



Overbrook

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 24, 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

Cindi Landmesser, Liturgist

Anthony Carrella, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

The Overbrook Choir

Syrena Torres, mezzo-soprano

Today's chancel flowers are given by Cherriel Gentles
in gratitude for life's many blessings.

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 Corinna Bowser.

❖=Stand as you are able

GATHERING IN

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving

Eleanor Daley
(b. 1955)

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Cindi Landmesser

Adapted from Corrymeela

Leader: We begin our day alone,

People: **Honoring this life, with all its potentials and possibilities.**

Leader: We begin our day with trust,

People: **Knowing we are created for loving encounter.**

Leader: We begin our day with hope,

People: **Knowing the day can hold Love, kindness, Forgiveness and justice.**

Leader: And now we gather together,

People: **made whole by the presence of each other.**

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

All: **Be in our lives, in our community, and in our worship.**

❖HYMN (*on next page*)

DIADEMATA

Crown Him with Many Crowns

WELCOME

Adam Hearlson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COURAGE (*unison*)

Cindi Landmesser

Merciful one,

Sometimes the fire gets too hot. Sometimes our faith withers.

Sometimes we are too scared to claim you as our own.

Forgive our fear, our meager faith, our mendacity.

Restore us, Holy one, to our place upon the rock.

Lead us back to a place of confidence

so that we might again claim you as savior and Lord.

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pier - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.

The service continues on the [previous page](#).

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

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Cindi Landmesser

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

BIBLICAL STORYTELLING

Anthony Carrella

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

SOLO

Michael Larkin
(b. 1951)

Come Away to the Skies
Syrena Torres, mezzo-soprano

Come away to the skies, my beloved, arise,
and rejoice in the day you were born;
on this festival day, come exulting away,
and with singing to Zion return.

Now with singing and praise, let us spend all the days,
by our heavenly Father bestowed,
while God's grace we receive from his bounty, and live
to the honor and glory of God.

For the glory we were first created to share,
both the nature and kingdom divine!
Now created again that our lives may remain,
throughout time and eternity thine.

Hallelujah we sing, to our God and King,
and his rapturous praises repeat:
to the Lamb that was slain, hallelujah again,
sing all heaven and fall at his feet.

On this festival day, come exulting away,
and with singing to Zion return.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

SECOND READING
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Revelation 1:4b-8

Adam Hearlson

SERMON “It’s the End of the World as We Know It...” *Adam Hearlson*
(Following the sermon, learners in Grades 6-12
are encouraged to recess to Sunday School.)

❖ HYMN (on next page)

KING’S WESTON

At the Name of Jesus

Capo 5: (Am) (G) (Am) (C) (Am) (Dm) (Am)
 Dm C Dm F Dm Gm Dm



1 At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
 2 Hum-ble-d for a sea - son to re - ceive a name
 3 Bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
 4 Chris-tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,

(C) (G) (Am) (C) (Dm)
 F C Dm F Gm



ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
 from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;

(G) (Em) (Am) (G) (D) (G)
 C Am Dm C G C



'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,
 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast,
 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,

(Am) (G) (Em) (Dm) (C) (G) (Am)
 Dm C Am Gm F C Dm



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest;
 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

This may well be a hymn based on a hymn, for scholars say that the passage behind it (Philippians 2:5–11), though not in the style of Greek poetry, shows traits of a communal creedal statement capable of being sung. It is set here to one of the composer's most sonorous tunes.

❖ 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

LIFE AT THE CROSSROADS

Adam Earlson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharon Parker

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

Spiritual, arr. Nancy Wertsch

Ride On, King Jesus!

(b. 1948)

The Overbrook Choir

Ride on, King Jesus!
No man can-a hinder me.
Ride on, King Jesus, Ride on!
No man can-a hinder me.

For He is King of kings,
For He is Lord of lords,
Jesus Christ the first and last,
No man works like Him.

King Jesus rides a milk-white horse.
The river of Jordan He did cross.

King Jesus rides in the middle of the air.
He calls the saints from ev'rywhere.

Ride on, King Jesus!
No man can-a hinder me.
Ride on, King Jesus, Ride on!
No man can-a hinder me.

African-American Spiritual

❖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 - mighty; praise to the Ho - ly one.

❖PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Cindi Landmesser

O Gracious savior, these gifts are not ours. We have only held them until they can again find their way back to you. May they lift the head of one downcast, and save the one in danger of falling. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

❖HYMN (*on next page*)

MARION

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

❖BENEDICTION

Adam Hearlson

❖CHORAL RESPONSE

Fivefold Amen

Ann Ker

(b. 1938)

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 Re - joi - ce, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, 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 - joi - ce, 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 - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!
 Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce!

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.

Music Spotlight: Anthem at the Offering



An accomplished composer, conductor, and pianist, Nancy Wertsch has written church anthems and choral works that are performed worldwide. This setting of “Ride On, King Jesus” features an exciting call-and-response style as different sections of the choir proclaim the majesty of Christ. Listen especially for the sudden change in texture, when the sopranos and altos imitate the tenors and basses in unison singing.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

2025 Pledge. If you have not yet submitted your pledge card for 2025, you may still do so. Pledge cards can be added to the offering plate during offertory or made online. Anyone that still would like to pledge can do so electronically by following the link: <https://onrealm.org/overbrookpresb/AddPledge/2025pledge>.

Centering Prayer—Wednesday, November 27, 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 4. When we return, we will be studying beloved Advent texts.

30th Annual Messiah Sing—Sunday, December 1, 3:00 P.M. Our wonderful Advent tradition continues this year! We are overjoyed to be able to hold this event at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church (415 Athens Ave., Ardmore). The Overbrook Quartet will sing selected arias from Handel’s *Messiah*, and the audience (that’s you!) has the opportunity to sing some of the most famous choruses in literature. No score? No problem—we’ll lend you one. Don’t want to sing? Come enjoy the music anyway! A free-will offering will be taken, with a reception to follow.

Congregational Meeting—Sunday, December 15, after worship. The purpose of this meeting will be to receive the report of the Nominating Committee posting their slate of nominees for Elder, Deacon, and At-Large Members of the 2025 Nominating Committee. Since this is a Special Congregational Meeting, no other business may be conducted except the business at hand.

Gingerbread House Decorating—sign up today! We won't be able to have our in-person gingerbread house decorating this year, but we still want to see how creative you are! We are giving pre-built gingerbread houses out to the first 20 families that sign up. If you'd like one of these houses, please scan the QR code by **December 15**. Pick up date will be **December 22** during Fellowship Hour (one house per family). Once you decorate your gingerbread masterpiece, please share a photo on our [OPC Community Facebook page](#) so we can all enjoy your creation!



Inquirer Classes—January 12 and 19, 9:30 A.M. The Welcoming Committee would like to announce that our next set of Inquirer Classes will be held in January. Childcare will be available on request.

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.



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).

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.



PARISH CARE

Adult Forum—November 26, 7:00 P.M. All are welcome for the second half of this month's discussion, "Tests of Faith, Acts of Courage: The Intersection of Christianity and Politics." For more information, please contact Sharon Parker (sharon@overbrookpresb.org). Click the following link to join the Zoom meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/OPCForumZoom>

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Christmas Angel Donations—Sign up today during Fellowship Hour! Today and next week, please stop by the Mission table during Fellowship Hour and pick up a name (or two) of a Community Action Agency of Delaware County (CAADC) child to be their Christmas Angel. Complete the holiday shopping and return items to church by **December 15**. Items can be wrapped or unwrapped, but they should be brought together in a bag which hides its contents. Gifts may be brought to Penn Wynne's parking lot each Sunday after worship until **December 15**. If that time is not convenient, please contact one of us (Ann Elise Lindgren [203-723-1445], Joanne Roman [314-920-5197], or Janet Bowker [215-913-8766]) to make alternate arrangements. We thank you in advance for your generosity!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Kensington Project Thanksgiving Dinner—Sunday, December 1. If you would like to help serve our neighbors that day, please call or text Becky Lazo by Saturday, November 29 so we can plan for transportation: 443-745-3178.

Next Monthly Youth Group—Friday, December 6, 5:30 to 8:00 P.M. Our 6th-12th graders will gather for a White Elephant in the basement of Overbrook Presbyterian Church. All those 18+ will require clearances. Contact Suchita Fiorillo (youth@overbrookpresb.org) if you have any questions.

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

Contemplative Caregiver Reflection Group—November We will hold the first gathering of Contemplative Caregivers on site at OPC this week. If you are interested in attending the first session, please contact Anthony or Molly for date and time details. Childcare will be provided. These 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. 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—today. 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 consolation and comfort for Jill Van Rawley and her family on the death of Jill's mother, Peggy Van Antwerp.
- Prayers for restoration of health and strength for Edlene Carroll as she continues to receive medical care.
- Prayers for restoration of health and comfort for Joe Blair following cardiac by-pass surgery.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Mary Lou Ryce, as she remains under cardiac care.
- Prayers for restoration of health and comfort for Lillian Carnahan, mother of Rachel, and she transitions to assisted living
- 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 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.
- Prayers for healing and comfort for Holly, Christine, and Connie, friends of Margaret Young.
- Prayers for all who are facing health concerns, especially Jane Bevan, Bob Bevan, Scott Long, Gwen Harden, Ed Harvey, Milton Stokes, Valerie Craig, Joan Moylan, Jim Moylan, Dela Geraldo, Susan Leach, 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.
- Travelling mercies for all who will be visiting family and friends during the upcoming holidays.
- Prayers for vision, wisdom, and stamina for all who are leading and supporting the revitalization and restoration efforts of 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
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Bill Baker, Moderator, Board of Deacons

Jason Sheau, Treasurer; Mary Lou Ryce, Secretary

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Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Gloria Brabham	Dela Geraldo	Denise Stewart
Nancy Gilhool**	Sharon Elwell	Miriam Harden**
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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.”
