

# Overbrook PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 13, 2024 | 11:00 A.M.

# Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church (on the Road)

We are glad you are worshiping with us this morning!

# Notes on Today's Service

Leadership:

The Rev. Dr. Adam Hearlson, Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Chaz Howard, Guest Preacher
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
Elizabeth Mendoza, cello

Today's chancel flowers are given by Becky Lazo in honor of Mom/nana on her four-year VAD-iversary. We love you!

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, please join us for Fellowship Hour hosted by Melinda and Devin Rutan in honor of their daughter, Eleanor Jane Rutan baptism. All are welcome!

### **❖**=Stand as you are able

### **GATHERING IN**

PRELUDE

INTROIT John Yarrington

Let Us Rejoice (b. 1943)

❖CALL TO WORSHIP Calvin Marshall

Leader: We invite the forests to worship with us:

People: Mountain ash and eucalypts,

quivering ferns and glistening moss!

Leader: We quiver with the trees as they shake before God:

People: when tempests and tornadoes hit, and raging winds invade the forest.

Leader: We invite tall trees to praise God's name:

People: Huron pines and ironbark,

tall timber where lizards and lichen find their home!

Leader: We invite the forest night-life to sing along:

People: Green tree frogs and timid moths, ancient owls and swirling bats!

Leader: We join with the fauna of the forest in praising God:

People: Lyrebirds and black cockatoos,

platypuses, pythons and butterflies!

Leader: God, we give thanks for our forest, and celebrate their witness!

All: May we join the forest in their praise of you!

❖HYMN (on next two pages)

RUSTINGTON

Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being!





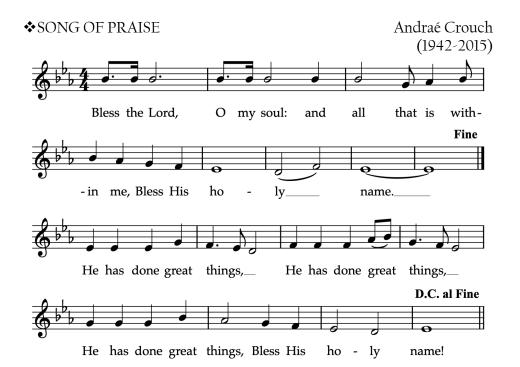
WELCOME Adam Hearlson

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COURAGE (unison) Calvin Marshall

Gracious God, forgive us for the ways in which we contribute to the disfigurement and destruction of your Creation. Transform our hearts and minds, so that we may place the welfare of your earth and your people before our fleeting desires. Embolden us to give voice to the voiceless in our communities and ecosystems, and grant us divine wisdom that we may replace systems of destruction and oppression with systems of justice and sustainability. Amen

SILENT CONFESSION

EMBRACING GOD'S GRACE



### HEARING THE WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

Psalm 90:12-17

Calvin Marshall

# **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Eleanor Jane Rutan

**PRESENTATION** 

PROFESSION OF FAITH

### **❖**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.

### THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM

### WELCOMING ELEANOR "ELLIE" TO THE FAMILY OF FAITH

HYMN

**JESUS LOVES ME** 

# Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong.
They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

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

SOLO Max Bruch Kol Nidrei (1838-1920)

Elizabeth Mendoza, cello

Chaz Howard

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Chaz Howard

❖HYMN (below)

HANSON PLACE

# Shall We Gather at the River





### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### LIFE AT THE CROSSROADS

Adam Hearlson

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### 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

# Robert Hobby (b. 1962)

# Soft Mist Is Rising The Overbrook Choir

Soft mist is rising, new dawn is breaking, gold comes with sunrise to banish the grey; birds greet the morning, singing glad praises, thanking the Lord God who gave us Today!

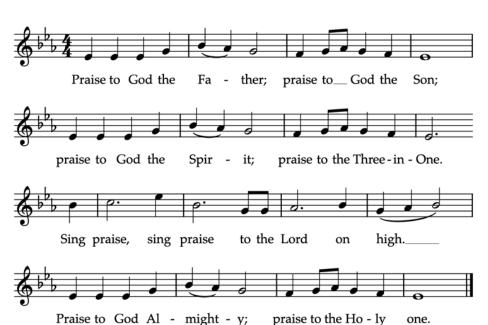
Each hour of daylight brings its own beauty, and so our hearts sing at work and at play; as God's creation echoes his glory, we thank the Lord God who gave us Today!

When stars are shining, bright in the night-sky, our bodies' call to rest we will obey; knowing God loves us, we'll sleep in safety, thanking the Lord God who gave us Today!

Rae E. Whitney, 2001

### **❖**DOXOLOGY

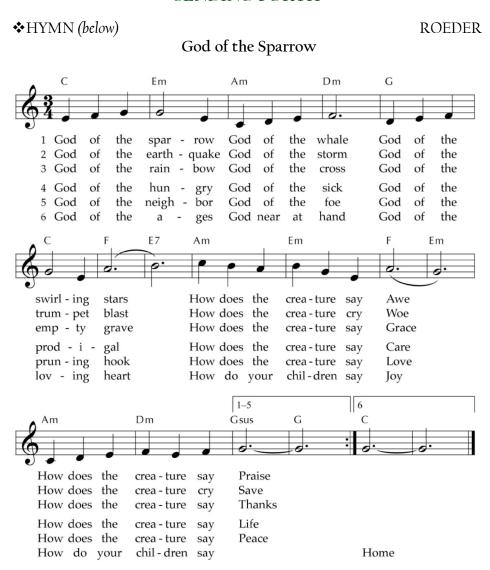
HYMN No. 605



### **❖**PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, may these gifts grow from small mounds to great mountains. May all they touch become secure—mind body, and soul. May these gifts be a sign of our faith that you can move the mountains of this world. Amen.

### SENDING FORTH



❖BENEDICTION Adam Hearlson

**♦**CHORAL RESPONSE

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills

Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

**POSTLUDE** 

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

### Music Spotlight: Solo after the Baptism

Max Bruch was a German Romantic composer whose works included symphonies, orchestral suites, solo works, chamber music, and operas. While he was overshadowed during his lifetime by his more famous contemporary, Johannes Brahms, Bruch received praise for his compositional style, especially for chorus and orchestra. Today's piece, *Kol Nidrei*, is a set of variations on two Jewish melodies, the first of which comes from the "Kol Nidre" declaration recited on Yom Kippur. Listen for the different registers (higher, middle, and lower notes of the cello's range) in which the melodies occur, and notice how they interact with expressive characteristics, such as dynamics (loudness and softness).

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Today we welcome the Rev. Charles (Chaz) Lattimore Howard, Ph.D., as our guest preacher. He serves as The University Chaplain and Vice President for Social Equity & Community at the University of Pennsylvania, his alma mater. Over his more than quarter-century at Penn, he and his team have worked to curate a dynamic spiritual and religious community on and around campus. In addition to his responsibilities as Chaplain, Chaz has provided leadership to a range of campus initiatives and taught in Penn's College of Arts and Sciences and the Graduate School of Education. In 2020, he was invited to assume an additional role at Penn as the inaugural Vice President for Social Equity and Community. His writing has been featured in such publications as Sojourners Magazine, Daily Good, Christianity Today's Leadership Journal, Chronicle of Higher Education, The Huffington Post, The Christian Century, The Philadelphia Inquirer, The Forward, Democratic Left, and Slate. He is the author of five books, including, most recently, Black Theology as Mass Movement, Pond River Ocean Rain, and The Bottom: A Theopoetic of the Streets. He shares life with his beloved wife, Dr. Lia C. Howard, and their three daughters.

Centering Prayer—Wednesday, October 16, 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—Wednesday, October 16, 10:30 A.M. Our weekly bible study will be held at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El.

Parking Lot Closed—Sunday, October 20. Next Sunday, the parking lot behind Penn Wynne will be closed for a Trunk-or-Treat event held by the Lower Merion Public Library. All parking should take place on the street or in the parking lot of our neighbors at Temple Beth Hamedrosh. Additionally, all of our families are invited to the Trunk-or-Treat event after our worship service.

Kensington Project—Donations needed. The OPC youth will go to Kensington next Sunday, and there are a few ways you can help. Given most of the folks we work with in Kensington are unhoused, there is a great need for (new or gently used) shopping bags, duffel bags, or suitcases. As the temperatures are starting to fall, we can use blankets, sleeping bags, warm clothes, and shoes. Feel free to bring items to church for the next couple of weeks; look for Becky Lazo, Suchita Fiorillo, and/or a sign on the stage that says "KENSINGTON." You can also scan the QR code for an Amazon wish list; all items will be shipped directly to Dawn McGinnis, who works with the Kensington Project. Finally, you could also choose to contribute a Giant gift card. Each week, Dawn and others prepare food to take to Kensington, and those costs add up. Anything you can do is appreciated, especially prayer for those who are unhoused, addicted, and forgotten by so many. If you have any

From the Stained-Glass Committee: Your input is requested. The committee has begun to imagine a new window exploring the diversity of God's kingdom. What might the idea of diversity look like in a stained-glass window? Can you think of a favorite Bible story or passage from scripture that would offer a talented glass artist the opportunity to express diversity in a window? Help us imagine it! Contact Peter Seidel (stainedglass@overbrookpresb.org or 610-896-3677) to share your thoughts, or find him at Fellowship Hour to talk in person.

questions, contact Becky Lazo at 443-745-3178. Thank you!

<u>Chancel Flowers—Donations needed.</u> 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 are <u>\$60.00</u>, but you way contribute what you wish. To sign up, follow the link to the sign-up genius: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2p8ecsur">https://tinyurl.com/2p8ecsur</a>. There are three ways to pay for the flowers:

- Log onto Realm: <a href="https://onrealm.org/overbrookpresb/give/flowers">https://onrealm.org/overbrookpresb/give/flowers</a>
- 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 (<u>manager@overbrookpresb.org</u>) or Carol (<u>carol@overbrookpresb,org</u>).

<u>Fellowship Hour Hosts Needed</u>. We are looking for hosts this fall! 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: "Faith without Borders"—Tuesday, October 22 and 29, 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. Please join us as we read, hear, and respond to firsthand accounts of migration at the southern border of the United States. Most especially, be part of the discernment and deliberation: What can we do to ease the suffering, to welcome the stranger? Jim McDaniel and Sharon Parker will serve as facilitators. A resource file will be accessible to all on October 15. Link to Adult Forum Zoom: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/OPCForumZoom">https://tinyurl.com/OPCForumZoom</a>

<u>The RPM Café—Friday, October 25. 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.</u> The great chefs of OPC are planning the menu of the day which will feature a soup and salad buffet, fresh fruit, desserts, and a choice of beverages. All are welcome to enjoy the meal and our special program in Anderson Hall at the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas. Our presenter will be Dan Milloy, Outreach and Engagement Manager for the Senior Medicare Patrol of the Center for Advocacy

for the Rights and Interests of the Elderly. Dan will help us to be aware of the escalating trends in scamming that often target elder members of the community. The RPM Café is a Parish Care Ministry; there is no cost to participate. Responses are appreciated; please RSVP to Sharon Parker (sharon@overbrookpresb.org) by October 23. All are welcome!

### MISSION AND OUTREACH

Norristown Hospitality Center Donations—Due Monday, October 21. The next opportunity to provide breakfast items for the Norristown Hospitality Center is in two weeks. This month's menu is turkey sausage, oatmeal, fruit and water. Add one or two of these items to your grocery cart and bring them to church on Sunday, October 20 or meet Earl Lindgren in the OPC parking lot at 9:00 AM on Monday, October 21. You can sign up by scanning the QR code.

<u>Life Center of Eastern Delaware County Meal—Tuesday, October 29.</u> OPC, under the guidance of Nancy Gilhool, will prepare dinner for the residents of the Life Center of Eastern Delaware County. If you can shop, chop, stir, open a can, or perform any other culinary activity, you are needed! Stay tuned for where and when; please contact Nancy Gilhool (<u>gilhoolfam@verizon.net</u>) to let her know of your interest.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Monthly Youth Group—Beginning Friday, November 1, 5:30 P.M. Calling all youth in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades... Join us on the first Friday of every month for a night of fellowship and fun at our beloved Overbrook Presbyterian Church! Please bring an appetizer or a dessert to share and your favorite game.

<u>Informational Session for Parents—Friday, November 1, 5:30 P.M.</u> While the youth enjoy their night of fellowship, parents are invited to join us and hear about highlights from the past, upcoming plans, and how you can get involved!

Kensington Project—Sunday, October 20. The youth of OPC are invited to return to our outreach work in Kensington. As we've done in the past, we will prepare bagged lunches before worship, attend church, and have a quick lunch ourselves before traveling to Kensington to serve our neighbors there. Please use this easy Doodle poll to indicate if and how you can be involved: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/OctoberYouthOPC">https://tinyurl.com/OctoberYouthOPC</a>. If you have any questions, please call or text Becky Lazo at 443-745-3178.

<u>Volunteer Opportunity: Sunday School Teachers Needed!</u> 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

<u>Children's Sunday School—October 13, 20, and 27.</u> Join us to explore biblical stories, creative responses, contemplative practices, and a service project centered on God's invitation to Care for Creation." Together, we will:

- Appreciate God's Abundance. Kids will learn ways to notice and recognize the presence of God throughout God's rich and diverse Creation.
- Provide Stewardship. Kids will explore their roles as individuals and community members in tending to and keeping the earth (Genesis 2:15).
- Share and Restore. These classes will discover ways in which kids are sharing the planet responsibly around the world and partnering with the Holy Spirit in healing and sustaining Creation.

Children's Sunday School invites kids to explore their faith and spiritual life among their peers. 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 <a href="mailto:tinyurl.com/RegisterKids-OPC">tinyurl.com/RegisterKids-OPC</a>.

A Note on Ministry Age Groups and Transitions. The transition from Children's to Youth Ministry is an exciting and significant discernment opportunity! But when exactly is the right time to cross this threshold? Everyone is a little bit different. Generally, the CFM recommends 11-year-olds in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade use our 9-to-11-year-old Children's Sunday School class for their capstone experience in the children's ministry. 6<sup>th</sup> graders who are 11 are welcome to remain in Children's Ministry or explore Youth Ministry. We encourage open conversations between parents, kids, and ministry leaders to ensure a supportive and personalized transition consider their spiritual and emotional readiness, as well as social comfort, as indicators for knowing when to cross this threshold. If you have any questions about your child's specific situation, please contact Anthony, Artia, or Suchita (youth@overbrookpresb.org) to set up a conversation.

<u>Five-Minute Participation Form.</u> Parents and caregivers with children 0-11 who join us regularly are asked to fill out the CFM Participation Form. It takes five minutes to register the whole family and ensures that leaders offer a safe and tailored experience each week. Forms can be submitted by visiting. <u>tinyurl.com/RegisterKids-OPC</u>

### **2024 NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The 2024 Congregational Nominating Committee of OPC has begun to discern the persons whom God is calling to serve as elders, deacons, and the 2025 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.

Please submit your suggestions to the committee by scanning the QR code to complete the google form; you may also contact the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, Keedra Carroll (215-356-3224 or <a href="keedracarroll@gmail.com">keedracarroll@gmail.com</a>). We need your completed forms no later than Sunday, October 27.



Elders of the Current Session: Herb Brabham\*\*, Elizabeth Mendoza\*\*, Brian Taussig-Lux, Christoph Von Andreae, Mimi Winkler, Elizabeth Cosgriff\*\*, Bob Harden, Jr.\*\*, Linda Huff-Paul\*\*, Corinna Bowser, Cheryl Davis, Artia Benjamin, Joseph Blair, Keedra Carroll\*\*, Solomon Hunter \*\*, Nathalie May\*\*.

Deacons of the Current Board: Gloria Brabham, Nancy Gilhool\*\*, Mike Rottinger, Mary Lou Ryce\*\*, Sabrina Johnson, Dela Geraldo, Sharon Elwell, Bill Baker\*\*, Bob Kaercher\*\*, Philip Brown, Denise Stewart, Miriam Harden\*\*, Hannah Lazo, Leah Mayne\*\*, Jason Sheau\*\*.

(\*\* = ineligible to serve another term this year)

# Current Congregational Nominating Committee:

Chairperson and Session Representative: Keedra Carroll

Deacon Representative: TBD

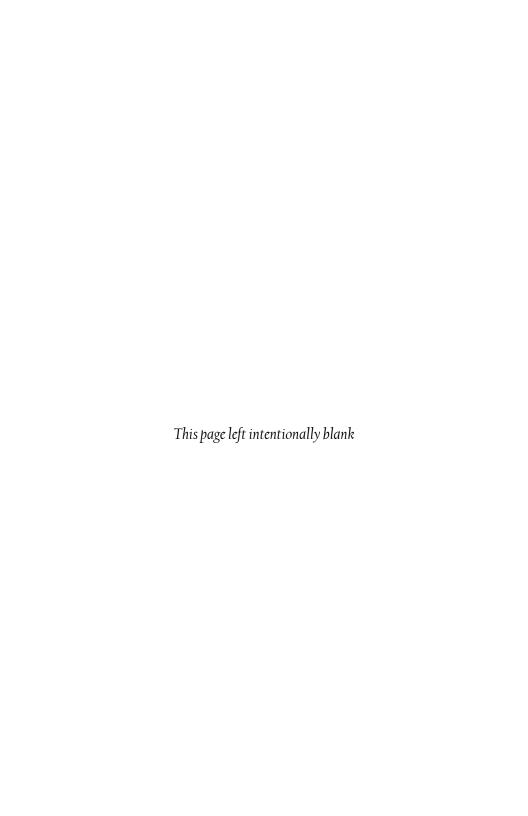
Congregational Representatives-at-Large: Brian Burke, Joe Piatt, Deb Rottinger, Kate Shackelford, and Aimerie Scherluebbe.

Member ex officio: Rev. Adam Hearlson.

### Prayer List

- Prayers of hope for all who are suffering the devastation and loss of life in the wake of recent hurricanes.
- Prayers of support and hope for Owen McDaniel, son of Kim and Jim McDaniel, who serves as lead law enforcement Ranger for the Pisgah District of the Blue Ridge. May Owen and his colleagues feel God's presence as they engage in search and rescue missions and bring comfort to those in greatest need.
- Prayers for comfort and healing for Bill Long, father of Eric Long, as he undergoes medical treatment.
- Prayers for comfort and restoration of health for Denise Stewart, following knee replacement surgery.
- Prayers of comfort and peace for Colleen Granata, who is in hospice care at Saunders House.
- Prayers for Janie Martin's cousin, Maureen Cook, who is undergoing medical care for pancreatic cancer.
- Prayers for comfort and healing for Kendi Long following a horseback riding accident at college.
- Prayers of compassion and comfort for Joan and Jim Moylan who are experiencing health challenges.
- Prayers for comfort and peace for Mary Scott as she receives home hospice care.
- Prayers for compassionate care and comfort for Jim McDaniel's mother, Doris McDaniel, who has entered 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, Aqueelah Folwell, Stephanie Stokes, Milton Stokes, Valerie Craig, and Natalie DeShields.
- Prayers of hope and peace for families in crisis.
- 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.



### **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
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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."