
Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2021
10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church

We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning!

Leading Worship Today:

The Rev. Dr. Adam Hearlson, Pastor
Eileen Wiggins, Liturgist
Katie Kupstas and Judy Williamson, Prayer Leaders
Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music
Matthew Lulofs, baritone
Elizabeth Mendoza, cello
Carol Rozmiarek, Tech Manager

GATHERING IN

PRELUDE

CWG

Improvisation on “Nettleton”
 (“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”)

CALL TO WORSHIP/WELCOME

Adam Hearlson

OPENING HYMN

NETTLETON

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eileen Wiggins

Forgive us, God, for our small imaginations. Forgive us for thinking that we have it all figured out. Forgive us for failing to notice you when you show up in the most unlikely places. Open our ears so that we might hear your most quiet whisper. Open our hearts so that we might notice your spirit blowing through the world. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Adam Hearlson

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eileen Wiggins

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

Matthew 13:44-46

Eileen Wiggins

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Anthony Carrella

SOLO

Felix Mendelssohn

“Draw near, all ye people” from *Elijah* (1809-1847)

Draw near, all ye people, come to me!

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel;
this day let it be known
that Thou art God,
and I am Thy servant!

Lord God of Abraham!
O shew to all this people
that I have done these things
according to Thy word!

O hear me, Lord, and answer me;
and shew this people
that Thou art Lord God;
and let their hearts again be turned!

William Bartholomew (1793-1867)

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

1 Kings 19:8-13

Adam Hearlson

SERMON

The Voice of God

Adam Hearlson

HYMN

REST

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

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.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Adam Hearlson
Katie Kupstas
Judy Williamson

LORD'S PRAYER (*debts/debtors*)

Rachel Underwood

SHARING OF PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Largo from Cello Sonata no. 1
Elizabeth Mendoza, cello

Benedetto Marcello
(1686-1739)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Eileen Wiggins

Gracious One, bless these gifts. May they speak to the world of our faith,
may they be the still, small voice that someone needs to hear.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

We will be celebrating communion during worship. In preparation, you are encouraged to gather a beverage and something to eat. Bread and juice (or wine) work well. The amazing thing about communion is that the elements are not required to be bread and juice, only that which is common (hence communion). The power of the element is in its ubiquity. Whatever is at hand will do. In Mexico, where wheat was scarce, they used tortillas. In places where wine wasn't available, they used water. The early church would sometime use milk and honey. Bring whatever is at hand.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Adam Hearlson

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FORETASTE OF THE HEAVENLY BANQUET

SOLO

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*Unison*)

Holy Triune God, we thank you for this meal that proclaims the peace and healing of the nations. We thank you for this meal where a little is enough to change our lives; where a little is more than enough to feed those whose hearts yearn for communion in community. May this bread and fruit of the vine nourish us so that we may grow in the faith and knowledge that in you, we are one. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN

I'M GONNA LIVE

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Sunday School Next Week, 5/9

Sunday School in May begins next Sunday where learners will encounter the sixth blessing of the Beatitudes. They will hear the term “pure in heart,” and explore what it means to integrate our hearts, minds, and bodies to be whole human beings. Learners will receive a challenge to care for others because our human hearts are created to love others. All ages are welcome to join Anthony and Judy at the link being posted after worship.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Come join us for the Spring Bible Series titled “*Where are we Going?: Discussions about Heaven, Hell, Salvation, and the End of all Things*”

For the next five weeks we will be discussing questions about “the end.” What happens after death? How does God’s salvation work? What’s up with Heaven and Hell? We will consider these questions and more.

Come and be a part of these fruitful discussions. See “Weekly Opportunities” for log in information.

Fellowship Hour!

To continue to build community and serve our congregation, we will be holding a virtual fellowship hour after worship. At the conclusion of the service, people who remain will be invited to join a breakout room where they will have five minutes to catch up with their church friends. After five minutes, you can join another room, and then another, for a total of about 15-20 minutes of conversation and fellowship. So, bring your coffee, snacks, and finger foods, and gather again for a good OPC coffee hour.

Weekly Opportunities

The Work of the Church continues, and we continue to create programming for our community. Links for Bible Study, the Women's Prayer & Support Group, and the Men's Group are below. Please refer to your e-mail or contact the church for information on gatherings for children and youth.

Wednesday Bible Study

Join [Wednesday Morning Bible Study-Click Here](#) or to join by phone at 646-558-8656 and enter Meeting ID: 978 9342 2986

Tuesday Women's Prayer & Support Group, 7:30 a.m.

Join [Tuesday Morning Women's Prayer and Support Group](#) or call 646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 932 4865 5338

Thursday Vigil for Racial Justice, 3:00 pm-Dusk- The church holds a public vigil for racial justice on our corner of City and Lancaster. You are invited to show up and pray, hold signs, and witness to the need for racial justice in our city, our country, and our world. Come and make your voice heard!

Saturday Morning Men's' Group, 9:00 am

Join [Saturday Morning Men's Group](#) or call 646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 920 1485 0418

Ways to Give

Many people have asked how they can continue to give to the church during this time. We currently have five ways you can give online to the church.

1. To donate by credit card (with PayPal account): We have a Donate button on our website that will take you to the PayPal Giving Fund where you can make donations to the church using a credit card. When giving this way, the church is not charged any processing fees. You will have to either log in with your PayPal account or create one to donate this way.

2. To donate with a credit card (without PayPal account): If you'd prefer not to use a PayPal account, you can donate through PayPal but using a credit card only. Go to this link: https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s-xclick&hosted_button_id=VX4E5GVVUE7VW&source=url. Pick "Donate with a Debit or Credit Card" and follow the directions.

3. To set up a recurring credit card donation (with PayPal account): If you'd like to set up a monthly credit card donation, you can use this link: https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s-xclick&hosted_button_id=VX4E5GVVUE7VW&source=url. Enter the amount of your donation and check the box to make it a monthly donation. You will have to have (or create) a PayPal account to set it up this way.

4. To set up a recurring donation by check: Most banks offer the option to set up recurring payments by check. You can set it up so that the church is mailed a check on whatever schedule you choose. You'd need to check your bank's website or call them to set that up. The church mailing address is 6376 City Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19151.

5. To give by text: Text GIVE to [484-222-5757](tel:484-222-5757) and follow the prompts. You can make a one-time donation or set up recurring donations.

As with all online giving, most companies take a cut of whatever you give (PayPal takes 3% and texting takes 1% plus the 3% of PayPal), so, if you are searching for the way for the church to receive the whole amount of your gift, automatic deduction from your bank is the most efficient.

Prayer List

- Ann Elise Lindgren is recovering from surgery.
- Pamela Taylor, Artia Benjamin's sister, who has COVID-19.
- Theresa McNeil Carter is hospitalized for medical issues.
- Prayers for Becky Lazo's mother who is having medical issues.
- Ellen Burr for continued medical issues
- Artia Benjamin's uncle, Abdul Mokum Sr, who has been put on dialysis and is in the hospital.
- Jeanne Cuvilly is facing family challenges.
- Ken Carroll is grateful for all prayers
- Marita Patino Treat Rosen- prayers for chronic pain relief
- Margaret Young's son Keith remains under medical treatment but is no longer on hospice care.
- Mary Pat, friend of Ginny Leagans, is being treated for colon cancer and just started chemotherapy.
- Caroline Skinner is facing health challenges
- Judy Swartz prayers for continued healing.
- Eric Long's father Bill Long's cancer has returned.
- Wendy Fraser, sister of Jeremy Blatchley, is continuing treatment for cancer.
- Ed Harvey is still facing some multiple health challenges. He is grateful for all the prayers.

*Please contact Terri Hunter (teresahunter42@gmail.com)
or the Church Office to add names to the prayer list.*

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OPC SESSION MEMBERS:

Adam Hearlson, Moderator

Sara Davis, Clerk of Session; Stephanie Morris, Treasurer

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Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Elaine Blodgett	Elizabeth Cosgriff	Keedra Carroll
Herbert Brabham	Bob Harden, Jr.	Kevin Davis**
Elizabeth Mendoza	Larry McGhee	Solomon Hunter
Richard Owens	Deborah Rottinger**	Becky Lazo**
Aimerie Scherluebbe**	Eileen Wiggins**	Nathalie May

OPC DEACONS:

Teresa Hunter, Moderator, Board of Deacons

Jason Sheau, Treasurer; Mary Lou Ryce, Secretary

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Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Nancy Gilhool	Artia Benjamin**	Peju Adebajo**
Terri Hunter**	Suchita Fiorillo**	Joan Beck
Mary Lou Ryce	Bill Baker	Ginny Leagans
Carol Tulba**	Bob Kaercher	Leah Mayne
Zachary Wong	Nickie Stokes**	Jason Sheau

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The Rev. Dr. Adam Hearlson - *Designated Pastor*

The Rev. David McMillan - *Pastor Emeritus*

Dr. Christopher Gage - *Director of Music*

Anthony Carrella - *Director of Christian Education*

Lisa Faso - *Office Manager*

Carol Rozmiarek - *Financial Secretary*

Leonard Robbins - *Church Custodian*

The Overbrook Quartet:

Iris Fairfax, *soprano*; Amanda Staub, *alto*;

Toffer Mihalka, *tenor*; Matthew Lulofs, *bass*

***Overbrook Presbyterian Church is a welcoming and diverse
Christian community that actively seeks to love and serve
God, each other, and the world.***
