



Overbrook

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 21, 2024 | 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:

Rev. Brenton Thompson, Guest Preacher

Calvin Marshall, Liturgist

Sharon Parker, Parish Care Associate

Anthony M. Carrella, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

Toffer Mihalka, tenor

Today's chancel flowers are given by Rachel Carnahan to the Glory of God.

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, you are invited to join us for Fellowship Hour hosted by Sunanda Charles Brown. All are welcome!

❖=Stand as you are able

GATHERING IN

PRELUDE

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Calvin Marshall

Leader: To see the life that teems around us,
People: To give thanks for the gift we have received;
Leader: To notice the beauty and promise of spring,
People: To breathe deeply of the season;
Leader: To accept the gift of love, and to love in return:
All: This is to worship God.

❖HYMN (*on next page*)

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

WELCOME

Sharon Parker

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COURAGE (*unison*)

Calvin Marshall

A New Zealand Prayerbook

God,
we have sinned
in what we have thought and said,
in the wrong we have done
and in the good we have not done.
We have sinned in ignorance:
we have sinned in weakness:
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry.
We repent and turn to you.
Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,
and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

Please turn to the previous page to continue the service.

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 Ephesians 2:11-22 *Calvin Marshall*
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 Giovanni Battista Pergolesi
Sing to the Lord God (1710-1736)
Toffer Mihalka, tenor

Sing to the Lord God,
O sing God a new song,
O sing, all you peoples:
Bless God's name.
The Lord our God is greatly to be praised.

Psalm 96:1-4

NEW TESTAMENT Mark 6:30-44 *Brenton Thompson*
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Transformed" *Brenton Thompson*

Break Thou the Bread of Life

1 Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
2 Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now un-to me,

as thou didst break the loaves be-side the sea.
as thou didst bless the bread by Gal-i-lee.

Be-yond the sa-cred page I seek thee, Lord.
Then shall all bond-age cease, all fet-ters fall.

My spir-it pants for thee, O liv-ing Word!
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

LIFE AT THE CROSSROADS

Sharon Parker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharon Parker

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

The Shepherd
Toffer Mihalka, tenor

Lee Hoiby
(1926-2011)

How sweet is the Shepherd's sweet lot,
From the morn to the evening he strays:
He shall follow his sheep all the day
And his tongue shall be filled with praise.

For he hears the lambs innocent call,
And he hears the ewes tender reply,
He is watchful while they are in peace,
For they know when their Shepherd is nigh.

William Blake (1757-1827)

❖ 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

Calvin Marshall

God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer; and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

❖ HYMN (*on next page*)

WAREHAM

The Church of Christ in Every Age

1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

God be with you till we meet again;
 loving counsels guide, uphold you,
 with a shepherd's care enfold you:
 God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE

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

Music Spotlight: Solo at the Offering



A graduate of the Curtis Institute, **Lee Hoiby** was a composer and pianist best known for his songs and operas, especially his 1971 setting of Tennessee Williams's *Summer and Smoke*. This song, "The Shepherd," first inverts the usual imagery of shepherd-as-leader by depicting the titular character as following his sheep. The second stanza invokes the more familiar model of the shepherd watching over his sheep. Listen to how the piano accompaniment alternates between playful, uneven patterns and flowing, more consistent ones.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Today, we welcome Rev. Brenton Thompson to the pulpit. The Rev. Brenton Thompson is the Director of Congregational Resourcing & Communication for the Presbytery of Philadelphia. He has a breadth and depth of experience in the church which includes not only congregational ministry but also service to the larger denomination as Young Adult Volunteer (Northern Ireland and Ukraine), member of the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board, and corresponding member to Mission Responsibility Through Investment. Brenton lives in Phoenixville with his wife, the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson, and their two daughters.

Cornbread Bakers Needed!—by July 28. On July 30, OPC will be serving dinner to the 42 residents of the Life Center of Eastern Delaware County. Chili and cornbread are on the menu, and we need your help. **After church today**, 8 boxes of Jiffy mix and baking pans will be available. Pick up one or two boxes, prepare the cornbread next weekend, and return to church on **July 28**. Please see **Janet Bowker** or **Nancy Gilhool** during Fellowship Hour for more information.

Backpack Collection for Gemma Kids—Now through July 31. Gemma (formerly known as the Village and The Presbyterian Children's Village) serves over 3,000 youth and families who are experiencing emotional and behavioral challenges. Gemma provides residential treatment, a special school and community services to people in the Greater Philadelphia area. Its mission is to make sure every individual knows that *they matter*. We can help Gemma carry out their mission by providing backpacks and school supplies to equip the young folks as they return to school. If you wish to participate, go to Gemma's Amazon Wish List (<https://a.co/21jnH0j>) to choose items, and they will be sent directly to Gemma. Please complete your shopping indicate on the message line that you are part of Overbrook's backpack collection. If you have any questions, see **Jeff or Janet Bowker**.

OPC's National Night Out Cookout—Tuesday, August 6, 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. Save the date for a wonderful celebration of congregations and communities, to take place on the lawn of **Penn Wynne Presbyterian Church**. All are welcome to bring friends and meet their neighbors. The Great Chefs of OPC will be grilling our favorites and preparing a summer salad and dessert buffet. Good-spirited lawn games and fellowship will be offered for all ages. While there are plenty of opportunities for volunteerism, there is no cost to participate. Ways to volunteer and sign up are forthcoming.

RPM "Art in the Park"—Select Fridays, 10:00 A.M. to noon. These activities provide opportunities for creative expression, fellowship, and appreciation for the blessings of nature. Come celebrate and create with us on the following summer Fridays, weather permitting:

- **August 9:** *Splash of Color: Drawing and Painting.*
General Wayne Park, 305 Maplewood Avenue, Merion Station.
- **August 16:** *Music for the Soul: Sung and Spoken Words.*
Merion Botanical Park, 100 Merion Road, Merion Station.

Inspiration and supplies will be provided. Responses will be appreciated to assure that we have sufficient materials for all. To RSVP, ask for more information, or share ideas for future programs, please contact **Sharon Parker** (sharon@overbrookpresb.com) or **Pat Dillon** (psdillon1@earthlink.net).

The Overbrook Summer Choir—Sunday, August 18, 9:45 A.M. Were you not able to sing on July 14 but would like another opportunity this summer? The pickup choir will sing again in August! To participate, all you have to do is...

1. Show up at 9:45 on Sunday morning.
2. Rehearse a short, simple anthem.
3. Sing that anthem during the service, and enjoy!

Feel free to direct any questions to **Chris Gage** (music@overbrookpresb.org).

Summer Fellowship Hour. Summer is here, and we are looking for hosts for Fellowship Hour on **July 28 and August 4**. If you are new to hosting, summer is a great time to do it; the Congregational Life Committee recommends keeping it simple! If you would like to host but think you need a hand, reach out and let us know. If you are able to help with setting up and cleaning up but need assistance with food, that is okay, too! CLC can also help with supplies (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, 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 are **\$60.00**, but you may contribute what you wish. To sign up, follow the link to the sign up genius: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8secsur>. 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).

CFM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leaders Needed for Fall. We need your support for the CFM's new Big Kids' Sunday School for 9-11-year-olds this fall! Whether you can lead, assist, or prepare materials, your contribution will make a significant difference. Even one Sunday counts! Sign up at tinyurl.com/CFMVolunteerSignUpForm (or scan the QR code) and commence the clearance process today.



Prayer List

- Prayers for compassionate care and peace for Olga Hoggard as she enters hospice care.
- Prayers of consolation and comfort for Kim Parris on the recent death of her brother, John Parris.
- Prayers of healing for Laurie Geers following a recent surgical procedure.
- Prayers for comfort and peace for Mary Scott, as she receives compassionate home hospice care.
- Prayers of healing for Davorka Sabljak who is receiving medical treatment following an accident.
- Prayers for comfort and restoration of health for Bob and Jane Bevan.
- Prayers for comfort and compassionate care for Joyce, friend of Bette Homer, as Joyce receives hospice care.
- Prayers for compassionate care and comfort for Doris McDaniel, mother of Jim McDaniel.
- Prayers for comfort and peace for Colleen Granata, mother of Brad Biedermann.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Michele Whipple's sister, Valerie Craig, who is receiving medical care for uveal melanoma.
- Prayers for compassionate care and comfort for Hannah Baukert's mother Mary, who is receiving hospice care.
- Prayers for all who are facing health challenges, especially Mary Scott, Margaret Young, John Shackelford, Scott Long, Caroline Skinner, Sonya Smith, Gwen Harden, Ed Harvey, Aqueelah Folwell, Stephanie Stokes, Milton Stokes, and Natalie DeShields.
- Prayers of gratitude for all who have supported and continue to support Overbrook during our time of relocation.
- Traveling mercies for the Hearlson family and for all who are beginning or continuing their summer journeys.

Please contact Bill Baker (wbaklava@aol.com) or Sharon Parker (sharon@overbrookpresb.org) to add names to the prayer list.

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The Overbrook Quartet:

Iris Fairfax, soprano; Allison Chang, 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.”
