



Overbrook

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 2, 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
Syrena Torres, mezzo-soprano

Communion Servers:

Herb Brabham
Corinna Bowser
Solomon Hunter
Nathalie May

Today's chancel flowers are given by 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, all are welcome to join us for Fellowship Hour.

*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

In the beginning was the Word

G. T. Thalben-Ball
(1896-1987)

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Anne Conroy

Leader: God calls us to worship, and we come,
People: **some with laughter and songs of joy.**
Leader: God calls us to worship, and we come,
People: **some from a sense of obligation or habit.**
Leader: God calls us to worship, and we come,
People: **some with hearts heavy with grief.**
Leader: God calls us to worship, and we come,
People: **some with distraction or exhaustion.**
Leader: God calls us to worship, and we come,
People: **some with eagerness and enthusiasm.**
Leader: God calls us to worship, and we come,
People: **some with stress, loneliness, or depression.**
Leader: As God's dearly loved children,
All: **we bring all our joy and pain, hurt and hope
into this place of Spirit-given grace, love, and hope.**
Amen.

❖HYMN (*on next page*)

LAUDA ANIMA
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his
 3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be -

feet your trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -
 peo - ple in dis - tress; praise him still the same as
 fee - ble frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly
 hold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be -

giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!
 ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!
 bears us, res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
 fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

This free paraphrase of Psalm 103 gains much energy and conviction by including the double “Alleluia!” before the final line of text. That repeated four-note figure descending from the tune’s highest note gives voice to the praise that the rest of the hymn evokes.

WELCOME

Adam Hearlson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COURAGE (*unison*)

Anne Conroy

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.
You have called us to be the church,
to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world.
Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active,
isolated than involved, callous than compassionate,
obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.
Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.
Remove the obstacles preventing us
from being your representatives to a broken world.
Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.
This we pray in Jesus' powerful 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

READING

Anne Conroy

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

Tom Trenney
(b. 1977)

Maya's Prayer for Peace
Syrena Torres, mezzo-soprano

Father, Mother God,
Thank you for your presence during the
hard and mean days.
For then we have you to lean upon.

Thank you for your presence during the
bright and sunny days,
for then we can share that which we have
with those who have less.

And thank you for your presence during
the Holy Days,
for then we are able to celebrate you and
our families and our friends.

For those who have no voice,
we ask you to speak.

For those who feel unworthy,
we ask you to pour your love out in
waterfalls of tenderness.

For those who live in pain,
we ask you to bathe them in the river of
your healing.

For those who are lonely,
we ask you to keep them company.

For those who are depressed,
we ask you to shower upon them the
light of hope.

Father, Mother God,
You, the borderless sea of substance,
we ask you to give all the world that
which we need most—Peace.

Maya Angelou

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

Galatians 5:22-26

Adam Hearlson

SERMON

“The Fruit of the Spirit: Gentleness”

Adam Hearlson

❖HYMN

AS DEW FALLS

As Dew Falls Gently at Dawn

1 As dew falls gent - ly at dawn, speak to us your
2 As rain falls feed - ing the earth, send the bless - ings
3 As light shines forth from the sun, shed on us your

beau - ti - ful word. Je - sus, Lord, when you send your word,
of your great love. Je - sus, Lord, when you send your grace,
spir - it of joy. Sav - ior, Je - sus, send us your peace,

word of life and lamp to our feet, all we who wan - der in
grace un - bound - ed, fill - ing our souls, all we who hun - ger and
peace that calms our souls from with - in. All we who suf - fer and

sin find strength and new - ness of life. Je - sus, Lord, when
thirst find strength and new - ness of life. Je - sus, Lord, when
sigh find strength and new - ness of life. Je - sus, Lord, when

you send your word morn - ing breaks and we walk in light.
you send your love we a - rise and fol - low your way.
you send your peace, we are filled with heav - en - ly love.

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

Richard DeLong
(1951-1994)

Eternal Light, Shine into Our Hearts

The Overbrook Choir

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts,
Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil,
Eternal Power, be our support,
Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance,
Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Alcuin (c. 732-804)

❖ 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

Anne Conroy

Dear God, wherever we look,
from next door to a world away,
we see the places where your creation groans.
May these gifts be a faithful response to those cries. 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



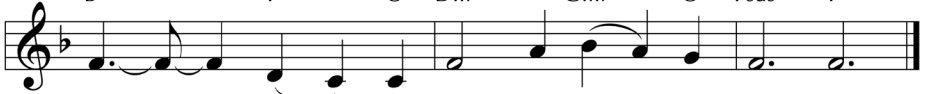
1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(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 opposite page*) GENEVA
Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

❖BENEDICTION *Adam Hearlson*

❖CHORAL RESPONSE Eric Thiman
(1900-1975)
When Thou saidst, "Seek ye my face"

POSTLUDE

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

Capo 3: (Dm)

(Gm)

(A7)

(Dm)

Fm

B♭m

C7

Fm



1 Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo - ry, heav - en's voice, the
2 Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la - tion, they shall gain and
3 Lord, trans-fig - ure our per - cep - tion with the pur - est

(Gm)

(A7)

(Dm)

(Gm)

(A7)

B♭m

C7

Fm

B♭m

C7



daz - zling light; Mo - ses and E - li - jah van - ish;
keep its truth, not by build - ing on the moun - tain
light that shines, and re - cast our life's in - ten - tions

(Dm)

(A7)

(Dm)

(D)

(Bm)

Fm

C7

Fm

F

Dm



Christ a - lone com - mands the height! Pe - ter, James, and
an - y shrine or sa - cred booth, but by fol - low -
to the shape of your de - signs, till we seek no

(Em)

(A7)

(D)

(Bm)

(Em)

(A7)

(D)

Gm

C7

F

Dm

Gm

C7

F



John fall si - lent, turn - ing from the sum - mit's rise down - ward
ing the Sav - ior through the val - ley to the cross and by
oth - er glo - ry than what lies past Cal - vary's hill and our

(Bm)

(Em)

(A7)

(D)

(Bm)

(D)

(A7)

(D)

Dm

Gm

C7

F

Dm

F

C7

F



toward the shad - owed val - ley where their Lord has fixed his eyes.
test - ing faith's re - sil - ience through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.
liv - ing and our dy - ing and our ris - ing by your will.

The first two stanzas of this 20th-century Transfiguration hymn guide singers through a contemplation of the disciples' experience of that event. The final stanza becomes a corporate prayer for enlightenment and for a renewed sense of commitment to doing God's will.

Music Spotlight: Anthem at the Offering



Richard DeLong was an American organist, harpsichordist, conductor, and composer. This piece focuses on the many gifts from God, with the phrase “Eternal _____” remaining constant in the midst of swirling, ever-changing harmonies—much as God remains eternal even as our world changes.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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 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).

Centering Prayer—Wednesday, March 5 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. Ashes will be imposed after Centering Prayer at 10:15 A.M. All are welcome.

Bible Study—Wednesday, March 5, 10:30 AM. All are welcome to join us for at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El. Ashes will be imposed before Bible Study at 10:15 A.M.

LENT AND EASTER AT OPC

Schedule of Special Worship Services and Events:

Ash Wednesday—March 5, 7:00 P.M., Basement of OPC

Palm Sunday—April 13, 11:00 A.M., Penn Wynne Presbyterian Church

Maundy Thursday—April 17, 6:00 P.M., Basement of OPC

Good Friday—April 18, 12:00 P.M., African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas

Holy Saturday Bonfire—April 19, 7:00 P.M., Parking Lot of OPC

Easter Sunday—April 20, 10:30 A.M., Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El

Lenten Devotional: A Gift of the Spirit for All

Throughout the years, Christians have sought ways to heighten their spiritual commitment during the season of Lent. For some, it has led to sacrificial acts and the question, What are you giving up for Lent? At Overbrook, the Lenten focus is more often directed to the question, What new practices are you adding to your life in Lent? For many, the answer is found in Lenten devotional and through participation in the special events and services of the season. This Lent, Overbrook is providing each of us with the devotional, *Lent: Coming Back to Life*, produced by the staff of The SALT Project.

Coming Back to Life invites us to explore, observe, and embrace God's gifts of renewal and rebirth during this holy season. Each reflection, beginning with Ash Wednesday and culminating on Easter Sunday, will combine personal reflections, scripture, and prayer. You may access your online copy of *Local Pilgrims*, by scanning the QR code. Print copies of this Lenten devotional will be available on the greeting table at the front and rear doors of the Penn Wynne Sanctuary.



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.



CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

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.

Evening Contemplative Caregiver Gathering—Tuesday, March 18, 5:30 P.M. Join us on the lower level of Overbrook for a shared meal and a time of sacred quiet. We’ll begin with a 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, from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M., allowing caregivers a moment of rest for body, mind, and soul in God’s presence. Please RSVP by visiting tinyurl.com/RSVP-CFM. If you have any questions, you can get in touch with **Anthony** or **Molly** in person or by email: cfm@overbrookpresb.org.

RETIRED PERSON’S MINISTRY

RPM Café—Friday, March 7, 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. All are welcome to join us for a buffet lunch and an inspirational program as we commemorate World Day of Prayer and celebrate the Lenten journey. We will meet in **Anderson Hall at the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas**. RSVPs would be appreciated by March 5; please contact **Sharon Parker** (spark6145@gmail.com).

Prayer List

- Prayers for healing and comfort for Meryth Piatt, Mads Piatt Cosgriff's aunt as she heals from an accident.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Karen Testa's father as he is receiving medical care for health challenges.
- Prayers for Laila Soueif, friend of Scott Long, and her family as she is currently hospitalized for health reasons.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Joe Blair as he receives ongoing medical care.
- Prayers of support for the Eastling family as they navigate challenging times.
- Prayers for Phil Sheau and his family as they mourn the death of his niece-in-law, Sandi Mon.
- Prayers for compassionate care and comfort for Phil Sheau's nieces in law, Emma Mon, as she is receiving hospice care.
- 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 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 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

* indicates one-year term ** indicates second consecutive term

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

OPC DEACONS:

Bill Baker, Moderator, Board of Deacons

Jason Sheau, Treasurer; Denise Stewart, Secretary

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Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Dela Geraldo	Denise Stewart	Margene Biedermann
Sharon Elwell	Miriam Harden**	Mads Piatt Cosgriff
Bill Baker**	Hannah Lazo*	Rebecca Lazo
Bob Kaercher**	Leah Mayne**	Zee Ann Mason
Philip Brown	Jason Sheau**	Mike Rottinger**

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Anthony M. Carrella - *Director of Children and Family Ministry*

Lisa Faso - *Office Manager*

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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.”
