
Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
Communion Sunday
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 8, 2019
10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church

We are glad you are worshiping 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: Keedra Carroll-Goodwin; Acolyte: OPC Youth

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

The Overbrook Choir

Iris Fairfax, soprano

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God

by Jeff and Janet Bowker in loving memory of Marie Diffendal, Janet's aunt.

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.

Worship Kits for Children

are available at the front entrance to the Sanctuary.

Large Print Bulletins and Hymns are Available.

Please speak to one of the ushers if you have special needs.

Ushers:

Dick Williamson, Susy Brandt, Laurie Geers, Bob Kaercher,
Jonathan Kopcsik, Richard Owens, Peter Seidel and Judy Williamson

Communion Servers:

Terri Hunter, Sabrina Johnson, Alyce Marsh, Mary Lou Ryce,
Jason Sheau and Trudy Sheau

Opener/Closer:

Phil Sheau

Deacons Delivering Flowers:

Terri Hunter and Sabrina Johnson

Following worship today, please join us for Coffee Hour in the Wistar Morris Room. Today's coffee hour was hosted by several members of the congregation. 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

Sarabande

Arnold Cooke
(1906-2005)

INTROIT

O come, let us worship and bow down

George Thalben-Ball
(1896-1987)

❖CALL TO WORSHIP - *From Psalm 139*

Leader: God of all creation, is there any place outside your love?
If we hide among the clouds.

People: **You are there.**

Leader: If we burrow underground,

People: **You are there.**

Leader: If we were to soar on the morning's wings,

People: **You would soar with us.**

Leader: And if you are there, O God,
Then you are here.

All: **All praise to the God who always shows up.**

❖HYMN No. 511

Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven

LLANFAIR

WELCOME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unclutter our lives, O Lord;
we have too much, consume too much, and expect too much.

Grant us perspective;
to see this world through others' eyes than just our own.

Grant us compassion;
where there is need allow us to play our part and not turn aside.

Grant us gratitude for what we have,
our daily bread, and the gift of life.

Unclutter our lives, Lord,
give us space, simplicity and thankful hearts.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖GLORIA PATRI

HYMN No. 581

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 14: 25-33

Page 73/pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Adam Hearlson

(All Children are welcome to remain in worship, should parents so wish; children in Pre-K through Grade 2 may gather in the nursery following the commissioning of youth.)

SOLO

C. H. H. Parry

“I will sing unto the Lord a new song” from *Judith* (1848-1918)

Iris Fairfax, soprano

OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Page 179/pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Life on the Edge”

Adam Hearlson

❖HYMN No. 718

BOURBON

Take Up Your Cross

❖AFFIRMATION 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.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Adam Hearlson

MINUTE FOR MISSION-*One Great Hour of Sharing*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (*using Debts/Debtors*)

Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*

SHARING OF PEACE (*"The peace of Christ be with you," "And also with you"*)

OFFERING

With a Voice of Singing
The Overbrook Choir

Martin Shaw
(1846-1916)

With a voice of singing declare ye this,
and let it be heard, Alleluia!
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!
O be joyful in God, all ye lands.
O sing praises to the honor of His name,
make His praise to be glorious.

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 605

Today, our doxology is new.
You will hear it played once all the way through before we sing it.

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION-(*Unison*)

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

❖HYMN No. 213

RATHBUN

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

❖BENEDICTION

❖CHORAL RESPONSE

Albert A. Goodson

We've Come This Far by Faith

(1933-2003)

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

POSTLUDE

Felix Mendelssohn

Allegro Maestoso from Sonata II

(1809-1847)



The cover artwork is *Way to Calvary*, painted by the Italian artist Andrea di Bartolo (1360/70–1428). Both he and his father were active in the Sienese school, which differed from other Italian styles in that it often had a mystical focus, with elaborately colored miraculous scenes rather than portraits and classical mythology. Bartolo's work displays the influence of his father, although he later developed an independent style, particularly in his manuscript illuminations.

☞ This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church ☞

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| Sunday, September 8 | 11:30 am | Coffee Hour |
| | 12:00 pm | Deacons Meeting-Chapel |
| | 12:00 pm | Personnel Meeting-Williamson Rm |
| Monday, September 9 | 6:30 pm | Jr. Choir Meet and Greet |
| | 7:30 pm | OPC Book Club-Raelyn Harman's home |
| Tuesday, September 10 | 2:45 pm | Worship & Music-Williamson Rm |
| | 7:00 pm | Session-Chapel |
| Wednesday, September 11 | 10:00 am | Adult Bible Study-Off Site |
| Thursday, September 12 | 6:15 pm | Handbell Rehearsal-Bell Room |
| | 7:30 pm | Adult Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room |
| Saturday, September 14 | 2:00 pm | Youth Fellowship-Philly Rock Gym |
| Sunday, September 15 | 9:30 am | Inquirers Class-Chapel |
| | 10:30 am | Worship |
| | 10:45 am | Children's Sunday School |
| | 11:30 am | Coffee Hour |
| | 4:00 pm | OPC Youth Kick Off |

☞ Looking Ahead: OPC Happenings ☞

Today

- One Great Hour of Sharing offering begins today. Enclosed in this Sunday's bulletin is an envelope if you wish to donate to the cause. OGHS is a Presbyterian ministry with a trinity of missions - self-development of people, disaster relief, and hunger relief. Your donations help to support each of these missions equally or as you designate. Your donations are used locally and around the world to support those who need it most. If you would like more information on OGHS, please see the table outside of the Wistar Morris.
- The countdown is on to a brand new year for program year at OPC! Join us after worship to kick things off with a mega coffee hour, bounce house and a chance to see old friends, make new ones, and meet your child's Sunday School teachers.
- Today is KICKOFF SUNDAY at the Crossroads, and to celebrate, your Stewardship/Taste of Overbrook Committee is offering a special discount on Taste of Overbrook Tickets. If you buy this Sunday, you'll save **\$5** off the regular cost (\$75/family; \$30 individual; \$10 children under 12)

Monday, September 9

- The Overbrook Junior Choir will kick off the season on Monday, September 9, with a meet-and-greet and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Rehearsals will take place every Monday from 5:15-6:00 p.m., with dinner to follow starting September 16.
- Everyone is welcome to the next meeting of the OPC book club at 7:30 p.m. at Raelyn Harman's home. We will discuss Anthony Doerr's book *All the Light We Cannot See*. Please let Raelyn know if you are coming.

Wednesday, September 12

Adult Bible Study, 10:00 a.m., with Pastor Adam. He will be discussing Genesis 18. Due to parking lot construction. The Bible study will be held off site. Stay tuned for an email detailing the site of the Bible study.

Saturday, September 14

Calling all youth in Grades 7-12, come join us for some fun and fellowship on September 14th 2-6pm. Rock Climbing at the Philly Rock Gym and dinner at Snap Pizza. \$25. scholarships available. Meet at the church. No climbing experience or gear necessary. RSVP to Carol Rozmiarek at carol@overbrookpresb.org.

Sunday, September 15

- We are continuing the Inquirer class for all those who are discerning membership at Overbrook Presbyterian Church at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel. If you have questions about the church, its theology, how it makes decisions, and what membership means, you are invited to these two meetings. This second class will be an opportunity to meet each other and to talk about what brought us to OPC and how everyone might get involved in the life of the congregation. So, whether you have been a longtime friend of the church or you are brand-new, come and be a part of this class. Childcare can be provided if needed. If you should require childcare please email Lisa at office@overbrookpresb.org by Wednesday, September 11.
- Sunday School will begin on September 15. Children in grades Pre-K to 6th will be dismissed to Sunday School (or the nursery) right after the Children's Message— and we have some new plans for Sunday School Confirmation students and High School students will remain for the entire worship service. A new confirmation class will be starting in October; stay tuned for details. We are looking forward to seeing everyone soon! Questions? Talk to Becky Lazo (rebeccalazo@hotmail.com) or Adam Hearlson (adam@overbrookpresb.org).

Sunday, September 22

There will be no *Adult Christian Education Forum* on Sunday September 15 due to an Inquirer class. Adult CE Forum will resume on *Sunday, September 22* with Pastor Adam discussing *The State of the Church in America*.

Saturday, September 28

Joyce Bridges' Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, September 28, at 1:00 p.m. in the Mansion Ballroom at the Rosemont Presbyterian Village in Rosemont.

General Announcements



Confirmation 2019-2020

As Summer turns to Autumn, it is time to begin our bi-annual confirmation class! Is your child in 7th or 8th grade? Are they interested in an experiential class that discusses our faith tradition and how it connects to the world? Are they interested in a capstone trip where we will tour places where faith has made a difference in this country? If your child is interested in confirmation, please contact Adam at adam@overbrookpresb.org. The class will begin October 6. Details about the confirmation will be sent to parents very soon.



We are still in need of Coffee Hour Hosts for the following Sundays: September 15, 22 and 29. All ages can participate. There is a sign-up genius on the website; it can be found on the home page under the heading "Sunday Morning Schedule, Coffee Hour." Remember to keep it simple. Folks are always present to lend a hand. Coffee hour is a cherished tradition at OPC, and hosts are heaped with gratitude by this congregation. For more information, please contact Peggy Kaercher at 610-642-2906 or Pat Ogundele at 610-668-1309.



Chancel Flowers. If anyone is interested in dedicating in honor of or in memory of the Sunday Chancel Flowers please see the sign up in the Wistar Morris Room. The cost of the flowers is \$35.00. The following dates are available September 15, 22, and 29, and October 6.



Ask and you shall receive! Many people have requested copies of Adam's sermons, and they are now available weekly. If you would like to receive copies of Adam's sermons on a weekly basis, please email Lisa in the office and let her know, indicating if you would like a hard copy or one via email.

Prayer List

- ◆ Pat, friend of Ginny Leagans, is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ◆ Sharon Parker is home recovering from back surgery. She welcomes visitors!
- ◆ Margaret Young's son Keith has been diagnosed with cancer.
- ◆ Diane, Laurie Geer's sister, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
- ◆ Julie Hearlson, Adam's stepmother, has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer.
- ◆ Brad Biedermann's stepfather, Lou, is in severe and constant pain from rheumatoid arthritis.
- ◆ Ed Harvey is doing better but still is experiencing health concerns and he is grateful for all the prayers.
- ◆ Bruce Gillette is preparing for more rounds of chemotherapy before undergoing a bone marrow transplant.
- ◆ John Nathaniel continues to recover from a stroke.
- ◆ Ellen Burr is experiencing ongoing medical concerns.

*Please contact Mike Rottinger to add names to the prayer list.
Mike can be reached by email (mike.rottinger@comcast.net).
You can also leave a message with the Church Office.*

OPC SESSION MEMBERS:

Adam Hearlson, Moderator

Sara Davis, Clerk of Session; Stephanie Morris, Treasurer

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Jeffrey Bowker**

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Carol Rozmiarek - *Financial Secretary*

Leonard Robbins - *Church Custodian*

The Overbrook Quartet:

Iris Fairfax, soprano; Anthony Carrella, alto;

Toffer Mihalka, tenor; Matthew Lulofs, baritone

*Overbrook Presbyterian Church is a welcoming and diverse
Christian community that actively seeks to love and serve
God, each other, and the world.*
