

September 8, 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 Mary Ann Blair, Liturgist Anthony Carrella, Director of Children and Family Ministry Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music The Overbrook Choir Matthew Lulofs, baritone

Communion Servers: Rachel Carnahan, Dela Geraldo, Elizabeth Mendoza, and Mary Lou Ryce

Today's chancel flowers are given by Pat Dillon in loving memory of Ted Dillon.

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 Elizabeth Cosgriff and Joe Piatt in honor of their 70th birthday. All are welcome!

✤=Stand as you are able

GATHERING IN

PRELUDE

INTROIT

I Was Glad!

Ann Ker (b. 1938)

Mary Ann Blair

♦CALL TO WORSHIP

From the Iona Community

Leader:	The sky does it simply, naturally, day by day by day.			
People:	: The sun does it joyfully, like someone in love,			
	like a runner on the starting line.			
Leader:	The sky, the sun, they just cannot help themselves.			
People:	le: No loud voices, no grand speeches, but everyone sees,			
	and is happy with them.			
Leader:	Make us like that, Lord,			
	so that our faith is not in our words but in our lives.			
People:	Make us like that, Lord,			
_	so that we pass on your love like an infectious laugh.			
All:	Make us like that, Lord, just shining, like the sun,			
	like a starry night, like a lamp on a stand, light for life—			
	your light for our lives.			

✤HYMN (on next two pages)

WELCOME TABLE

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table



WELCOME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COURAGE (unison) Mary Ann Blair From "Refugee Evensong" by Woolman House Community, Liverpool, England.

God beyond borders, we bless you for strange places and different dreams, for the demands and diversity of the wider world, and for the distance that lets us look back and reevaluate. We bless you for the friendship of strangers, the richness of other cultures, and the sometimes-painful gift of freedom. Blessed are you, God beyond borders. But if we have overlooked the exiles in our midst, heightened their exclusion by our indifference, given our permission for a climate of fear, and tolerated a culture of violence, Have mercy on us, God who sides with justice. Confront our prejudice; stretch our narrowness; sift out our laws and our lives with the insight of your Spirit until generosity is our only measure. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

EMBRACING GOD'S GRACE

♦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

OLD TESTAMENT The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Genesis 18:1-8

Mary Ann Blair

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS Adam Hearlson and Anthony Carrella (Following the blessing, children may return to their pews or proceed to the Prayerground. The nursery is also open for childcare.)

SOLO	Let Us Break Bread Together Matthew Lulofs, baritone	Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947)
	Let us break bread together on our knees. Let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.	
	Let us love one another on our knees. Let us love one another on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.	
	Let us rise up together all as one. Let us rise up together all as one. When I rise from my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. Traditional Spiritual, alt.	
NEW TESTAN The Word of th Thanks be to (ne Lord.	Adam Hearlson
SERMON	"More Welcome"	Adam Hearlson
✤HYMN (on new theorem in the second seco	ext page) In Christ There Is No East or Wes	MC KEE



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

LIFE AT THE CROSSROADS

Adam Hearlson

SHARING OF PEACE One: The Peace of Christ be with you. All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing The Overbrook Choir

Douglas Wagner (b. 1952)

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

Bread of Heaven, may these first fruits feed the hungry, support the saints, rescue the afflicted, free the oppressed. May these gifts become bread for those who need something to eat. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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 (on next page)

HYMN No. 556

Adam Hearlson

Mary Ann Blair



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 (on next page)

O Jesus, I Have Promised

♦BENEDICTION

♦ CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

Adam Hearlson

John Stainer (1840-1901)

POSTLUDE

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

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

<u>Special Fellowship Hour—Today.</u> Joe Piatt and Elizabeth Cosgriff will host a catered lunch to celebrate their 70th birthdays. Elizabeth and Joe hope that all their OPC family will be able to join them there. All are welcome!

<u>Centering Prayer—Wednesday, September 11, 9:30 A.M.</u> 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.

<u>Bible Study—Wednesday, September 11, 10:30 A.M.</u> Our weekly bible study will be held at **Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El**.

<u>Choir Rehearsals: You're Invited!—Every Thursday, 7:30 P.M.</u> Whether you're a longtime choir member, a casual singer who came to one or both of the Summer Choir events this summer, or someone who is curious about singing in a fun, relaxed environment, the Overbrook Choir welcomes you! This year, we are rehearsing in Gold preschool room of Overbrook Presbyterian Church (yes, you read that right!). All are welcome, regardless of experience or skill level. (Interested in handbells instead? Stay tuned for a separate announcement.) For more information, contact Chris Gage (music@overbrookpresb.org).

<u>Adult Forum Zooms into the New Program Year!</u> Welcome to a new season of lifelong learning and faith formation at Overbrook! While we may not have space to offer Adult Forum at Penn Wynne on Sundays, we do have cyberspace and Zoom on our side. OPC will launch two evening Zoom Forum sessions on the **third and fourth Tuesdays** of each month, unless otherwise noted. Please join us on the following dates:

September 17, 7:00 to 8:00 P.M.

"Called to Community: The Faith Stories of Overbrook," Part 1 Overbrook is an ever-changing congregation, welcoming new members each season. Each who comes to worship has traveled a unique path on their faith journey. These converging paths have created a dynamic community of believers at the Crossroads. Please join us as we hear personal stories of adventures in faith told by members new to Overbrook, as well as by those who have welcomed generations of newcomers.

September 24, 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. "Called to Community: The Faith Stories of Overbrook," Part 2

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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.



<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: <u>https://tinyurl.com/2p8ecsur</u>. There are three ways to pay for the flowers:

- 1. Log onto Realm: <u>https://onrealm.org/overbrookpresb/give/flowers</u>
- 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>).

PARISH CARE

<u>Cooking in Community—Friday, September 6, 9:00 A.M. to noon.</u> Overbrook has a new partner church! Christ's Community Church, a PC(USA) congregation in Drexel Hill, has welcomed us to use their kitchen for community cooking the first Friday of each month. Beginning this month, we will have a place to stir the soup pots and make the "award-winning" OPC applesauce for homebound members and those in need of assistance. Members from our host church will join us in this collaborative morning of fellowship and service. If you would like to be part of the OPC Cooking in Community crew on September 6, please email Sharon (sharon@overbrookpresb.org); we hope to field a team of six chefs each month. All supplies and ingredients will be provided; carpooling can be arranged. Aprons await!

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<u>OPC's RPM Kick Off—Friday, September 13, 10:00 A.M. to noon.</u> Join us in the "undercroft" of the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas for a highenergy morning of music, movement, and spirited fellowship. In addition to a fast-paced hour of fitness and fellowship, we'll 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, September 21, 9:00 to 11:00 A.M. Seasonal contemplative nature walks offer opportunities to explore the wonders of God's creation. All ages are welcome; all trails are accessible. Please join us for the first walk of the new program year at the Darby Creek Trail at Merry Place, 600 Glendale Road, Havertown. To learn more about these spiritual journeys, please contact Sharon (sharon@overbrookpresb.org).

MISSION AND OUTREACH

<u>The Women's Dining Circle—Friday, September 20.</u> Women's Dining Circle joyfully looks forward to celebrating its 15th anniversary at the home of Jane Rozmiarek, who hosted the very first dinner. We will welcome Monique Gaillard, Director of Institutional Giving for Urban Promise. Several youth group members will also relate their experiences and the impact the trip made on them. Monique's visit will complete the circle, as WDC sponsored the Youth Group trip to Camden with its dinner in June. Look for an evite in your inbox soon. If you'd like to be added to the evite list, please email Carol (carol@overbrookpresb.org).

Habitat for Humanity Restore—Saturday September 28, 1:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Mission and Outreach is looking for 10 people to volunteer at 2318 Washington Avenue. The work varies depending on expertise, but the folks at H4H know how to keep their volunteers busy. Contact Janet Bowker (jabowker1001@gmail.com) for more details or scan the QR code to sign up.



YOUTH MINISTRY

<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 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.



<u>Back-to-School Celebration—Friday, September 27, 5:30 P.M.</u> It's that time of the year again! We want to celebrate our middle and high schoolers as they start another fantastic year. Join us for a celebration at the home of Sunanda and Phillip Brown, 800 Sproul Road, Bryn Mawr. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share; dinner will be provided. RSVP to <u>youth@overbrookpresb.org</u> by Sunday, September 22 if you are interested. We hope to see you there!

<u>Youth Sunday—September 29.</u> Our next Youth Sunday will be at the end of this month. We need youth volunteers from ages 12 to mid-20s to participate in all aspects of our worship service. If you would like to be involved, contact Artia or Suchita at youth@overbrookpresb.org by Sunday, September 15.

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Liturgist/Lay Leader	Assists with worship service and works with
	Pastor Adam.
Scripture Reader	Reads the scripture during service and works
L	with Pastor Adam.
Usher	Hands out bulletins; directs people before, during,
	and after service; and works with Bob Harden, Jr.,
	or Jason Sheau.
Greeter	Smiles, stands at doors, and welcomes people; also
	assists those who require help and works with a
	Deacon.
Storyteller	Reads biblical book to children during Time with
,	Children (TWC) and works with Anthony, who
	will provide the book.
Second person TWC	Leads the prayer with children and works with
±	Anthony and Pastor Adam.
Musician	Plays instrument or sings and works with Chris.

Here are some ways in which you can participate:

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

<u>Participation Forms Needed—Now through September 15.</u> We know you're flooded with paperwork right now, and we appreciate your understanding and attention. Caregivers of children ages 11 and below are asked to complete a quick and essential piece of paperwork between September 1 and 15. This five-minute process enables your children and family ministry to offer accessible, engaging, and compliant programs for our diverse and growing community. Forms can be filled out now by visiting <u>tinyurl.com/RegisterKids-OPC</u>. Physical copies of the participation form are also available and can be submitted by parents during Sunday School pickup. For assistance, please reach out to Anthony at anthony@overbrookpresb.org.

<u>Children's Ministry Seminar—Sunday, September 29, 12:00 to 2:00 P.M.</u> CFM Committee Members and Volunteers will meet for a series of workshops that align us around our vision and enhance our ministry. This seminar is vital for all volunteers and committee members and is required for those serving at full-day Vacation Bible School in October. Lunch and limited remote participation options are available. Please RSVP to Molly at <u>cfm@overbrookpresb.org</u>.

<u>Full-Day Vacation Bible School—Thursday, October 3.</u> Mark your calendars for a special, full-day version of *Journey to the Heart* Vacation Bible School. Coinciding with Rosh Hashanah, this day will be filled with creative storytelling and service activities designed for children aged 3-11. Limited space is available, particularly in our 9-11-year-old group, so learn more and secure your spot at <u>tinyurl.com/Full-Day-VBS</u>. Youth counselors 13+ are welcome to volunteer and will receive up to 10 hours of community service credit. To volunteer, please register via the link above.

<u>Explore Children and Family Ministry Resources.</u> CFM's "link.tree" is a central hub for parents and caregivers to remain updated about our program dates, volunteer opportunities, multigenerational resources, and more. Bookmark <u>linktr.ee/OPCCFM</u> in your preferred browser, and share the link with friends and family.

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Contemplative Caregiver Dinner Group-Beginning in October. Are you a parent, grandparent, or caregiver seeking a monthly opportunity to explore the dimensions of caregiving? Starting in October, join fellow travelers on Wednesday evenings to connect with the Holy Spirit and each other through spiritual reading, contemplative practices, and creative response. Over a light meal, we'll co-create a safe and welcoming space to navigate the joys, challenges, and profound insights that emerge when caring for others. In 2024, we will pull insights from Bless This Mess by Rev. Molly Baskette and Ellen O'Donnell, Ph.D. In 2025, participants will explore a compilation of Henri Nouwen's writings published under the title "The Spirituality of Caregiving." No matter where you are on your path, you're invited to be part of this community of fellow travelers as we learn from and with each other. Childcare is available so that all can participate and commit fully. If this opportunity speaks to you, we'd love you to your interest. Reach out to Anthony express and Molly at cfm@overbrookpresb.org to learn more. All are welcome.

REVITALIZATION TEAMS

This fall, we are launching five exciting revitalization teams, each inspired by the dreams our congregation shared last spring. These teams will come together this fall to craft a bold vision for what our church can become. You can participate on these teams in one of two ways:

- **Core Team**: Dive deep into the process with regular planning meetings, inspiring field trips to other houses of worship, and the creation of a visionary document to guide our session and congregation.
- **Consulting Team**: Join the Core Team for an initial brainstorming walk-through of the building and offer valuable feedback on the vision document.

If you're ready to help shape the future of our church, sign up using the links or QR codes on the next page. If you'd like to discuss how your unique gifts can be best used, please don't hesitate to reach out to Adam.

REVITALIZATION TEAM SIGN-UP LINKS

<u>Building Accessibility:</u> How can we create a welcoming space that accommodates the diverse mobility needs of our community? If you'd like to join this team <u>:</u> <u>https://tinyurl.com/2vht3cbz</u>	
<u>Environmental Sustainability:</u> How can our building reflect our commitment to honoring God's creation? If you'd like to join this team: <u>https://tinyurl.com/52yn8reb</u>	
<u>Program Space:</u> How can we design spaces that foster loving community, impactful missions, and transformative education? If you'd like to join this team: <u>https://tinyurl.com/2nwa252u</u>	
<u>Sanctuary Space:</u> How can our sanctuary embrace the rich diversity of our worship practices? If you'd like to join this team: <u>https://tinyurl.com/36dcnvp7</u>	
<u>Kitchen Space</u> : How can our kitchen become a hub for hospitality and grace? If you'd like to join this team: <u>https://tinyurl.com/3syef3fp</u>	

<u>Prayer List</u>

- Prayers of comfort for Joan and Jim Moylan as they face medical challenges.
- Prayers of healing for Robert Harden, who is receiving medical care following a recent injury.
- 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 of comfort and peace for Mary Bear Shannon's mother, Barbara Lappen, who is in hospice care at Riddle Village.
- Prayers for comfort and peace for Brad Biedermann's mother, Colleen Granata, who is in hospice care at Saunders House.
- Prayers for restoration of health for all members and friends of Overbrook who have tested positive for COVID.
- Prayers for all who are facing health challenges, especially Jane Bevan, Bob Bevan, John Shackelford, Scott Long, Gwen Harden, Ed Harvey, Aqueelah Folwell, Stephanie Stokes, Milton Stokes, Valerie Craig, and Natalie DeShields.
- Prayers for hope and peace for families in crisis.
- Prayers of gratitude for all who have supported and continue to support Overbrook during our time of relocation.
- Well wishes and prayers of encouragement for the children and youth of Overbrook as they begin a new school year,
- Prayers of support and gratitude for all teachers and school personnel as they begin the 2024-2025 school year.

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 Herb Brabham** Elizabeth Mendoza** Brian Taussig-Lux Christoph Von Andreae Mimi Winkler Class of 2025 Elizabeth Cosgriff** Bob Harden, Jr.** Linda Huff-Paul** Corinna Bowser Cheryl Davis

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

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