



Overbrook

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 6, 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
Cindi Landmesser, Liturgist

Anthony Carrella, Director of Children and Family Ministry
Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music
The Overbrook Choir
Syrena Torres, mezzo-soprano
Kyle Skinner, percussion

Communion Servers:

Bill Baker, Keedra Carroll, Cheryl Davis and Linda Huff-Paul

Today's chancel flowers are given by Sharon Elwell
in honor of her mother.

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 Congregational Life Committee and OPC members. All are welcome!

❖=Stand as you are able

GATHERING IN

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Clap Your Hands

Eleanor Daley
(b. 1955)

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

An African Canticle

Cindi Landmesser

Leader: All you *big* things, Bless the Lord:

People: **Mount Kilimanjaro and Lake Victoria,**

Leader: The Rift Valley and the Serengetti Plain,

People: **Fat Baobabs and shady mango trees,**

Leader: All eucalyptus and tamarind trees,
Bless the Lord,

People: **Praise and extol God for ever and ever.**

Leader: All you *tiny* things, bless the Lord:

People: **Busy black ants and hopping fleas,**

Leader: Wriggling tadpoles and mosquito larvae,

People: **Flying locusts and water drops,**

Leader: Pollen dust and tsetse flies,

People: **Millet seeds and dried dagaa,**

Leader: Bless the Lord,

All: **Praise and extol God for ever and ever. Amen**

❖HYMN (*on next page*)

LOUEZ LE SEIGNEUR

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord

first time: choir only

then: all repeat

The first time through, only the choir sings.
Then, all repeat until the processional has finished.



Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho-ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!
Lou - ez le Sei - gneur! Lou - ez son saint nom. Al - le - lu - ia!



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WELCOME

Adam Hearlson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COURAGE (*unison*) *Cindi Landmesser*

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace:
you have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course.
You have promised us the abundance of all creation,
but in our greed and in our envy, the world goes without.
We take more than we need and discard the rest.
You have promised us the bread of life itself,
but in our pride and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry.
You have promised us the waters of peace and justice,
but in our violence and in our discord, the world goes thirsty.
And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us.
Forgive us again. Transform us at this table and for this table,
and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness,
by the power of your Son, our Lord. 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

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 148

הַלְלוּ יְהוָה | הַלְלוּ אֶת־יְהוָה מִן־הַשָּׁמַיִם הַלְלוּהוּ בַמַּרוֹמִים:
הַלְלוּהוּ כָל־מַלְאָכָיו הַלְלוּהוּ כָל־צַבָּאוֹ: [צַבָּאוֹי]:
הַלְלוּהוּ שְׁמֵשׁ וְיָרַח הַלְלוּהוּ כָל־כּוֹכְבֵי אֹר:
הַלְלוּהוּ שְׁמֵי הַשָּׁמַיִם וְהַמַּיִם אֲשֶׁר | מֵעַל הַשָּׁמַיִם:
יְהַלְלוּ אֶת־שֵׁם יְהוָה כִּי הוּא צְנוּהַ וְנִבְרָאוּ:
וַיַּעֲמִימָם לְעַד לְעוֹלָם תְּקַנְתֶּם וְלֹא יַעֲבֹר:
הַלְלוּ אֶת־יְהוָה מִן־הָאָרֶץ תַּיִנִּיּוֹת וְכָל־תְּהוֹמוֹת:
אֵשׁ וְכַרְדַּל שָׁלֵג וְקִיטּוֹר רוּחַ סְעָרָה עֹשֶׂה דְבָרוֹ:
הַהָרִים וְכָל־גְּבוּעוֹת עֵץ פְּרִי וְכָל־אֲרָזִים:
תַּתִּיה וְכָל־בְּהֵמָה רִמָּשׁ וְצִפּוֹר כָּנָף:

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מלכי־אַרְצָן וְכָל־לְאֻמִּים שְׁרִים וְכָל־שֹׁפְטֵי אֶרֶץ:
 בַּחוּרִים וְגַם־בְּתוּלוֹת זְקֵנִים עִם־נְעָרִים:
 יְהִלְלוּ | אֶת־שֵׁם יְהוָה כִּי־נִשְׁגַּב שְׁמוֹ לְבָדוֹ הוֹדוּ עַל־אֶרֶץ וְשָׁמַיִם:
 נִרְאֶם קָרָן | לְעַמּוֹ תְהַלֵּה לְכָל־חֲסִידָיו לְבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל עִם־קִרְבּוֹ הַלְלוּ־יָהּ:
 תְּהַלְלוּ יָהּ | שְׁירוּ לִיהוָה שִׁיר חֲדָשׁ תְּהַלְלוּ בְּקִהַל חֲסִידִים:
 יִשְׁמַח יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּעַשְׂוֵי בְּנֵי־צִיּוֹן יִגְלוּ בְּמִלְכָם:
 יְהִלְלוּ שְׁמוֹ בְּמִתּוֹל בְּתֵף יְכַזּוֹר יִזְמְרוּ־לוֹ:
 כִּי־רוֹצָה יְהוָה בְּעַמּוֹ יִפְאַר עֲנָוִים בִּישׁוּעָה:
 יַעֲלֶזוּ חֲסִידִים בְּכָבוֹד יִרְנְנוּ עַל־מִשְׁכַּבֹּתָם:
 רוֹמְמוֹת אֵל בְּגִרוּגָם וְחָרַב פִּיפְיוֹת בְּיָדָם:
 לַעֲשׂוֹת גְּקֻמָּה בַּגּוֹיִם תּוֹכַחַת בְּלֵאֻמִּים:
 לְאֶסֶר מַלְכֵיהֶם בְּזַקִּים וְנִכְבְּדֵיהֶם בְּכַבְלֵי בְרִזָּל:
 לַעֲשׂוֹת בָּהֶם | מִשֹּׁפֵט כְּתוּב הַדָּר הוּא לְכָל־חֲסִידָיו הַלְלוּ־יָהּ:

The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

BIBLICAL STORYTELLING

Anthony Carrella

*(Following the storytelling, children may return to their pews or
 proceed to the Prayerground. The nursery is also open for childcare.)*

SOLO

arr. Aaron Copland
 (1900-1990)

At the River

Syrena Torres, mezzo-soprano

Shall we gather by the river,
 Where bright angel feet have trod,
 With its crystal tide forever
 Flowing by the throne of God.

Yes, we'll gather by the river,
 the beautiful, the beautiful river ,
 Gather with the saints by the river
 That flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river,
 Soon our pilgrimage will cease,
 Soon our happy hearts will quiver
 With the melody of peace.

Yes, we'll gather...
 Robert Lowry (1864)

Da gedachte Gott an Noah und an alle Tiere und an alles Vieh, das bei ihm in der Arche war; und Gott ließ einen Wind über die Erde wehen, sodass die Wasser fielen. Und die Quellen der Tiefe wurden verschlossen samt den Fenstern des Himmels, und dem Regen vom Himmel wurde Einhalt geboten. Und die Wasser über der Erde nahmen mehr und mehr ab, sodass sie sich vermindert hatten nach 150 Tagen. Und die Arche ließ sich auf dem Gebirge Ararat nieder am siebzehnten Tag des siebten Monats. Und die Wasser nahmen immer weiter ab bis zum zehnten Monat; am ersten Tag des zehnten Monats konnte man die Spitzen der Berge sehen.

Und es geschah nach Verlauf von 40 Tagen, dass Noah das Fenster an der Arche öffnete, das er gemacht hatte. Und er sandte den Raben aus; der flog hin und her, bis das Wasser auf der Erde vertrocknet war. Danach sandte er die Taube aus, um zu sehen, ob die Wasser sich verlaufen hätten auf der Fläche des Erdbodens. Aber die Taube fand keinen Ort, wo ihr Fuß ruhen konnte. Da kehrte sie zu ihm in die Arche zurück; denn es war noch Wasser auf der ganzen Erdoberfläche. Da streckte er seine Hand aus und ergriff sie und nahm sie wieder zu sich in die Arche. Und er wartete noch weitere sieben Tage; dann sandte er die Taube wieder von der Arche aus. Und die Taube kam zur Abendzeit wieder zu ihm, und siehe, sie hatte ein frisches Ölbaumblatt in ihrem Schnabel! Da erkannte Noah, dass das Wasser sich verlaufen hatte auf der Erde. Und nachdem er noch weitere sieben Tage gewartet hatte, sandte er die Taube wieder aus; da kam sie nicht mehr zu ihm zurück.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

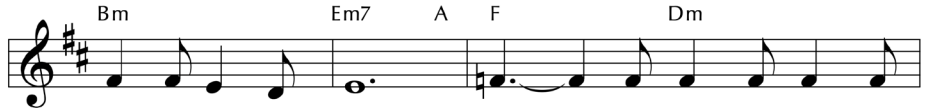
❖ HYMN (*below*)

JENNINGS-HOUSTON

God the Sculptor of the Mountains



1 God the sculp - tor of the moun - tains, God the
2 God the nui - sance of the Pha - raoh, God the
3 God the dress - er of the vine - yard, God the
4 God the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant, God the



mill - er of the sand, God the jewel - er of the
cleav - er of the sea, God the pil - lar in the
plant - er of the wheat, God the reap - er of the
calm, de - ter - mined youth, God the ta - ble - turn - ing



heav - ens, God the pot - ter of the land:
dark - ness, God the bea - con of the free:
har - vest, God the source of all we eat:
proph - et, God the res - ur - rect - ed truth:



you are womb of all cre - a - tion;
you are fount of all de - liv - erance;
you are host at ev - ery ta - ble;
you are pres - ent ev - ery mo - ment;



we are form - less; shape us now.
we are aim - less; lead us now.
we are hun - gry; feed us now.
we are search - ing; meet us now.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

LIFE AT THE CROSSROADS

Adam Hearlson

SHARING OF PEACE

From Chile

One: Paz, peace, py'aguapy.

Me comprometo, Señor a buscar:

La sanidad de mi relación contigo.

La sanidad de mi relación
conmigo misma.

La sanidad de mi relación
con otros.

La sanidad de mi relación
con toda tu creación.

Paz, peace, py'aguapy.

This day let us be reconciled with
Christ and with each other.

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Peace.

I commit, God, to searching for:

The healing of my relationship with you.

*The healing of my relationship
with myself.*

*The healing of my relationship
with others.*

*The healing of my relationship
with all your creation.*

Peace.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

arr. Charlotte Botha
(b. 1986)

Akekho ofana noJesu

The Overbrook Choir

Sam Keeler, tenor

Kyle Skinner, djembe

Akekho ofana noJesu.

Akekho ofana naye.

S'yahamba akekho.

S'yajika akekho.

S'yafuna akekho.

There's no one like Jesus.

There's no one like Him.

I have traveled everywhere.

I have looked everywhere, no one.

I have searched everywhere, no one.

South African hymn



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

Cindi Landmesser

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.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Adam Hearlson

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

SANCTUS

HYMN No. 595

(sung twice: once in English and once in Spanish)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, My heart, my heart a - dores you!
San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra-zón te a - do - ra!



My heart knows how to say to you: you are ho - ly, Lord!
Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San- to e- res, Se - ñor!

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FORETASTE OF THE HEAVENLY BANQUET

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

SENDING FORTH

❖HYMN (*below*)

ARGENTINA

Song of Hope

(to be sung in English or Spanish)



May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill - ing all our
¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz! Al mun - do en



lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us
cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -



on our way, bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.
nos tu luz, luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.



Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our joy with all;
O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos de tu a - mor.



work - ing for a world that's new, faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.
Lu - che - mos por la paz, fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.

❖BENEDICTION

Adam Hearlson

❖CHORAL RESPONSE

Donald Cashmore

Blessed be the name of the Lord

(1926-2013)

Song of Hope
Kyle Skinner, percussion

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

Music Spotlight: Anthem at the Offering

“There’s No One Like Jesus” is a popular church hymn sung throughout Southern Africa and beyond in multiple languages. The text for this version—“Akekho ofana noJesu”—is in isiZulu, one of South Africa’s eleven official languages, with about twelve million native speakers. Church choirs and congregations often sing the same verse in multiple languages during worship. In many South African religious settings, hymns are traditionally learned either by rote or by using the Tonic Sol-fa notation system. “Akekho ofana noJesu” is sung in diverse contexts, including traditional a cappella hymn singing, worship services with full gospel bands, and flashy arrangements for choral competitions.

—From notes by Charlotte Botha, arranger

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Raising Funds for Overbrook Hospital and First Church of Chiang Rai during today’s offering. Our church is raising funds to support both Overbrook Hospital and First Church of Chiang Rai, which have been devastated by a recent typhoon and severe flooding. Overbrook Hospital, a vital healthcare provider, urgently needs repairs and medical supplies, while First Church of Chiang Rai, a beacon of spiritual care, requires help to rebuild and continue its ministry. Our Mission and Outreach Committee has generously donated \$5,000 toward this cause. During today’s worship service, we will collect a special offering to assist the communities of Chiang Rai. All cash in the offering plate will go directly to support these efforts. If you prefer to donate by check, please write “Thailand” in the memo line. You can also contribute using QR Code. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need!



Blessing of the Animals—Today at 5:00 P.M. This joint service between OPC and Penn Wynne Presbyterian will be held on the lawn at Penn Wynne. We invite all beloved companions, whether they bark, meow, sing, wiggle, or slither. If your pet is unable to travel, feel free to bring a picture of them. Favorite stuffed animals are also welcome!

Centering Prayer—Wednesday, October 8, 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 8, 10:30 A.M. Our weekly bible study will be held at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El.

Parking Lot Closed—Sunday, October 20. On October 20, 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 on October 20, 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 questions, contact Becky Lazo at 443-745-3178. Thank you!



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/2p8secsur>. 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. 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: <https://tinyurl.com/OPCForumZoom>

OPC's Retired Person's Ministry: kicking off a new program year! RPM has returned to our neighboring congregation, the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, 6361 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia, on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. The second Friday will be reserved for small group interest sessions; the fourth Friday will be the RPM Community Café, a mutual ministry of OPC and AECST. Please save the following date:

- **October 11, 10:00 A.M. to noon: “Fitness and Fellowship.”** Join us in the “undercroft” of the for a high-energy morning of music, movement, and spirited fellowship. In addition to a fast-paced hour of fitness and fellowship, we will preview the 2024-2025 schedule of events and opportunities. Healthy brunch treats will be served. Friends and neighbors of all ages are welcome.

“Walking with Spirit”—Saturday, October 12, 9:30 A.M. All are welcome to Join us for our first ramble along the Crum Creek in Smedley Park, 20 Papermill Road, Springfield. The fully accessible trails showcase the scenic beauty of the woodlands that connect Swarthmore and Springfield. In addition to experiencing God’s gifts of nature during the Season of Creation, we’ll also have an opportunity to learn about the perseverance of early settlers to this region. Walkers will “discover” the cave in which Jane Lownes and her four children took shelter during the winter of 1685. The Lownes family became the first European-descent settlers of Springfield. Please come walk, wonder, and discover with us. All ages are welcome! Carpooling can be arranged from the OPC parking lot. Contact Sharon Parker (sharon@overbrookpresb.org) for more information.

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.



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

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 middle and high school students, scan the QR code to the right. Feel free to reach out to Corinna Bowser (corinnabowser@gmail.com) with any questions.



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: <https://tinyurl.com/OctoberYouthOPC>. If you have any questions, please call or text Becky Lazo at 443-745-3178.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Children's Sunday School—October 13, 20, and 27. Together, we will 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** classes will discover ways kids are sharing the planet responsibly around the world, and partner 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 tinyurl.com/RegisterKids-OPC

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 5th grade utilize our 9–11-year-old Children's Sunday School class for their capstone experience in the children's ministry. 6th 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, and Suchita to set up a conversation.

Five-Minute Participation Form. 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 tinyurl.com/RegisterKids-OPC

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Prayer List

- Prayers of hope for all who are suffering the devastation and loss of life in the wake Hurricane Helene.
- 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 of consolation and comfort for all who mourn the passing of John Shackelford, brother of Kate Shackelford.
- 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 Mc Daniel'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.

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