
Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2020
10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church

We are glad you are worshiping with us this morning!

Leading Worship Today:

The Rev. Dr. Adam Hearlson, Pastor

The Rev. David McMillian, Preacher

Bob Harden, Liturgist

Susy Brandt, Prayer Leaders

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

Toffer Mihalka, tenor

Carol Rozmiarek, Tech Manager

GATHERING IN

PRELUDE

CWG

Improvisation on “Hendon”
 (“Take My Life, and Let It Be”)

CALL TO WORSHIP/WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

FOREST GREEN

As Those of Old Their First-Fruits Brought

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bob Harden

By Karoline M. Lewis & Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy

God of love, we confess that we are in bondage to a view of the world that puts our compromise before your justice; that is unable to name the worth and wonder of all your children; that places people in positions that threaten the very soul of who they are-the soul that you see as unique and glorious. We confess that, all too often, we are unwilling to tell the truth of the ways in which even those who call upon your name do so for the sake of harm. We ask for your forgiveness. We pray for wholeness. We trust in the promise of your hope. Grant us, we pray, the courage to speak, the power to empower, the mercy to love. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT

Psalm 126

Bob Harden

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Anthony Carrella

Tom Lank

SOLO

Felix Mendelssohn

“If with all your hearts ye truly seek me” (1809-1847)

from *Elijah*

Toffer Mihalka, tenor

“If with all your hearts ye truly seek me,
ye shall ever surely find me.”
Thus saith our God.

Oh! that I knew where I might find Him,
that I might even come before His presence!

Julius Schubring (1806-1889)

NEW TESTAMENT

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Rev. David McMillian

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. David McMillian

HYMN

HENDON

Take My Life, and Let It Be

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - (*Apostles' Creed*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father almighty.
From there 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

Sharon Parker

LORD'S PRAYER (*debts/debtors*)

SHARING OF PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

ANTHEM

Curtis Stewart, arr. Uzee Brown, Jr.
Lord, Build Me a Cabin in Glory Land (b. 1950)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bob Harden

From Jeff Shrowder

Gracious and holy God,
accept what we offer today:
our checks and cash, our faltering steps,
our brokenness, our leftovers,
our hope, our risking, our lives.
Bless and transform all that we offer
and all that we hold back,
that new life may be ours,
to celebrate and share in Jesus' name. Amen

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN

I'M GONNA LIVE

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praeludium in E minor

Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1706)

☞ This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church ☞

Today

David K. McMillan, Emeritus Pastor of Overbrook Presbyterian Church, will join us for worship. David served OPC from 1983 until his retirement in 2001. He led us through the turnaround from a declining, aging congregation into the enthusiastic, growing congregation which has grown into the OPC of today. It was during the McMillan years that our racial diversity grew strong, and it was David who shepherded us through the thorny process that resulted in OPC ordaining “open and unrepentant homosexual people” when it was still a violation of church law to do so. You do not want to miss the opportunity to hear this man preach.

Fair Trade Market at the OPC Farmers’ Market

Next Saturday is the last opportunity for the Fair Trade Market and Teachers’ Teammates Collection at the Farmers’ Market..

Below are the items that we will be collecting for Teachers’ Teammates, at the OPC Farmers’ Market, 9 am to 1 pm. You can make a cash donation and find out more about the organization, through their website

<https://teachersteammates.org/>

Here is a wish list of items requested by teachers:

1 subject spiral notebooks	composition notebooks
Pencils	"jumbo" pink erasers
Pens	washable markers
Highlighters	24-pack crayons
rulers (with inch & metric marks)	lap size whiteboards
dry erase markers	filler paper
glue sticks	4 oz. glue bottle
reams of copy paper	blunt tip scissors
tape (clear standard dispenser)	cap erasers
double barrel manual pencil sharpeners	drawstring or similar bags (to create School at Home bags)
clear pencil cases with 3 holes that can be put in binders	

Advent Bags

It's almost time! Advent begins on Sunday, November 29. We will not be together in the sanctuary this year, but we can worship together separately from our homes. To facilitate worshipping together while separate, the Worship and Music Committee has prepared 150 Advent bags for distribution to Overbrook members and friends. These Advent bags contain an Advent devotional, supplies to make an Advent candle wreath and four Chrismons, and a vigil candle for Christmas Eve. Christian Ed has also included a children's devotional and other materials for young people.

Distribution of those bags have begun. If you have not received your Advent bag by **Monday, November 23**, please contact:

Sharon Parker (spark614@gmail.com, 610-742-8415) or Eileen Wiggins (ewiggins3@gmail.com, 215-360-6459).

Fellowship Hour!

In an attempt 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.

Need Support?

If you or someone you know is in need of care or support during this time please let Pastor Adam or Terri Hunter, teresahunter42@gmail.com, know. OPC has an emergency fund to help people who are in need. We have raised over \$27,000 to help our congregation weather this storm. If you are in need and financially struggling, the church is here to help. We are in this together. More information on the emergency fund is on the website.

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 Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

Join [Wednesday Bible Study](#) or call 646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 659 964 984

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

Join [Women's Prayer Tuesday](#) or call 646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 957 2832 7321

Thursday Vigil for Racial Justice, 3:00 pm-7:00 p.m.

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! Sign up for a time here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4AACAE2DA2FE3-thursday>

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

Join [Men's Group](#) or call 646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 209 922 549

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 ☞

- ◆ Family Friends of Artia Benjamin, Jackie McKeithan is now in hospice care
- ◆ Margaret Young's son Keith's remains under medical treatment but is no longer on hospice care.
- ◆ Chris Gage's parents – Nancy and Wayne Gage.
- ◆ Lynn Pompa continued prayers are needed for medical complications.
- ◆ Mary Pat, friend of Ginny Leagans, is being treated for colon cancer and just started chemotherapy.
- ◆ Theresa Carter is currently being treated for metastatic breast cancer and her tumor is shrinking.
- ◆ Amanda Benjamin is seeking employment after being recently laid off.
- ◆ Kim Bridgford, friend of Holly Brigham, has passed away after battling stage four breast cancer. Prayers for her family and close friends.
- ◆ Caroline Skinner is facing health challenges.
- ◆ Dale, friend of the Kupstas's family, is awaiting test results and diagnosis of a current illness. Dale is a father of 3 children.
- ◆ Judy Swartz prayers for continued healing.
- ◆ Al Mayne, father of Scott Mayne, has just completed cancer treatment and is recovering from surgery.
- ◆ 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 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
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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.***
