

Overbrook PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 27, 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
Sharon Parker, Parish Care Associate
Keedra Carroll, Liturgist
Anthony Carrella, Director of Children and Family Ministry
Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music
The Overbrook Choir
The Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir

Today's chancel flowers are given by Bill Baker in honor of the 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 OPC Session and OPC members in honor of OPC's 135th Anniversary of Faith and Community.

❖=Stand as you are able

GATHERING IN

PRELUDE

INTROIT John Yarrington

O Be Joyful (b. 1941)

♦ CALL TO WORSHIP Keedra Carroll

Leader: We invite the oceans to worship with us.

The deep sea currents and coral reefs,

the mountain peaks on the ocean floor.

People: We call the surging seas to celebrate with us. Leader: The icebergs that break off from the South Pole,

the calm waters that caress the equator.

People: We join all ocean life in songs of praise, Leader: Whales and dolphins dancing on the surface,

and choirs of angel fish assembled below.

People: We summon the seashore to magnify the Lord,

Leader: The pelican, the stingray, the silver gull,

the white caps and waves that splash in praise.

People: God we give thanks for our oceans, and celebrate their witness!

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

❖ HYMN (on next page) WEYMOUTH

The Centennial Hymn

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Commissioned as part of the Barnard Commissions, 1989, for the 100th anniversary of Overbrook Presbyterian Church.

Jane Parker Huber, 1989

Weymouth

Theodore P. Ferris, 1941



- 1. O faith-ful God of years long past And faith-ful still to day,
- 2. Show us our mis-sion for to-day, O God of gra-cious power.
- 3. To day we ce le brate and sing, Re call-ing work well done.
- 4. Our gra-ti-tude now ov er-flows In serv-ice and in praise.



We praise You for all things that last A-long this earth-bound way: We pray for vi-sion lest we stray Or fail You in this hour. But more, we look a - head to bring To har-vest work be - gun. The love we share still builds and grows In strong-er, deep - er ways.



For strong com-mu-ni-ties of faith, For friend-ships, long and true, So keep our fo-cus sharp and clear, Our pur-pose one with Yours, With-out Your pres-ence, sure and strong, We can-not move a - head. So neigh-bor-hoods and ci-ties here, And na-tions near and far,



For all the joys of life and breath In Christ made ev - er new. Till all the world, both far and near, Will know Your grace en - dures. Your spi-rit lifts us with a song; By Christ we're loved and fed. Will see us in Your love made clear By what we do and are.

WELCOME Adam Hearlson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COURAGE (unison)

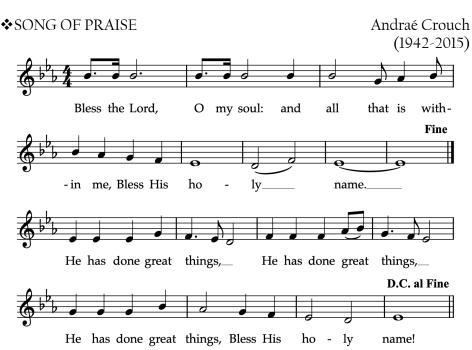
Keedra Carroll

From the Anglican Church of Southern Africa

O God of justice and plenty, whose generous earth was created for its own particular beauty, for the nourishment of its people, and to sing of your glory:
We confess that through our sinfulness we have harvested injustice and pollution, and not your abundance; the land has become strange to us, and our songs of celebration have turned harsh. We turn to you, O God.
We renounce evil.
We seek your forgiveness.
We choose to be made whole. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

EMBRACING GOD'S GRACE



HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Micah 4:1-5

Keedra Carroll

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

BIBLICAL STORYTELLING

Christy Lang Hearlson

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

ANTHEM

Jason W. Krug

Wellspring of Life

(b. 1978)

The Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir

SECOND READING

Matthew 28:16-20

Adam Hearlson

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Coming Down the Mountain"

Adam Hearlson

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

❖HYMN (on next page)

LES PETITES SOEURS

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song



♦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From the New Zealand Prayer Book

You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us.

You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.

You came to us before we came to you.

You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, God made flesh,

who lived and died and rose again.

You are with us now.

You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.

You empower us to be your gospel in the world.

You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

LIFE AT THE CROSSROADS

Adam Hearlson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharon Parker

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

70 Years	60 Years	40 Years	30 Years	20 Years
John Crampton	Thomas Deas	Nancy Gilhool	Bonnie Miller	Pat Dillon
		Vince Gilhool	Laurel Wilson	Cherriel Gentles
		Phil Sheau	Max Mason	Brandon Laing
		Trudy Sheau	Zee Ann Mason	Eric Long

Jonathan Kopcsik

Elizabeth Mendoza

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

Christ Is Our Cornerstone
The Overbrook Choir

Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019)

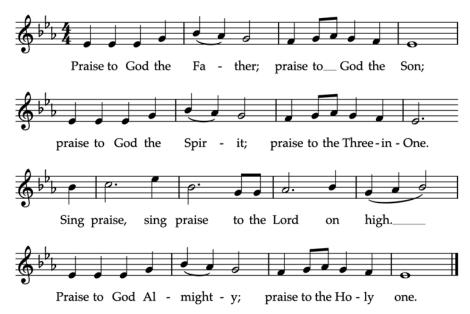
Christ is our cornerstone,
on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone
the courts of heaven are filled:
on his great love our hopes we place
of present grace and joy above.

Here, gracious God, do thou for evermore draw nigh; accept each faithful vow, and mark each suppliant sigh; in copious shower on all who pray each holy day thy blessings pour.

O then with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall ring; our voices we will raise the Three in One to sing; and thus proclaiming joyful song, both loud and long, that glorious name.

7th-century Latin hymn, tr. John Chandler

❖DOXOLOGY HYMN No. 605



❖PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Keedra Carroll

From the Iona Community

We long for the time when the meek shall inherit the earth and all who hunger and thirst after justice shall be satisfied, and we believe that, despite the persistence of evil, now is always the time when better can be done and we can make a difference.

May it be so, through the offering of these gifts and the offering of our lives. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

❖HYMN (on next page)

EIN FESTE BURG

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



♦CHORAL RESPONSE

Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place

POSTLUDE

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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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

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.



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.



For more information or assistance with the survey, please contact Carol Rozmiarek (carol@overbrookpresb.org).

Honoring Olga Hoggard—Saturday, November 2, 10:00 A.M. The church will hold a memorial service for Olga Hoggard this Saturday at the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church Chapel. A reception will follow the service in the education building. Olga was an important leader in our church, and we are grateful to be able to gather to remember her legacy and proclaim the hope of Christ's resurrection. Thank you all for your patience while we found a suitable location for this important worship service.

Save the date: Women's Dining Circle will hold a brunch on Saturday, November 9, at the home of Elizabeth and Mads Cosgriff. The event will support the Narberth Community Theatre, which has been displaced and lost much of its costumes and props in the fire at our church. More details to come look for an Evite this week.

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

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.

Fellowship Hour Hosts Needed. 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.



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 are \$60.00, but you way 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:

- Log onto Realm: https://onrealm.org/overbrookpresb/give/flowers
 Text "GIVEOPC FLOWERS \$60.00" to 73256 to give using your 2. 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.
- 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).

PARISH CARE

Adult Forum: "Faith without Borders," Part 2—Tuesday, October 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. You can click or type the following link to join the Zoom conversation: https://tinyurl.com/OPCForumZoom.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Life Center of Eastern Delaware County Meal—Tuesday, October 29. 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 (gilhoolfam@verizon.net) to let her know of your interest.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Monthly Youth Group—Beginning Friday, November 1, 5:30 P.M. Calling all youth in 6th through 12th 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 to get involved!

<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 the library of the state of the 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

Coco Mexican Fiesta for Children and Youth -NEXT Sunday, November 3rd! It's not a Sunday School Day . . . but that doesn't mean we can't celebrate! Our 9-11-year-old Sunday School class invites children and youth to the Lower Level of Penn Wynne for a Mexican Fiesta featuring a special screening of the heartwarming Pixar film Coco. Before the movie begins, 9–11-year-olds will share a brief presentation on monarch butterflies, the climate activist Homero Gómez González, and Día de Muertos. During the event, children will be prompted to take a break and rejoin their families for communion, after which they may choose to stay in the pews or return to the fiesta. We encourage everyone to come downstairs during Fellowship Hour to continue the celebration! Parents are kindly asked to sign up to bring a snack to share by going to: https://tinyurl.com/CFM-Fiesta

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY-CONT'D

First Meeting of the Contemplative Caregiver Reflection Group: Late November - The Contemplative Caregiver Reflection Group will hold its first session and meal on either Tue. Nov. 19th, Wed., Nov. 20th, or Thu. Nov. 21st, at 6:15 PM 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 know your date preference. The gathering will culminate at ~7:30 PM. 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 and Molly at 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 Sunday, December 24th, from 3:30 to 6:00 PM 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

A Note on Ministry Age Groups and Transitions

Transitioning from Children's to Youth Ministry is an exciting and important moment! But when is the right time for your child? It varies for everyone. We recommend that 11-year-olds in 5th grade complete our 9-11-year-old Sunday School class as a capstone experience. 6th graders who are 11 may choose to remain in Children's Ministry or begin exploring Youth Ministry. We encourage open conversations among parents, children, and ministry leaders to support this transition, considering spiritual and emotional readiness and social comfort as key factors. If you have questions about your child's situation, please contact Anthony, Artia, or Suchita to set up a conversation.

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 keedracarroll@gmail.com). 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

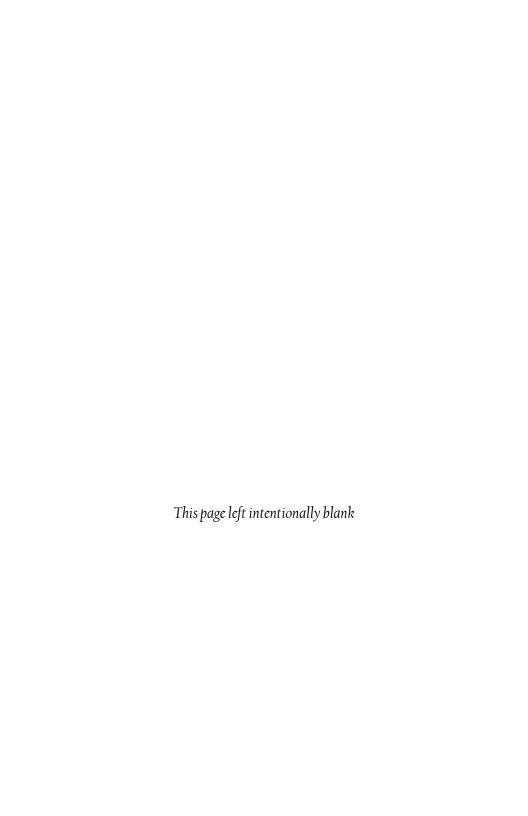
Congregational Representatives-at-Large: Brian Burke, Joe Piatt, Deb Rottinger, Kate Shackelford, and Aimerie Scherluebbe.

Member ex officio: Rev. Adam Hearlson.

Prayer List

- Prayers of gratitude for one hundred and thirty-five years of sustained ministry, service, and faithful witness at Overbrook.
- 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 of comfort and peace for all who mourn the passing of OPC member Colleen Granata, mother of Brad Biedermann.
- 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 dear 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 comfort and restoration of health for Denise Stewart, following recent knee replacement surgery.
- Prayers for Janie Martin's cousin, Maureen Cook, who is undergoing medical care for pancreatic cancer.
- 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 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, and Natalie DeShields.
- Prayers for strength and enduring spirit for family caregivers.
- 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
* indicates one-year term; ** indicates second consecutive term

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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. Dr. Adam Hearlson - Pastor
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

The Overbrook Quartet:
Iris Fairfax, soprano; Syrena Torres, alto;
Toffer Mihalka, tenor; Matthew Lulofs, bass

Leonard Robbins - Church Custodian

"Overbrook Presbyterian Church actively seeks to worship God, serving each other and the world through a welcoming, loving, and inclusive ministry."