bombarded by news of war and poverty,
famine and genocide,
mobs and threats,
injustice and oppression.
The maelstrom of things and issues,
can overwhelm and paralyze us.
Help us be people of the light,
shining your light of righteousness, peace, and joy
into all the shrouded places of our lives and world.
Unlock the mystery and glory
of the babe born in Bethlehem.
Turn our aimless wanderings
into a journey of purpose

guided by your star.

Let the light break into our lives and our world,
and transform us into people of the light.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Adam Hearlson

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Peter Seidel

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

Peter Seidel

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Anthony Carrella

SOLO

Randall Thompson

“Lullaby” from *The Nativity According to St. Luke* (1899-1984)

Iris Fairfax, soprano

GOSPEL LESSON

Ephesians 3:1-12

Adam Hearlson

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Step, Step, Step

Adam Hearlson

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

*At the called congregational meeting on December 13, 2020, members elected the following individuals to these respective offices. Those previously ordained will be installed; the balance will be ordained and installed. While terms are typically three years (referred to as classes), it is appropriate to elect individuals to shorter terms to fill unexpired terms. Individuals may be elected to a second consecutive three-year term (indicated by **).*

ELDERS

To be ordained and installed to a three-year term as Elder: (Class of 2023)

Solomon Hunter

To be installed to a three-year term as Elder: (Class of 2023)

Keedra Carroll
Kevin Davis**

Becky Lazo**
Nathalie May

DEACONS

To be ordained and installed to a three-year term as Deacon: (Class of 2023)

Ginny Leagans

Leah Mayne

To be ordained and installed to a one-year term as Deacon: (Class of 2021)

Zachary Wong

To be installed to a three-year term as Deacon: (Class of 2023)

Peju Adebajo**
Joan Beck

Jason Sheau
Suchita Fiorillo-(Class of 2022)**

Statement on Ordination

Adam Hearlson

Introduction of Deacons and Elders

To Be Ordained and Installed

Sara K. Davis, Clerk of Session

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

The congregation is asked to respond with the text in bold.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

The Questions of Ordination

Questions to the Congregation

Sara K. Davis, Clerk of Session

Do we, the members of the church, accept as ruling elders *Solomon Hunter, Keedra Carroll, Kevin Davis, Becky Lazo and Nathalie May* and accept as deacons *Ginny Leagans, Leah Mayne, Zachary Wong, Peju Adebajo, Joan Beck, Jason Sheau and Suchita Fiorillo*, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

The Prayer of Ordination and blessings of our Hands

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

HYMN

REPTON

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

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

Sabrina Johnson

Zubin Fiorillo

LORD'S PRAYER (*debts/debtors*)

SHARING OF PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

SOLO

“Ah, My Savior” from *Christmas Oratorio*

Iris Fairfax, soprano

J. S. Bach

(1685-1750)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Peter Seidel

God of promise,

Like the magi of old, we bring our gifts. Judge them not by the world's standards but by the generosity of our hearts. May these gifts support those in need, and settle the anxious hearts of this world.

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN

WAS LEBET, WAS SCHLEBET

O Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Johann Ludwig Krebs
Praeludium in B-flat major (1713-1780)

The cover artwork is *Epiphany* (2003) by Vermont artist Janet McKenzie. Our concept of the Magi as male royalty is a product of tradition, not scripture. In this painting, McKenzie depicts wise women of different backgrounds, encouraging all to see themselves and the offerings they bring to the newborn Christ.

□This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church□

Fellowship Hour!

In an attempt 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.

Need Support?

If you or someone you know is in need of care or support during this time please let Pastor Adam or Terri Hunter, teresahunter42@gmail.com, know. OPC has an emergency fund to help people who are in need. We have raised over \$100,000 to help our congregation weather this storm. If you are in need and financially struggling, the church is here to help. We are in this together. More information on the emergency fund is on the website.

Weekly Opportunities-

Please note Change to Links and Meeting ID

Due to some issues with Zoom all the links and meeting IDs had to be changed. Please disregard the old link and save the updated links and IDs below.

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 Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

Join [Wednesday Bible Study](#) or call 646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 978 9342 2986

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 533

Thursday Vigil for Racial Justice, 2:00 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! Sign up for a time here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4AACAE2DA2FE3-thursday>

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 □

- Artia Benjamin's friend and co-worker, Kim Butler, who is in the hospital for Covid 19.
- Artia Benjamin's uncle, Abdul Mokum Sr, who has been put on dialysis and is in the hospital.
- Lynn Pompa continued prayers are needed for recent medical complications.
- Sabrina Johnson's stepdad is battling COVID-19 and double pneumonia.
- Terri Hunter's sister who is still suffering from COVID-19 and also who lost her husband to COVID-19 this past week.
- Jeanne Cuvilly is facing family challenges.
- John Fallon, friend of Bob Kaercher, whose wife Nancy is on hospice from COVID-19.
- Mary Lou Ryce cousin's husband, Pete Derrick is battling COVID-19.
- Ken Carroll recovering from cataract surgery, grateful for all prayers
- Marita Patino Treat Rosen- prayers for chronic pain relief
- Bob Kaercher's brother's rotator cuff surgery went well, needs PT for a few months
- Jackie McKeithan, family friend of Artia Benjamin, is now in hospice care
- Margaret Young's son Keith remains under medical treatment but is no longer on hospice care.
- Chris Gage's parents, Nancy and Wayne Gage.
- Mary Pat, friend of Ginny Leagans, is being treated for colon cancer and just started chemotherapy.
- Theresa Carter is currently being treated for metastatic breast cancer and her tumor is shrinking.
- Caroline Skinner is facing health challenges (still waiting for a kidney, happy to get a shawl)
- Dale, friend of the Kupstas's family, is awaiting test results and diagnosis of a current illness. Dale is a father of 3 children.
- 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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OPC SESSION MEMBERS:

Adam Hearlson, Moderator

Sara Davis, Clerk of Session; Stephanie Morris, Treasurer

** indicates second consecutive term

Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Elaine Blodgett	Elizabeth Cosgriff	Keedra Carroll
Herbert Brabham	Bob Harden, Jr.	Kevin Davis**
Elizabeth Mendoza	Larry McGhee	Solomon Hunter
Richard Owens	Deborah Rottinger**	Becky Lazo**
Aimerie Scherluebbe**	Eileen Wiggins**	Nathalie May

OPC DEACONS:

Teresa Hunter, Moderator, Board of Deacons

Brad Biedermann, Treasurer; Jill Van Rawley, Secretary

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Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Nancy Gilhool	Artia Benjamin**	Peju Adebajo**
Terri Hunter**	Suchita Fiorillo**	Joan Beck
Mary Lou Ryce	Bill Baker	Ginny Leagans
Carol Tulba**	Bob Kaercher	Leah Mayne
Zachary Wong	Nickie Stokes**	Jason Shearu

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The Rev. Dr. Adam Hearlson - *Designated Pastor*

The Rev. David McMillan - *Pastor Emeritus*

Dr. Christopher Gage - *Director of Music*

Anthony Carrella - *Director of Christian Education*

Lisa Faso - *Office Manager*

Carol Rozmiarek - *Financial Secretary*

Leonard Robbins - *Church Custodian*

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.***
