

Overbrook PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 12, 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 Carrella, Director of Children and Family Ministry Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music The Overbrook Choir Toffer Mihalka, tenor

Today's chancel flowers are given by Blessing Osazuwa in honor of Sharon Parker's retirement as Parish Care Associate of Overbrook Presbyterian Church.

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 Denise Stewart and Joanne Roman.

Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare for worship, and remember to silence all electronic devices before the service \$\scilon\$=Stand as you are able

GATHERING IN

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Make a joyful noise

(b. 1938)

Ann Ker

♦CALL TO WORSHIP

Anne Conroy

From A Wee Worship Book ((Wild Goose Resource Group)
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Leader:	In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,
People:	God was.
Leader:	Here and now, among us, beside us,
	enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven,

- People: God is.
- Leader: In the future, when we have turned to dust, and all we know has found its fulfillment,
- People: God will be.
- Leader: Not denying the world but delighting in it, not understanding the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
- All: God was, God is, God will be. Amen.

✤HYMN (on next two pages)

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above



The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.



WELCOME

Adam Hearlson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COURAGE (unison)

Anne Conroy

Almighty and merciful God, We confess that we have sinned against you and one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus our light has come, Yet often we choose to walk in the shadows and ignore the light. Gracious God, forgive our sins And remove from us the veil of darkness which shrouds our lives. Illumine us by your Word so we may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory. 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

FIRST READING The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Isaiah 43:1-7

Anne Conroy

BIBLICAL STORYTELLING Anthony Carrella (Following the Biblical Storytelling, learners in Pre-K through Grade 5 are encouraged to recess to Sunday School.)

SOLO

Antonin Dvořák

"Sing ye a joyful song unto the Lord" from Biblical Songs, op. 99 Toffer Mihalka, tenor

Zpívejte Hospodinu píseň novou,	Sing ye a joyful song unto the Lord,
Neboť jest divné věci učinil;	Who hath done marvelous things.
Zvuk vydejte, prozpěvujte	Praise the Lord, all the earth!
A žalmy zpívejte.	Sing praises, shout, and be joyful:
Zvuč, moře, i to, což v něm jest;	Let the sea roar and all that is therein,
Okršlek světa, i ti, což na něm bydlí.	the round world and all that dwell there,
Řeky rukama plesejte,	Lift your voices, floods and tempests,
Spolu s nimi i hory prozpěvujte.	Mountains, clap your hands for joy!
Plesej, pole, a vše, což na něm;	Let the fields laugh and sing, with waving
Plesej, země, zvuč i moře,	corn,
I což v něm jest.	and let all the trees of the forest be joyful!
Psalr	ns 98, 96
SECOND READING Galatian The Word of the Lord.	ns 5:22-26 Adam Hearlson

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Fruit of the Spirit: Joy"

Adam Hearlson

(Following the sermon, learners in Grades 6-12 are encouraged to stay in worship for the Ordination and Installation of Officers.)

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

At the called congregational meeting on December 15, 2024, members elected these leaders to the positions of Elder and Deacon. 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 /or installed to a three-year term as Elder: (Class of 2027)

Brian Burke

To be installed to a three-year term as Elder: (Class of 2027)

Brian Taussig-Lux** Christoph Von Andreae** Karen Testa Mimi Winkler**

Deacons

To be ordained and/or installed to a three-year term as Deacon: (Class of 2027)

Mads Cosgriff Piatt Rebecca Lazo Zee Ann Mason

To be installed to a three-year term as Deacon: (Class of 2027)

Margene Biedermann Michael Rottinger**

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

INTRODUCTION OF DEACONS AND ELDERS TO BE ORDAINED AND INSTALLED

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.

Adam Hearlson

Raelyn Harman Clerk of Session

The Questions of Ordination

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Raelyn Harman, Clerk of Session

Do we, the members of the church, accept as ruling elders *Brian Burke*, *Brian Taussig-Lux*, *Karen Testa*, *Christoph Von Andreae*, and Mimi Winkler and accept as deacons Mads Cosgriff Piatt, *Rebecca Lazo*, *Zee Ann Mason*, *Margene Biedermann and Michael Rottinger* 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 HANDS

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

(Learners in Grades 6 through 12 may now depart for Sunday School.)

✤HYMN (on opposite page)

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

I've Got Peace like a River

✤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.



In the King James Version, the promise of "peace like a river" is twice mentioned in Isaiah (48:18; 66:12) as a blessing that comes from doing God's will. The water imagery of this African American spiritual also provides reminders of Christians' baptismal identity.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

LIFE AT THE CROSSROADS PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Adam 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

What Cheer? The Overbrook Choir

What cheer? Good cheer! Be merry and glad this good New Year!

"Lift up your hearts and be glad In Christ's birth," the angel bade, Say to each other, if any be sad: "What cheer?"

Now the King of heaven his birth hath take, Joy and mirth we ought to make; Say to each other...

> I tell you all with heart so free: Right welcome ye be to me; Be glad and merry, for charity!

What cheer? Good cheer! Be merry and glad this good New Year! From Richard Hill's Commonplace Book (16th century)

William Walton (1902-1973)

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

God, may these gifts make straight the path of the Lord. May they bind up the brokenhearted and honor the ignored. May they be the answer to dreams long deferred Amen

SENDING FORTH

WAS LEBET HYMN (on next two pages) O Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness

♦BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

You Shall Go Out with Joy

Stuart Dauermann (b. 1948)

POSTLUDE

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

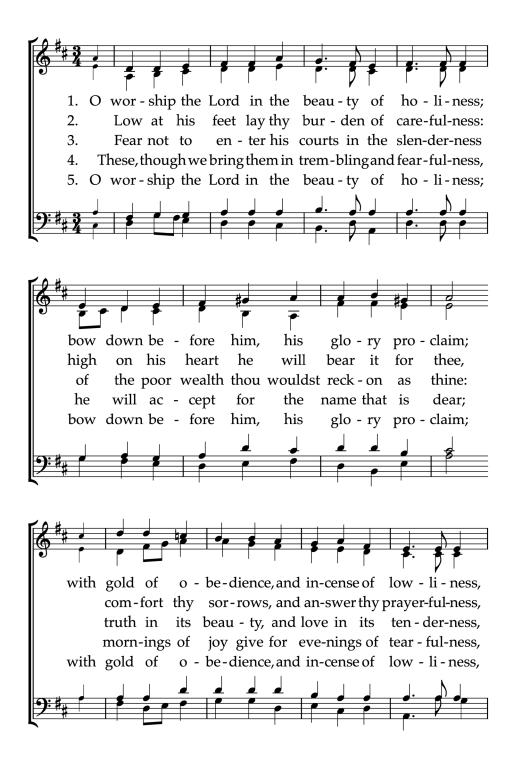


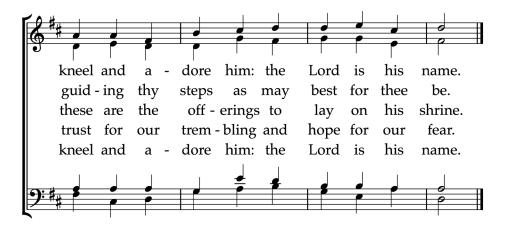
Music Spotlight: Anthem at the Offering

You may not recognize William Walton's name, but you have probably heard his music in some context: his plentiful output included coronation marches, cantatas, concertos, symphonies, and more. "What intensely rhythmic, with Cheer?" playful is interactions between pairs of voices lending the buoyancy that befits the joy of Christ's coming. One interesting feature to listen for is how musical lines are reused over the course of the piece. For example, at the end, listen to how each repetition of "be merry and glad" includes very small changes that create an surprisingly large effect.

Anne Conroy

Adam Hearlson





GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

<u>Remembering the Fire, Preparing for our Future.</u> Next week marks the oneyear anniversary of the fire. It is a time to honor our grief but also to turn our hearts toward the bright future God is unfolding—a future where we will once again gather in worship within our sanctuary.

To commemorate this important milestone, we invite you to participate in a series of meaningful events:

• Wednesday, January 15, 12:00 P.M. Building Prayer Walk. Meet at the portico doors for a time of

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 Wednesday, January 15, all day Building Blessings Throughout the day, you are invit

Throughout the day, you are invited to post blessings on a designated bulletin board in the church portico and pray over the building, envisioning its renewal as a space for love, justice, and compassion.

 Monday, January 20, 11:00 A.M.
MLK Day T-Shirt Memorial and Building Blessing Join us as we erect our annual T-Shirt Memorial in honor of Dr. King's legacy. Following this, we will gather for a special worship service to bless our building and prepare it for its future ministry. Finally, this past year has been a testament to the power of hospitality. In our time of need, we have been welcomed and supported by more than ten churches and synagogues, along with countless others who offered financial and spiritual aid. Their generosity has sustained us. In the spirit of that hospitality, let us pay it forward. Let us continue to embody our core value of welcome by becoming hosts in new ways. Consider inviting someone to your home for dinner, sharing a walk with a loved one, or enjoying a cup of coffee with a friend. While we may not yet gather in our own church building, we can still live out our common mission of welcome. Beloved, let us come together to grieve the past, give thanks for the present, and celebrate the hopeful future God is preparing for us.

<u>Celebrating the Life and Resurrection of Laura Toy-</u>All are welcome to join us as we celebrate the life and resurrection of Laura Toy on Friday, January 17 at Ardmore Presbyterian Church. The viewing will start at 10:00 A.M. with a service following at 11:00 A.M.

<u>Inquirer Class</u>—January 19, 9:30 A.M. The Welcoming Committee and Adam would like to announce the next Inquirer Class will be held next Sunday. Childcare will be available on request. Contact Elizabeth Mendoza (welcoming@overbrookpresb.org) for more information.

<u>Building Update-Congregational Meeting-Sunday, January 26</u>-Following worship there will be a congregational meeting to discuss the update of the building progress.

<u>"Look Here!": Stained-Glass Pictures Wanted.</u> 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 <u>stainedglass@overbrookpresb.org</u>.

<u>Centering Prayer—Wednesday, January 15, 9:30 A.M.</u> Centering Prayer every Wednesday morning at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El. This practice offers the opportunity for both spoken and contemplative prayer. All are warmly welcome.

<u>Bible Study - Wednesday January 15, 10:30 AM.</u> 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.



<u>Chancel Flowers</u>—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 <u>\$60.00</u>, but you may contribute what you wish. To sign up, follow the link to the sign-up genius: <u>https://tinyurl.com/2p8ecsur</u>. There are three ways to pay for the flowers:

- 1. Log onto Realm: <u>https://onrealm.org/overbrookpresb/give/flowers</u>
- 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 (<u>manager@overbrookpresb.org</u>) or Carol (<u>carol@overbrookpresb,org</u>).

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 middleand 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 reach out to Corinna Bowser (corinnabowser@gmail.com) with any questions.



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Youth Holiday Ice Skating Event—Sunday, January 26, after worship. Save the date! Youth families are invited to attend our annual ice-skating trip at the Dilworth Park Ice Skating Rink at City Hall. Invite friends! Cost is \$15.00 (Scholarships available) To register, scan the QR code. Drivers and Chaperones are needed. Please see Suchita Fiorillo if you are able to chaperone.



MISSION AND OUTREACH

Memorial to the Lost. For 9 years, OPC has provided for and hosted the Memorial to the Lost, an effort by Heeding God's Call and OPC to bring attention to the tragic number of Philadelphians who died during the year as a result of gun violence. Writing the name, birthdate, and date of death of each victim on a tee-shirt to be displayed on church grounds honors the memory of each victim.

How can you help? Choose one or more of these options to fit your schedule:

- Sunday, January 12, after worship. Collect 5 shirts and names and letter them at home. Return the finished shirts to OPC by 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, January 18. Sign up at https://tinyurl.com/TShirtMemorial or at the sign-up table during Fellowship Hour.
- Saturday, January 18, 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Join other congregants and letter shirts in the basement at OPC among friends. Sign up at https://tinyurl.com/TShirtMemorial or at the sign-up table during Fellowship Hour today.
- Monday, January 20, 9:00 A.M. Participate in the erection of the Memorial to the Lost on OPC church grounds.
- Monday, January 20, 11:00 A.M. Join Pastor Adam at the Crossroads as he leads the community in prayer for the victims and their families and for an end to gun violence.

Norristown Hospitality Center Donations—Sunday, January 19. The next date to provide breakfast items to the Norristown Hospitality Center is next week. If you can help, please scan the QR code and bring your items to church that morning



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.

<u>OPC's Retired Person's Ministry (RPM) Welcomes All!</u> With deep gratitude for the welcoming kindness of our neighboring congregation, the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, RPM continues to provide fellowship, service, and shared learning opportunities for OPC members and community friends. Meeting on select Fridays each month, RPM has become a mutual ministry of our two faith communities. Come join us in January as we celebrate the new year and the opportunities it brings for engagement, activism, and discovery.

RPM Café: January 31, 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
What in the World is Happening?
In Anderson Hall (upper level) at St. Thomas, th

In Anderson Hall (upper level) at St. Thomas, the first RPM Café of 2025 will offer a sampling of diverse international foods, prepared by the Great Chefs of RPM. We invite you to join the cooking team and bring a favorite global soup, salad, or casserole to share. If you are able to provide an international tasty treat, please contact Sharon Parker (sparker614@gmail.com) or Pat Dillon (psdillon1@earthlink.net). Following lunch, we will welcome guest presenters to offer international perspectives on world events.

RPM is a mutual ministry of Overbrook and St. Thomas. All are welcome; there is no cost to participate.

<u>Adult Forum—January 21 and 28, 7:00 to 8:00 P.M.</u> Adult Forum offers opportunities for shared discourse and learning in the comfort of community. Meeting on Zoom on the third and fourth Tuesdays of the month, this activity combines peer-led discussions with presentations from guest speakers. This month's discussion is titled "Courage of Our Convictions: A Christian Response to Global Crisis." Join us here: <u>https://tinyurl.com/OPCForumZoom</u>.

<u>Prayer List</u>

- Prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Laura Beale Toy, beloved member of Overbrook who entered into Life Eternal on January 7. May Laura's memory be a blessing to all.
- 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 restoration of health and comfort for Lillian Carnahan, mother of Rachel.
- Prayers for comfort and restoration of health for Peter Seidel as he awaits 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, Dela Geraldo, Susan Leach, and Natalie DeShields.
- 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.

Please contact Bill Baker (wbaklava@aol.com) or Sharon Parker (sharon@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 second consecutive term

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

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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."