



Overbrook

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 23, 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
Matthew Lulofs, baritone

Today's chancel flowers are given 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, all are welcome to join us for Fellowship Hour hosted by Sunanda Charles Brown and Mary Ann Blair.

*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

Make me a clean heart, O God

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

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Cindi Landmesser

Adapted from a third-century Christian hymn

Leader: May none of God's wonderful works keep silent.

People: **Bright stars, high mountains, the depths of the seas,
the rushing rivers:**

Leader: May all of these join us as we sing
our praise to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **May all the angels in the heavens reply: Amen! Amen! Amen!**

Leader: Power, praise, honor, eternal glory to God, the only giver of Grace.

All: **Amen! Amen! Amen**

❖HYMN (*on next two pages*)

RESORTATION

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

All or Leader

1 Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound-ed,
2 Come, ye thirst-y, come, and wel - come; God's free boun - ty
3 Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y lad - en, lost and ru - ined
4 Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness

sick and sore; Je - sus read - y stands to save you,
glo - ri - fy, true be - lief and true re - pen - tance,
by the fall; if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,
fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth

Refrain

All

full of pit - y, love, and power.
ev - ery grace that brings you nigh. I will a - rise and
you will nev - er come at all.
is to feel your need of him.

go to Je - sus; he will em-brace me in his arms. In the

arms of my dear Sav-ior, O there are ten thousand charms.

WELCOME

Adam Hearlson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COURAGE (*unison*)

Cindi Landmesser

Prayer from Polynesia

Lord, today you have made us known to friends we did not know,
 You have given us seats in homes which are not our own.
 You have brought the distant near, and made a sibling of a stranger
 Forgive us, Lord for when we failed to introduce you.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have

(A^bmaj7) (Fm7) (Em7) (F[#]7)
 C^bmaj7 A^bm7 Gm7 A7

mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

(Bm7) (Em7) (Fmaj7) (B^b7)
 Dm7 Gm7 A^bmaj7 D^b7

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:

(A^bmaj7) (Fm7) (G2)
 C^bmaj7 A^bm7 B^b2

grant us, O grant us your peace.

SILENT CONFESSION

EMBRACING GOD'S GRACE

AMEN (*scated*)

AMEN (Pavlechko)



HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

Numbers 11:4-17

Cindi Landmesser

BIBLICAL STORYTELLING

*(Following the storytelling, learners in Pre-K through Grade 5
are encouraged to recess to Sunday School)*

SOLO

By the Waters of Babylon
Matthew Lulofs, baritone

Antonín Dvořák
(1841-1904)

By the waters of Babylon,
there we sat down and wept,
when we remembered thee, O Zion.
As for our harps,
we hanged them up on the willow trees.
For they that hat brought us to msery
asked of us a joyful song,
yea, they did speak to us with mocking words:
"Sing us now, sing us one of the songs of Zion!"
Then we did answer:
How can we sing to you,
how can we sing our glad songs in a strange land?
Jerusalem! If I should forget thee,
Then let my right hand forget her cunning.

Psalm 137

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

Isaiah 55:1-13

Adam Hearlson

SERMON

“Watch What You Eat”

Adam Hearlson

*(Following the sermon, youth in Grades 6-12
are encouraged to recess for Sunday School.)*

❖HYMN

LAND OF REST

Lord, When I Came into This Life

1 Lord, when I came in - to this life you
2 With - in the cir - cle of the faith, as
3 In all the ten - sions of my life, be -
4 So help me in my un - be - lief and

called me by my name; to - day I come, com -
mem - ber of your cast, I take my place with
tween my faith and doubt, let your great Spir - it
let my life be true: feet firm - ly plant - ed

mit my - self, re - spond - ing to your claim.
all the saints of fu - ture, pres - ent, past.
give me hope, sus - tain me, lead me out.
on the earth, my sights set high on you.

❖ APOSTLES' CREED

Adam Hearlson

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

Adam Hearlson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Chirsty-Lang 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

Adam Hearlson

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Clayton White
(1942-2022)

Christ, the Solid Rock
The Overbrook Choir

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne!

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is just sinking sand.

Edward Mote (1797-1874)

❖ DOXOLOGY

ROCKINGHAM

Praise God through - out these for - ty days;

Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise;

And praise the Spi - rit who im - parts

God's love in Christ in - to our hearts.

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Cindi Landmesser

In the name and in the spirit of Jesus,
we bring our gifts to you, O God.
Help us to give with them
a ready mind,
a willing spirit,
and a joyful heart. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

❖ HYMN (*below*)

BEECHER

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

Our Father

Ann Ker
(b. 1938)

POSTLUDE

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

Music Spotlight: Anthem at the Offering



A graduate of Temple University, Clayton White made numerous contributions to the choral landscape in Philadelphia and beyond, including founding the Clayton White Singers and leading choruses at Opera Ebony and Opera North. This piece reimagines a familiar text as the basis for a gospel song, with the choir repeating the refrain's opening line, "On Christ the solid rock I stand," as if to reaffirm God's ever-present faithfulness. Listen especially for the buildup at the end, culminating in gospel-style harmonies and a big finish!



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
blend-ing hu-man skills to - geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.



This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Chancel Flowers—Donations needed for April. Please consider donating the Sunday morning chancel flowers in honor/memory of a loved one or simply in a celebration or thanksgiving for the many blessings we receive. The cost is **\$60.00**, but you may contribute what you wish. To sign up, follow this link: <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).

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.



Centering Prayer and Bible Study—Wednesday, March 26. Centering Prayer takes place every Wednesday morning at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El starting at 9:30 AM. Bible Study follows at 10:30 AM. All are welcome to join us at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Philadelphia- Saturday March 29. Join us for our next mission and outreach project at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore - Washington Avenue. Carpool from OPC parking lot at 12:30- Work time is 1:00-4:00 P.M. There are only 5 spots remaining. If you are interested in joining, scan the QR code. If you have questions, please ask Janet Bowker, jabowker1001@gmail.com



LENT AND EASTER AT OPC

Special Worship Services and Events: Schedule

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

Maundy Thursday—April 17, 6:00 P.M., Basement of OPC.
Join us as we congregate for a meal together and worship as we celebrate Jesus' final meal with his friends. To RSVP for Maundy Thursday, scan the QR code at right.



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 Lent. For some, it has led to the question, “What are you giving up for Lent?” At Overbrook, the focus is more often directed to the question, “What new practices are you adding?” For many, the answer is found in devotionals and through participation in special events and services. This Lent, we are using the devotional, *Lent: Coming Back to Life*. Produced by 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 by scanning the QR code at right. Print copies of this Lenten devotional are available on the greeting table at the front and rear doors of the Penn Wynne Sanctuary.



Easter Flowers. OPC will be ordering Easter Flowers this year from Taddeos Greenhouse; they will be used to decorate Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El for Easter Morning. We invite you to donate flowers by scanning the QR Code, in honor or memory of a loved one; the cost of the flowers is \$25.00 each. Payment can be mailed to the church, placed in the offering plate, or paid online through Realm at the following link: <https://onrealm.org/overbrookpresb/give/easterflowers> (please note “Easter Flowers” in the memo).



Please note that all flowers will need to be collected at the end of worship on Easter Sunday. If you do not wish to take your flowers, please indicate as such on the sign-up sheet so that we can offer the flowers to others or deliver to our homebound friends.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Sunday—March 30. Our next Youth Sunday will be next Sunday, March 30. We need youth volunteers from ages 12 to mid-20s to participate in all aspects of our worship service. If you would like to be involved or have any ideas, contact Artia or Suchita at youth@overbrookpresb.org. Here are some ways in which you can participate:

Liturgist/Lay Leader	Assists with worship service and works with Pastor Adam.
Scripture Readers (2)	Reads the first or second scripture during service and works with Pastor Adam.
Welcomer	Gives welcome message to congregation at beginning of service and works with Pastor Adam.
Usher	Hands out bulletins; directs people before, during, and after service; and works with a member of Worship and Music.
Greeter	Stands at doors and welcomes people; also assists those who require help and work with a Deacon.
Storyteller	Reads biblical book to children during Time with Children (TWC) and works with Anthony, who will provide the book.
TWC Second Person	Leads the prayer with children and works with Anthony and Pastor Adam.
Musician	Plays instruments or sings and works with Chris.

RETIRED PERSON'S MINISTRY

RPM Cafe—Friday, March 28, 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Anderson Hall (upper level) of The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas. March 28 is National “Food on a Stick” Day...and RPM will celebrate with a wide variety of kabobs, popsicles, and cake pops for all! BYO good humor and be prepared for spirits to be lifted!

ADULT FORUM

Adult Forum—Tuesday, March 25, 7:00 P.M. Adult Forum will meet on Zoom to continue with reflections on individual responsibility and care in the season of Lent.. Adult Forum combines peer-led discussions with presentations from guest speakers. All are welcome! To join, you may follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/OPCForumZoom>.

BOARD OF DEACONS

“It is the duty of Deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who have been in distress both within and beyond the community of faith.”

—The Presbyterian Book of Order

The OPC Deacons are here to support you and your loved ones through challenging times, such as sickness; family loss; instability of housing, food, or income; or other times of crisis. The Deacons will use the utmost discretion and provide personal support. Additionally, they are available to provide rides to and from church or appointments, run minor errands, deliver food, or just offer love and care. If you or someone you know might need additional support, please contact Adam Hearlson (adam@overbrookpresb.org) or office manager Lisa Faso (manager@overbrookpresb.org).

Prayer List

- Prayers for Judy Williamson and her family as they mourn the death of her brother, Rusty Marron.
- Prayers for restoration of health and comfort for Susan Leach, mother of Becky Lazo.
- 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 of support for the Eastling family as they navigate challenging times.
- Prayers for compassionate care and comfort for Phil Sheau's nieces in law, Emma Mon and Phil's cousin Mark Der Bing, as they are receiving hospice care.
- Prayers for Janie Martin's cousin, Maureen Cook, who is undergoing medical care for pancreatic cancer.
- Prayers for all who are facing health concerns, especially Gwen Anthony, Jane Bevan, Bob Bevan, Joe Blair, Scott Long, Gwen Harden, Ed Harvey, Milton Stokes, Mary Lou Ryce, 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.

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

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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.”
