
Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 19, 2021
10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church
We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning!

Notes on Today's Service

If you are a visitor, we invite you to fill out a card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

Leading Worship Today:

The Rev. Dr. Adam Hearlson, Pastor

Lay Leader: Kate Shackelford

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

The Overbrook Choir

Toffer Mihalka, tenor

Ushers: Max Mason, Laurie Geers, Bob Kaercher, and Jonathan Kopcsik

Deacons Delivering Flowers: Carol Tulba and Sharon Parker

Childcare is available during the worship service. Worship is for all ages, but should your infant or preschooler become restless during worship, excellent childcare is provided in our 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 in the parking lot. All are welcome!

Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare for worship and remember to silence all cell phones before the service.

❖=Stand as you are able

GATHERING IN

PRELUDE

“Aberystwyth”

David Schelat
(b. 1955)

INTROIT

The Lord is gracious and merciful
George Thalben-Ball
(1896-1987)

BLESSING

“A Blessing for Friendship”
by John O’Donohue

Adam Hearlson

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

From *Liturgies from Below*, ed. Claudio Carvalhaes

Kate Shackelford

People: God, you are our refuge.

Leader: You are the shore in our sight,
You are hands that reach out,
You are the ground on which we rest.

People: God, you are our strength.

Leader: You are the life we long for,
You are the refusal to give up,
You are the keys of home we carry with us.

People: God, you are our help in time of trouble.

Leader: We call on you from the ruin and the rubble,
We call on you from the wildness and the deep,

All: We call on you to meet us in this place.

❖HYMN No. 440

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

WELCOME

Adam Hearlson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COURAGE

Kate Shackelford

Cathedral Church of St. George, Cape Town

Leader: Lord, we confess our day-to-day failure to be human.

People: **Lord, we confess to you.**

Leader: Lord, we confess that we often fail to love with all we have and are, often because we do not fully understand what loving means, often because we are afraid of risking ourselves.

People: **Lord, we confess to you.**

Leader: Lord, we confess that by silence and ill-considered word,

People: **We have built up walls of prejudice.**

Leader: Lord, we confess that by selfishness and lack of sympathy,

People: **We have stifled generosity and left little time for others.**

Leader: Holy Spirit, speak to us.

Help us to listen to your word of forgiveness,
for we struggle to hear.

Come and fill this moment and free us from our sin.

SILENT CONFESSION

EMBRACING GOD'S GRACE

Adam Hearlson

❖ GLORIA PATRI

HYMN No. 581

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kate Shackelford

OLD TESTAMENT Numbers 20:9-13

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

page 133/pew Bible

Kate Shackelford

God Welcomes All
(sung 3 times as children come forward)

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Paulina Joanna Paone

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

WELCOME

HYMN No. 188 (seated)

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus Loves Me

verse 1

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 hymn, learners in Pre-K through Grade 6 are welcome and encouraged to recess with Anthony and volunteer teachers to our gated playground for Outdoor Sunday School. COVID-19 prevention measures are firmly in place, including masking, distancing, and vaccinated instructors.

SOLO

Alfred Robert Gauol
(1937-1913)

To the Lord our God
from *The Holy City*
Toffer Mihalka, tenor

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses,
For like as a father pitieth his children,
even so is the Lord merciful to them that fear Him.

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

Romans 7:14-19

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SERMON

“A Vocabulary of Faith: Sin”

Adam Hearlson

❖HYMN No. 649

NEW BRITAIN

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

LIFE AT THE CROSSROADS

Adam Hearlson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharon Parker

SHARING OF PEACE

Sharon Parker

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Adam Hearlson

*(Offering boxes/baskets/plates are by the door.
We encourage you to use these in this time.)*

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Felix Mendelssohn

Grant, O Lord, Thy Grace Unbounded

(1809-1847)

The Overbrook Choir

Summer Hassan, mezzo-soprano

Grant, O Lord, thy grace unbounded,
bend thine ear unto my prayer;
Thus thy wrath for sins recounted,
nevermore shall I endure.

Wilt thou always care and comfort,
and abide mine enemy?
Must I languish, weak and helpless,
and by thee forgotten be?

Grant, O Lord...

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, when we catch a glimpse of your generosity, how can we keep from giving? Take what we have, for it has always been yours. Take what we give and make it grow like an oak. May the downtrodden find rest in the shade of the tree we planted, but that you made grow. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

❖ HYMN No. 81

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

❖ BENEDICTION

from St. Augustine

All shall be Amen and Alleluia.

We shall see rest and we shall see,

We shall see and we shall know,

We shall know and we shall love,

We shall love and we shall praise.

Behold our end which is no end.

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

The Peace of God

John Yarrington

(b. 1941)

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

POSTLUDE

Allegro maestoso
from Organ Sonata II

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)



Happenings at Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Wednesday Bible Study

Join us of Bible study every Wednesday in person and online. The fall study is on Paul's Letter to the Romans for the fall through December. The group will be aided in their study by Beverly Roberts Gaventa's book, *When in Romans: The Gospel According to Paul*. Copies of the book are available at the church office.



On Friday, September 24 at 6:00pm, the church will gather to discuss and brainstorm our common future. The success of this process is directly related to gathering the largest possible group to this conversation. Childcare will be available. Members and friends of OPC alike are invited. For those who will not be able to attend in person, you can still participate by following the attached zoom link: [Visioning Summit Link - 9/24](#). This link will also be available in the weekly E-News and on our Facebook community page. Come and be a part of the amazing future we are writing together with God.

Weekly Opportunities

The Work of the Church continues, and we continue to create programming for our community.

Please note that all hyperlinks can also be found in our weekly e-news, "This Week at OPC" that is published every Friday.

- [Sunday Morning Study—9:15 am](#)
- [Wednesday Bible Study-10:30 am](#)
Will resume on Wednesday, September 15 both in person and online. Masks are required regardless of vaccination status.
To Join via zoom: [Wednesday Bible Study Zoom Link 10:30-12:00 pm](#)
- [Tuesday Women's Prayer & Support Group—7:30 am](#)
Join <https://bit.ly/3yxD2F4> or call 646-558-8656,
Meeting ID: 932 4865 5338
- [Thursday Vigil for Racial Justice—4:00 pm-6:30 pm](#)
- [Saturday Morning Men's' Group—9:00 am](#)
Join <https://bit.ly/3hOXg6H> or call 646-558-8656,
Meeting ID: 920 1485 0418

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=_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=_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** 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

- Prayers of comfort and peace for Flossie Johnson, grandmother of Sabrina Johnson, as she transitions from hospital to home care
- Prayers for restoration of health for Judy Williamson as she prepares for breast cancer surgery
- Prayers for restoration of health and a definitive diagnosis for the father of Stephanie Morris
- Prayers for healing and comfort for Stephanie Stokes, daughter of Nickie Stokes, as she faces health challenges.
- Prayers for healing and comfort for Ted Dillon as he recovers from spinal surgery.
- Prayers for healing and comfort for Patrick O'Healey as he recovers from spinal surgery.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Lincoln Hollowell, father of Aimerie Scherluebbe.
- Prayers for healing, hope, and comfort for Keith Young who remains under medical care for cancer.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Anna, daughter of Rev. Lisa Farrell, Pastor of Penn Wynne Presbyterian Church.
- Prayers for restoration of health and comfort for Estalene Ferrillo.
- Prayers for restoration of health and comfort for Wendy Fraser, sister of Jeremy Blatchley, as she continues treatment for cancer.
- Prayers of hope and comfort for families experiencing poverty, domestic strife, and uncertainty.
- Prayers for restoration of health and comfort for Aqueelah Folwell.
- Prayers for restoration of health and comfort for Caroline Skinner.
- Prayers for those who face on-going health challenges, especially Susan Leach, Judy Swartz, Ed Harvey, Ellen Burr, Marina Patino-Treat, and Theresa Carter.
- Prayers for Stephanie Morris and her family.
- Prayers for restoration of health and comfort for Bill Long, Eric Long's father, as he faces cancer treatment.

*Please contact Terri Hunter (teresahunter42@gmail.com)
or Sharon Parker (sharon@overbrookpresb.org) add names to the prayer list.*

OPC SESSION MEMBERS:

Adam Hearlson, Moderator

Sara Davis, Clerk of Session; Stephanie Morris, Treasurer

** indicates second consecutive term

Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Elaine Blodgett	Elizabeth Cosgriff	Keedra Carroll
Herbert Brabham	Bob Harden, Jr.	Kevin Davis**
Elizabeth Mendoza	Larry McGhee	Solomon Hunter
Richard Owens	Deborah Rottinger**	Becky Lazo**
Aimerie Scherluebbe**	Eileen Wiggins**	Nathalie May

OPC DEACONS:

Teresa Hunter, Moderator, Board of Deacons

Jason Sheau, Treasurer; Mary Lou Ryce, Secretary

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Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Nancy Gilhool	Artia Benjamin**	Peju Adebajo**
Terri Hunter**	Suchita Fiorillo**	Joan Beck
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Carol Tulba**	Bob Kaercher	Leah Mayne
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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*

Sharon Parker - *Parish Care Associate*

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.***
