



Overbrook

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 10, 2024 | 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

Sharon Parker, Parish Care Associate

Calvin Marshall, Liturgist

Anthony Carrella, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

The Overbrook Choir

Adam Haines, guest pianist and choir director

Elizabeth Mendoza, cello

Today's chancel flowers are given by Bill Baker and the Property Committee in
fond memory of Ted Dillon.

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 Artia Benjamin.

❖=Stand as you are able

GATHERING IN

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Worship the Lord

Ann Ker
(b. 1938)

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Calvin Marshall

From the Iona Community

Leader: In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,

People: God was.

Leader: Here and now among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven,

People: God is.

Leader: In the future, when we have turned to dust, and all we know has found its fulfillment,

People: God will be.

Leader: Not denying the world but delighting in it, not understanding the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

All: God was, God is, God will be.

❖HYMN (*on next page*)

AURELIA

The Church's One Foundation

1 The chur-ch's one foun-da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord.
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op-pressed,
 4 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One,

She is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis-tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more:
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride.
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

WELCOME

Adam Hearlson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COURAGE (*responsorial*) *Calvin Marshall*

Lectern Side:

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness:
To the ways I wound my life,
the lives of others,
and the life of the world

Pulpit Side:

May God forgive you, Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.
Amen.

(silence)

Pulpit Side:

Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness:
To the ways we wound our lives,
the lives of others,
and the life of the world.

Lectern Side:

May God forgive you,
Christ renew you,
and the spirit enable you to grow in love.

All:

Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

EMBRACING GOD'S GRACE

❖ SONG OF PRAISE

Andraé Crouch
(1942-2015)



Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is with-

Fine



- in me, Bless His ho - ly name.



He has done great things, He has done great things,

D.C. al Fine



He has done great things, Bless His ho - ly name!

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 146

Calvin Marshall

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

BIBLICAL STORYTELLING

Sharon Parker

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

SOLO

arr. Brian Holmes

Amazing Grace
Elizabeth Mendoza, cello

(b. 1946)

SECOND READING

Ruth 4:11-17

Adam Hearlson

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“An Uncommon Kindness”

Adam Hearlson

*(Following the sermon, learners in Grade 6-12
are encouraged to recess to Sunday School.)*

❖ HYMN *(on next two pages)*

VILLE DU HAVRE

It is Well with My Soul

❖ STATEMENT OF FAITH

From the Barmen Declaration

As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords— areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

LIFE AT THE CROSSROADS

Adam Hearlson

REFLECTION ON OUR MISSION

Elizabeth Mendoza

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharon Parker

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives: O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought. My
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul;
 It is well with my soul;

This text is a remarkable expression of faith born of grief. The author, an active Presbyterian layman who had just lost four daughters in a tragic shipwreck, wrote it while sailing to Paris to meet his wife, who had survived. The tune was named for the ship that sank.

it is well; it is well with my soul.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "It is well with my soul." It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics "it is well; it is well with my soul." are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The music ends with a double bar line.

The service continues on the previous page, below the sermon title.

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

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

arr. Robert Powell
(b. 1932)

Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice

The Overbrook Choir

Jane Martin, piano

Jesus makes my heart rejoice;
I'm his lamb and know his voice;
He's my shepherd, gently guiding,
In his pastures now abiding;
Constant love to me he shows,
Yes, my very name he knows.

Trusting in his path always,
I go in and out with peace;
He will feed me with the treasure
Of his grace in richest measure;
When I thirst to him I cry,
Living water he'll supply.

Shall I sing how blessed I am,
Led by Jesus as his lamb?
For when all my days are over,
In the arms of my dear Savior,
Welcome will be my delight,
Joy forever in his sight.

H. Louise von Hayn, 1724-82, alt.

F. W. Foster, 1760-1835, alt.

❖DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 605



Praise to God the Fa - ther; praise to God the Son;



praise to God the Spir - it; praise to the Three-in - One.



Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high._____



Praise to God Al - might - y; praise to the Ho - ly one.

❖PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Calvin Marshall

God, may these gifts arrive when they are most needed. May they show up and be full of a grace that comes only from you. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

❖HYMN (*on next page*)

THIS LITTLE LIGHT

This Little Light of Mine

❖BENEDICTION

Adam Hearlson

❖CHORAL RESPONSE

Prayer for Peace

Eleanor Daley
(b. 1955)

POSTLUDE

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

Before attending Fellowship Hour, caregivers are asked to pick up their children (aged 11 and under) from the Sunday School classrooms located on the lower level of Penn Wynne.



1. This lit-tle light of__ mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.
2. Ev - 'ry__where I__ go,__ I'm gon-na let it shine.
3. Je - sus_gave it to me,__ I'm gon-na let it shine.
4. Shine,__ shine,__ shine,__ I'm gon-na let it shine.
5. All_____ in my__ home, I'm gon-na let it shine.



This lit - tle light of__ mine,__ I'm gon-na let it shine.
Ev - 'ry__where I__ go,__ I'm gon-na let it shine.
Je - sus_gave it to me,__ I'm gon-na let it shine.
Shine,__ shine,__ shine,__ I'm gon-na let it shine.
All_____ in my__ home,__ I'm gon-na let it shine.



This lit - tle light of__ mine,__ I'm gon-na let it shine.__
Ev - 'ry - where I__ go,__ I'm gon-na let it shine.__
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Shine,__ shine,__ shine,__ I'm gon-na let it shine.__
All_____ in my__ home,__ I'm gon-na let it shine.__



Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine._____
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine._____
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine._____
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine._____
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine._____

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Colleen Granata Celebration of Life—Friday, November 15, 10:00 A.M. All are welcome as we celebrate the life of Colleen Granata on Friday, November 15 beginning at 10:00 A.M. at Ardmore Presbyterian Church. A reception will follow the service.

Offset your Apportionment. Each year, our church makes a significant financial contribution to the Presbytery and the PC(USA), helping to support their vital work and mission. We contribute \$32 per member, totaling nearly \$12,000 annually. We are inviting members of our congregation to consider offsetting their share with a \$32 donation. Your contribution will not only sustain the important mission of the Presbytery but also help reduce the financial burden on our church. To contribute, please scan the QR code.



Pledge Dedication and Pie Sunday—November 17. As you begin to think about your 2025 contributions, please know that your sustaining contributions go to the work, upkeep, and operations of the church. Pledge cards will be mailed. You can also pledge electronically by scanning the corresponding QR code below. In keeping with tradition, we will be *eating and serving pie*. If you would like to donate or bake a pie, scan the QR code on the right to sign up.



Electronic Pledge Card



Pie Sunday Sign-Up

Help Shape our Future! Complete the Capital Campaign e-Survey. As we begin preparations for our capital campaign, your voice is essential! We are conducting a survey to gather input from the entire congregation to help guide the direction of this important initiative. This is your opportunity to share your thoughts, hopes, and dreams for the future of Overbrook Presbyterian Church.

The survey is quick, easy, and available online. Your participation will help us plan wisely as we seek to enhance our worship space, improve facilities, and strengthen our ministries for years to come.

Please take a moment to complete the e-survey today by scanning the QR code! Every response matter as we build a vision for the future of our church, grounded in faith and community.
Deadline to complete the survey is November 11.



Centering Prayer—Wednesday, November 13, 9:30 A.M. Centering Prayer continues every Wednesday morning at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El. This practice offers the opportunity for both spoken and contemplative prayer. All are warmly welcome.

Bible Study on hiatus until December. Due to scheduling conflicts, Adam's continuing education travel, and the Thanksgiving holiday Bible Study will not meet until December 4th. When we return, we will be studying beloved Advent texts.

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, 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 of 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).

RETIRED PERSON'S MINISTRY

OPC's Retired Person's Ministry: A Season of Gratitude. Throughout November, all are encouraged to join RPM in a month-long celebration of gratitude. It is our fervent hope that this focused season of gratitude will continue far beyond the days of the month. All are welcome to join us for our November events:

- **November 22: RPM Café, 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.** Please join us for our Thanksgiving Café, a time to gather with friends, share a fine meal, and look ahead to the coming season. A panel of OPC and St. Thomas speakers will present "The Power of Gratitude: Finding Hope in Challenging Times." All are welcome at all RPM events!

Adult Forum—November 19 and 26, 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. On the third and fourth Tuesdays of this month, enjoy shared discourse and learning in the comfort of community. Meeting on **Zoom**, Adult Forum combines peer-led discussions with presentations from guest speakers. Please join us this month for our discussion, "Tests of Faith, Acts of Courage: The Intersection of Christianity and Politics." Please contact **Sharon Parker** (sharon@overbrookpresb.org) for more information. Link to Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/OPCForumZoom>

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Norristown Hospitality Center Donations—Sunday, November 17. The next date to provide breakfast items to the Norristown Hospitality Center is the 17th. According to their web site, "The Hospitality Center provides numerous services and supplies five days a week to alleviate the day-to-day stress of poverty and homelessness, including breakfast, showers, bathrooms, toiletries, and clothing."

The task is easy: Order items from our list (<https://tinyurl.com/37zj5cpu>), and bring them to church on **Sunday, November 17**. Meet the ever-young Ann Elise and Earl Lindgren, who graciously transport items to Norristown; then, give yourself a pat on the back!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Volunteer Opportunity: Sunday School Teachers Needed! Do you have a passion for guiding and inspiring the next generation? We are looking for dedicated and compassionate volunteers to teach Sunday School for our middle- and high-school students. This is an exciting opportunity to make a lasting impact on young lives by helping them grow in their faith and navigate life's challenges. Please note that all volunteers must have their clearances completed. Details on how to complete clearances are on the sign-up genius. If you're ready to invest in the spiritual development of our students, scan the QR code to the right. Feel free to reach out to Corinna Bowser (corinnabowser@gmail.com) with any questions.



CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

CFM Quarterly Meeting— Wednesday, November 13-6:15 P.M. Leaders are asked to review an agenda, study resources, and submit discussion items to Molly prior to the meeting. A Zoom link will be distributed to committee members and parent representatives on the day of the meeting.

Contemplative Caregiver Reflection Group—this month. We will hold our first session and meal during the third week of November, on the 19th, 20th, or 21st, in the basement of Overbrook Presbyterian Church. About 10 participants have expressed interest and are sharing their preferred date with leadership by email. If you are interested in attending, please let **Anthony or Molly** (cfm@overbrookpresb.org) know your date preference. The gathering will take place from 6:15 to 7:30 P.M.

This monthly gathering invites parents, grandparents, and caregivers to explore the spiritual dimensions of caregiving. Connect with the Holy Spirit and others through spiritual reading, contemplative practices, and creative response, all while sharing a light meal. We'll create a safe and welcoming space to navigate the joys, challenges, and insights that come with caregiving. In 2024, we'll draw from *Bless This Mess* by Rev. Molly Baskette and Ellen O'Donnell, Ph.D., and, in 2025, we'll explore *The Spirituality of Caregiving* by Henri Nouwen. Childcare is available so that all can participate fully. If you are interested, reach out to **Anthony or Molly** (cfm@overbrookpresb.org). All are welcome!

Multigenerational Christmas Pageant: Technical Leaders Needed in December. We can't wait for this year's Christmas Pageant, and many participation opportunities are forthcoming for children and youth of all ages. For now, The Children and Family Ministry is seeking adult volunteers (18+) for setup, ushering, logistical support, and cleanup on Tuesday, December 24, at Penn Wynne Presbyterian Church. These volunteers will serve as part of the technical leadership team rather than acting in the pageant. To sign up, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/CFM-Pageant-24>.

Children's Sunday School in November—November 17 and 24. Sunday School invites kids to explore their faith and spiritual life among their peers; this month's program is "Practicing the Presence: The Lives of Young Saints." Classes are offered for children in three age groups to cultivate developmentally conscious learning communities. To participate in our 3–5, 6–8, and 9–11 classes, please head to tinyurl.com/RegisterKids-OPC. Sessions will be held on the lower level of Penn Wynne Presbyterian Church.

Prayer List

- Prayers of hope, healing, and comfort for Peggy Van Antwerp, mother of Jill Van Rawley.
- Prayers for restoration of health and strength for Edelene Carroll as she continues to receive medical care.
- Prayers for restoration of health and comfort for Joe Blair as he prepares for cardiac by-pass surgery.
- Prayers of gratitude for Mary Lou Ryce's successful cardiac procedure.
- Prayers for restoration of health and comfort for Lillian Carnahan, mother of Rachel Carnahan.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Luis Wong as he undergoes medical treatment for post-transplant liver disease.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Nancy, Cindi Landmesser's aunt, who is facing in-going medical challenges.
- Prayers for comfort and healing mercies for Lionel Lombroso, a member of Anthony Carrella's extended family, who is under medical care.
- Prayers for comfort and healing for Bill Long, father of Eric Long, as he undergoes medical treatment.
- Prayers for Janie Martin's cousin, Maureen Cook, who is undergoing medical care for pancreatic cancer.
- Prayers for comfort and peace for Mary Scott as she receives home hospice care.
- Prayers for compassionate care and comfort for Jim Mc Daniel's mother, Doris McDaniel, who is receiving hospice care at Wesley Inspired Living.
- Prayers for all who are facing health concerns, especially Jane Bevan, Bob Bevan, Scott Long, Gwen Harden, Ed Harvey, Stephanie Stokes, Milton Stokes, Valerie Craig, Joan Moylan, Jim Moylan, and Natalie DeShields.
- Prayers for strength and enduring spirit for family caregivers.
- 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 at Overbrook.

Please contact Bill Baker (wbaklava@aol.com) or Sharon Parker (sharon@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

** indicates second consecutive term

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Herb Brabham**	Elizabeth Cosgriff**	Artia Benjamin
Elizabeth Mendoza**	Bob Harden, Jr.**	Joseph Blair
Brian Taussig-Lux	Linda Huff-Paul**	Keedra Carroll**
Christoph Von Andreae	Corinna Bowser	Solomon Hunter**
Mimi Winkler	Cheryl Davis	Nathalie May**

OPC DEACONS:

Bill Baker, Moderator, Board of Deacons

Jason Sheau, Treasurer; Mary Lou Ryce, Secretary

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

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Gloria Brabham	Dela Geraldo	Denise Stewart
Nancy Gilhool**	Sharon Elwell	Miriam Harden**
Mike Rottinger	Bill Baker**	Hannah Lazo*
Mary Lou Ryce**	Bob Kaercher**	Leah Mayne**
Sabrina Johnson	Philip Brown	Jason Sheau**

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The Rev. David McMillan - *Pastor Emeritus*

Dr. Christopher Gage - *Director of Music*

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

Sharon Parker - *Parish Care Associate*

Lisa Faso - *Office Manager*

Carol Rozmiarek - *Financial Secretary*

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.”
