



Overbrook

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 30, 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
The Rev. Dr. Christy Lang-Hearlson, Guest Preacher
Anthony Carrella, Director of Children and Family Ministry
Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music
The Overbrook Choir

OPC Youth assisting with today's service:

Ushers and Greeters

Mads Piatt Cosgriff, Raegan Laidley,
Blake Hotek, and Wes Jennings

Readers

Penelope Jennings, Elliot Hearlson, and Maggie Atienza

Biblical Storytelling Leaders

Lyra Cox

Musicians

Blessing Osazuwa, vocalist
Aiyana Long, bassist

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 OPC's Youth Group.

*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

Eric Thiman

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord (1900-1975)

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Penelope Jennings

Based on Psalm 98:1-6

Leader: Sing a new song to the Lord,
who has worked wonders,
whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.

People: **The Lord has made known salvation;
has shown justice to the nations;
has remembered truth and love for the house of Israel.**

Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

People: **Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
sing out your joy.**

Leader: Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,
with the sound of music.

All: **With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord.**

❖HYMN (*on next two pages*)

RENDEZ A DIEU

New Songs of Celebration Render

1 New songs of cel - e - bra - tion ren - der to God who
 2 Joy - ful - ly, heart - i - ly re - sound - ing, let ev - ery
 3 Riv - ers and seas and tor - rents roar - ing, hon - or the

has great won - ders done; love sits en - throned in age - less
 in - stru - ment and voice peal out the praise of grace a -
 Lord with wild ac - claim; moun - tains and stones, look up a -

splen - dor; come and a - dore the might - y One.
 bound - ing, call - ing the whole world to re - joice.
 dor - ing, and find a voice to praise God's name.

God has made known the great sal - va - tion which all the
 Trum - pets and or - gans, set in mo - tion such sounds as
 Righ - teous, com - mand - ing, ev - er glo - rious, prais - es be

This Genevan tune (created for Psalm 118 but also used for Psalm 98 in the 1562 edition of the Genevan Psalter) has worked successfully with several English texts. Here it sets a 20th-century paraphrase of Psalm 98 that owes much of its effectiveness to the author's skill with multisyllabic words.

saints with joy con - fess. God has re - vealed to ev - ery
 make the heav - ens ring; all things that live in earth and
 sung that nev - er cease: just is our God, whose truth vic -

na - tion truth and un - end - ing righ - teous - ness.
 o - cean, sound forth the song; your prais - es bring.
 to - rious es - tab - lish - es the world in peace.

WELCOME

Adam Hearlson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COURAGE (*unison*)

Penelope Jennings

Gracious God,

you have given us the law of Moses and the teachings of Jesus
 to direct us in the way of life.

You offer us your Holy Spirit
 so that we can be born to new life as your children.

Yet, O God, we confess that the ways of death have a strong attraction
 and that we often succumb to their lure.

Give us the vision and courage to choose and nurture life,
 that we may receive your blessing. Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Capo 3: (Bm7) (Em7) (Fmaj7) (Bb7)
Dm7 Gm7 Abmaj7 Db7

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

(Abmaj7) (Fm7) (Em7) (F#7)
Cbmaj7 Abm7 Gm7 A7

mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

(Bm7) (Em7) (Fmaj7) (Bb7)
Dm7 Gm7 Abmaj7 Db7

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

(Abmaj7) (Fm7) (G2)
Cbmaj7 Abm7 Bb2

grant us, O grant us your peace.

SILENT CONFESSION

EMBRACING GOD'S GRACE

Penelope Jennings

AMEN (*seated*)

AMEN (Pavlechko)

A - men, a - men, a - men.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

Psalm 32

Maggie Atienza

BIBLICAL STORYTELLING

Lyra Cox

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

ANTHEM

No Greater Love
Blessing Osazuwa, vocalist
Aiyana Long, bassist
The Overbrook Choir

For God so loved the world,
That He gave His only Son,
And His Son gave His life for me,
When He died on Calvary.

There's no greater love, nowhere,
You won't find it,
Than a man lay down his life for a friend.

Jesus went to Calvary,
to save a wretch like you and me,
He hung His head, for me He died.,
that's love.

They hung Him high,
they stretched Him wide,
He hung His head,
and then He died,
that's love.

John 3:16; 15:13

GOSPEL LESSON
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Matthew 18:1-5

Elliot Hearlson

SERMON

“Becoming Like Children”

Christy Lang Hearlson

Dream On, Dream On

Capo 3: (Am) (Dm) (Em7) (Am) (E7)
Cm Fm Gm7 Cm G7

1 Dream on, dream on, chil - dren of peace,
2 Hope on, hope on, Eas - ter peo - ple:
3 Mount up, mount up, like an ea - gle,

(Am) (Dm) (E7) (Am)
Cm Fm G7 Cm

till on earth God's king - dom come.
beyond the cross, a dawn - ing sun.
to the heights, be - yond the clouds.

(C) (G) (Am) (Em) (F) (G) (Am) (E) (Am)
E^b B^b Cm Gm A^b B^b Cm G Cm

Wolf and lamb will feed to - geth - er; lions like
Christ, our peace, broke down all bar - riers: na - tion,
Strife and sor - row shall not stop you; pain and

(Dm) (E) (G) (C)
Fm G B^b E^b

ox - en will eat straw. Dust shall be the
cul - ture, tribe, and clan. Rec - on - cil - ing
tears shall lose their power. E - ven though the

This future-oriented Korean text draws on the promises of a number of biblical passages. The first stanza is based primarily on Isaiah 11:6-9. The second stanza includes references to Ephesians 2:14-16 and Colossians 1:20, while the third stanza uses the images of Isaiah 40:29-31.

(G) (C) (E7) (Am) (Dm) (E7)
 B \flat E \flat G7 Cm Fm G7

ser - pent's food; no one shall de - stroy or hurt.
 us to God, Christ made us one hu - man race,
 young may stum - ble, God the Lord re - news their strength.

(Am) (Dm) (Em7) (Am) (E7)
 Cm Fm Gm7 Cm G7

Chil - dren of earth in all col - ors,
 joined in peace and lib - er - a - tion,
 They shall run and not grow wea - ry;

(Am) (Dm) (E7) (Am)
 Cm Fm G7 Cm

live in peace and har - mo - ny.
 led by jus - tice, hope, and love.
 they shall walk and shall not faint.

❖ 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

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

Elliot Hearlson

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Maggie Atienza

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Johannes Brahms

Let Nothing Ever Grieve Thee

(1833-1897)

The Overbrook Choir

Let nothing ever grieve thee, distress thee, nor fret thee;
heed God's good will, my soul, be still, compose thee.

Why brood all day in sorrow? Tomorrow will bring thee
God's help benign and grace sublime in mercy.

Be true in all endeavor, and ever do bravely;
what God decrees brings joy and peace, He'll stay thee.
Amen.

Paul Fleming, tr. Walter Buszin

❖ 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

Maggie Atienza

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 (*on opposite page*)

MARION

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

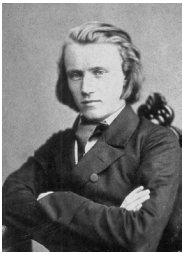
Seek the Lord

John Yarrington
(b. 1943)

POSTLUDE

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

Music Spotlight: Anthem at the Offering



Johannes Brahms composed songs, symphonies, chamber works, solo pieces, and choral music during the nineteenth century; his symphonies in particular were seen as a continuation of the tradition of Beethoven. This piece was actually composed as part of an exchange of compositional exercises between Brahms and the violinist Joseph Joachim. Listen to how pairs of voices imitate each other, creating complex interwoven lines and the occasional, according to Joachim, “harsh place.”

1 Re - joyce, ye pure in heart! Re - joyce, give thanks, and sing!
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
 4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;
 5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joyce, give thanks, and sing!

Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe;
 the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Re - joyce! Re - joyce! Re - joyce, give thanks, and sing!
 Re - joyce! Re - joyce!

These stanzas are drawn from a much longer hymn created for the processional at an English choir festival in 1865. The original text lacked the refrain that gives the hymn so much of its energy and interest. That feature was added by the composer of this tune in 1883.

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, April 2, 9:30 A.M.
Centering Prayer takes place every Wednesday morning; Bible Study follows at 10:30 A.M. All are welcome to join us at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El.

LENT AND EASTER AT OPC

Special Worship Services and Events

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 order Easter Flowers this year from Taddeo's Greenhouses; they will be used to decorate Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El for Easter morning. We invite you to donate flowers in honor or memory of a loved one by scanning the QR code; 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 write “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 Spring Kickoff—Friday, April 4, 5:30 to 8:00 P.M. Calling all youth, 6th grade and up! Join us this Friday in the basement of OPC for a night of food and fun. Please RSVP by tomorrow, March 31, to youth@overbrookpresb.org, and bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

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 health and comfort for Joan Moylan as she faces a recurrence of breast cancer.
- Prayers for Davorka Sabljak, as she faces health challenges.
- Prayers for Beth Brawley and family as they mourn the death of their uncle, David Pelton.
- Prayers for Rev. Drew Mann and his family as they mourn the death of his wife, Rev. Margaret (Meg) Ames Mann.
- 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, 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.

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OPC SESSION MEMBERS:

Adam Hearlson, Moderator

Raelyn Harman, Clerk of Session; Stephanie Morris, Treasurer

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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**
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Bill Baker, Moderator, Board of Deacons

Jason Sheau, Treasurer; Denise Stewart, Secretary

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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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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.”
