
Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2020
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

Cisco Fernandez and Aimerie Scherluebbe, Prayer Leaders

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

Matthew Lulofs, baritone

Carol Rozmiarek, Tech Manager

GATHERING IN

PRELUDE

CWG

Improvisation on “Cwm Rhondda”
 (“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”)

CALL TO WORSHIP/WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

HANSON PLACE

Shall We Gather at the River

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eileen Wiggins

Gracious and loving God, we approach your throne humbled by your power and your grace. We have failed too many times to count. We didn't seek the welfare of your people. We didn't secure the safety of the insecure. We justified our prejudice even as our hearts ached within us. Wash us both outside and in so that we might reflect your glory to the world.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 1

Eileen Wiggins

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Anthony Carrella
Kate Shackelford

SOLO

Spiritual, arr. Harry Burleigh
(1866-1949)

Deep River
Matthew Lulofs, baritone

Deep river,
my home is over Jordan,
Deep river, Lord,
I want to cross over into campground.

Oh don't you want to go
to that gospel feast,
That promised land
where all is peace?

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

Revelation 22:1-5

Adam Hearlson

SERMON

“Like a Tree Planted by Still Waters”

Adam Hearlson

ANTHEM

For the Fruit of All Creation

arr. Nicholas Palmer
(b. 1963)

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

Adam Hearlson
Cisco Fernandez
Aimerie Scherluebbe

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

Shall We Gather at the River

arr. Robert Powell
(b. 1932)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Spirit of blessing, for the good gifts that surround us, for the friendships that support us, for a community of love that cares for us, we give thanks. Bless us in our giving that we might receive a glimpse of your heavenly city made manifest on earth.

Eileen Wiggins

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

God of Grace

Paul Manz
(1919-2009)

☞This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church☞

Thursday Vigil for Racial Justice

Every Thursday, from 3:00-7:00 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. This witness is born of our conviction that Christ stands with the oppressed and that the unequal treatment of BIPOC folks is an affront to the gospel. In consideration of social distancing, the vigil is limited to fifteen participants at a time, but there are many spots available to sign up throughout the summer. Come and make your voice heard! Sign up for a time here:

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

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.

OPC Small Group Gatherings

Until the time when we can all gather together for worship, we can think creatively about new ways we can safely continue to foster fellowship and faith. We have successfully had a few small group gatherings, and more are on the way. Keep an eye out for more opportunities by e-mail!

Below are details on how the small group gatherings work:

- They will be outdoors, with participants safely distanced and masked.

- Some hosts may offer food or drink; others may not. Some participants may want to partake; others may not. Please do whatever is most comfortable for you.
- Specific details regarding location will be sent to those who register.
- Hosts will receive a reading and some questions that may help spark conversation and encourage sharing. These will also be shared with the broader community, so you can feel connected even if you cannot or choose not to participate in small groups. Please let the discussions flow as the spirit moves you. There are no “rules” for how these gatherings should proceed from a sharing perspective.

Thank you for your patience and participation; as this idea is new, we are learning as we go. If you would like to host a small group gathering, please contact Karen Wong at testawong@gmail.com or 617-699-3727.

With many thanks:

To My Overbrook Family:

Thank you for your kind words, beautiful cards and phone calls during this very difficult time for my family. Our mother would have been pleased with the loving affection from Overbrook Presbyterian Church,

Sending Love,

Leonard and Yullio

2020 Congregational Nominating Committee

The 2020 Congregational Nominating Committee has begun discerning the persons whom God is calling to serve as elders, deacons, and on the 2021 Congregational Nominating Committee. We seek the insight of members of the congregation to identify potential church leaders. According to the Book of Order, individuals who undertake particular ministries including ruling elders and deacons, should be persons of strong faith, dedicated discipleship, and love of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel in the church and in the world.

If you would like to submit suggestions to the committee, please contact a member of the 2020 Nominating Committee: Larry McGhee (chair) ljmCGhee@gmail.com, Elizabeth Mendoza (vice-chair) egmendoza@comcast.net, Robert Kaercher robert.kaercher@gmail.com, Cheryl Davis cdavis@friendscentral.org, Judy Williamson judymwill@gmail.com, Mike Rottinger mike.rottinger@comcast.net, Sharon Parker sparker614@gmail.com, Keedra Carroll keedracarroll@gmail.com

We kindly request submissions no later than Sunday, Nov. 1st.

Tunes of Overbrook

As you are all aware this year's fundraiser will have a different look and feel. We are very excited to bring you **Tunes of Overbrook** which will be on Saturday, November 14th at 7:00 pm via Zoom. If you are so inclined to share your wonderful talents such as singing or playing an instrument please let me know by October 31st. If you need assistance with music please let me know that as well as our very own Chris Gage will be able to assist. You can also email Keedra Carroll at keedracarroll@gmail.com or call at 215.356.3224

As part of the fun and in keeping with Taste of Overbrook tradition, we encourage everyone to contribute a family recipe for inclusion in a new OPC Cookbook. The cookbook will be available the week before the Tunes of Overbrook so if you want to prepare something from your cultural heritage or from someone else's, you can cook it and we can all share a bite "together" via Zoom. Please email your recipe to carol@overbrookpresb.org and if you've got a brief story about the recipe, include that too. Or if you'd rather mail in your recipe, you can send it to the church (6376 City Ave, Philadelphia PA 19151). All recipes must be received by Oct. 30, 2020. Thanks!

Online 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

Women's Prayer & Support Group, Tuesdays

Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30 a.m.

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

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 ☞

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Margaret Young's son Keith's has been released from the hospital and put on hospice care at home. Prayers for the Keith and the family.
- ◆ 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
Rachel Carnahan**	Elaine Blodgett	Elizabeth Cosgriff
Kevin Davis	Herbert Brabham	Bob Harden, Jr.
Becky Lazo	Elizabeth Mendoza	Larry McGhee
Will Schick**	Richard Owens	Deborah Rottinger**
Karen Wong**	Aimerie Scherluebbe**	Eileen Wiggins**

OPC DEACONS:

Teresa Hunter, Moderator, Board of Deacons

Brad Biedermann, Treasurer; Jill Van Rawley, Secretary

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Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Peju Adebanjo	Nancy Gilhool	Artia Benjamin**
Brad Biedermann**	Terri Hunter**	Suchita Fiorillo**
Sabrina Johnson**	Mary Lou Ryce	Bill Baker
Alan Sigler	Carol Tulba**	Bob Kaercher
Jill Van Rawley		Nickie Stokes**

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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.***
