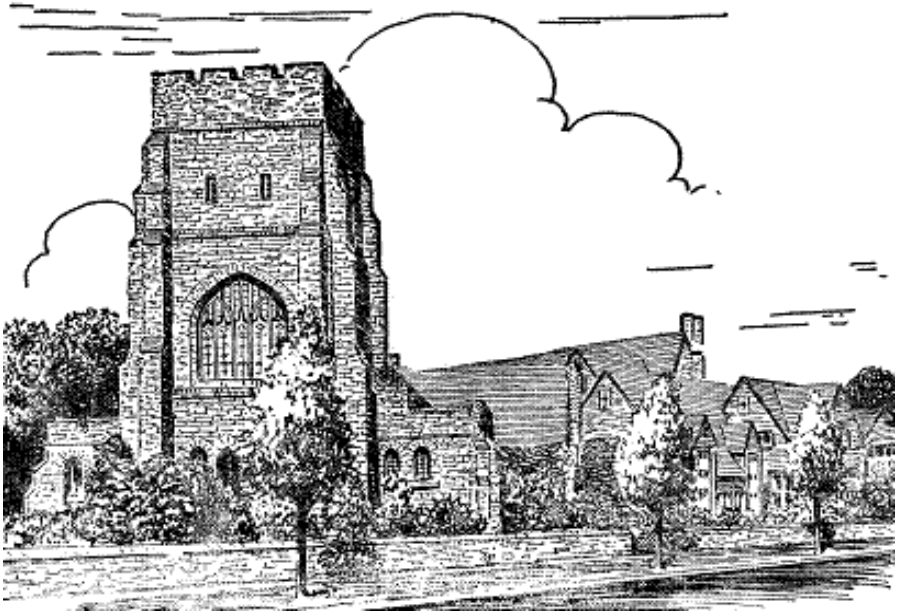


OVERBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Fifth Sunday in Easter
April 24, 2016
10:30 AM

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. Andrew H. Mann, Jr., Interim Minister

Lay Leader: Raelyn Harman, Acolyte: Maya Mendoza, The Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir, John Thyhsen, Trumpet
The Overbrook Choir, Dennis Elwell: Minister of Music.

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by Janet & Jeff Bowker in memory of John Steindl, Janet's father.

Childcare-

Is available during the service. Worship is for all ages, but should your infant or preschooler become restless during worship, there is excellent childcare provided in our nursery.

Worship kits for children-

Are available at the front entrance to the Sanctuary.

Large print bulletins are available-

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

Ushers:

**Max Mason, Ken Carroll, John Mason, Mary Scott,
Jason Sheau, Alan Sigler, and Nickie Stokes**

Deacons delivering flowers:

Terri Hunter and Elienne Paul

Please be sure to silence all cell phones before the service.

❖ All who are able, please stand.

Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare for worship.

GATHERING

PRELUDES: Präambeln und Interudien Herman Schroeder
Maestoso - Moderato - Andante - Allegro - Andantino

INTROIT This Is My Commandment George Thalben-Ball

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Jesus said: I give you a new commandment,
 That you love one another.

MANY: **Just as I have loved you,**
 you also should love one another.

ONE: Let us worship our God!

❖ HYMN NO. 248

HYMN TO JOY

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are often not the Easter People that we should be, living in the certain knowledge of your great mercy and love. Distracted by the world around us we fail to hear your voice, or hide when faith is challenged as we wander off the path. Forgive us, we pray; restore the love that we first had, and a faith that can endure. We will keep our eyes fixed on you, Lord, and with you at our right hand we shall not be shaken.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON

Kyrie

John Weaver

mp. Lord have mer-cy up-on us.

Christ have mer-cy up-on us. Lord have mer-cy up-on us.

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Alleluia

HYMN NO. 586

Jacques Berthier

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 148

Page 550, Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Margaret Tucker

The Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir

John Thyhsen, Trumpet

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Dr. Mann

Following the Time with Children, children and youth (grades 2-12) may return to their families and worship with the congregation. Preschoolers through grade 1 will depart for Sunday School.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 13: 31-35

Page 102, Bible

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“A New Commandment”

Dr. Mann

❖ HYMN NO. 244

VRUECHTEN

This Joyful Eastertide

(Students in Grades 2-12 will depart for Sunday School at the beginning of the Hymn)

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from the* Westminster Confession

The Son of God, the second Person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance, and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon him human nature, with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof; yet without sin; being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and humanity, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God and very human, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and humanity. AMEN

RESPONSE

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

debts/debtors

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you

OFFERTORY

Psalm 96

Michael Bedford

The Overbrook Choir - John Thyhsen, Trumpet

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
Sing to the Lord and bless his Name;
Proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
and his wonders among all peoples.
For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
He is more to be feared than all gods.
Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!
Oh, the power and splendor of his sanctuary!
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

DEDICATION OF THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

OFFERING

❖ DOXOLOGY, NO. 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

❖ HYMN NO. 231

SOU GAN

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

John Stainer

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

POSTLUDE

Rigaudon

André Campra



This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 24	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Mission and Outreach
Tuesday, April 26	7:00 p.m.	OPC Talks and Walks
Wednesday, April 27	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Thursday, April 28	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	8:00 p.m.	Overbrook Choir
Sunday, May 1	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum
	9:15 a.m.	Junior Choir
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class

Following worship today, please join us for Coffee Hour in the Wistar Morris Room hosted by Elizabeth Bouzarth and Gloria Brabham. **If you would like to host an upcoming coffee hour**, please sign up now on the sign-up board in the Wistar-Morris. Contact Amarilis Stricker with any coffee hour questions, 484-343-0679.

Bible Study Groups - Adult Bible Study will be meeting this **Wednesday, April 20 at 11:00 a.m.**, in the Chapel. Rev. Mann will be leading us in our continuing discussion of the Gospel of Luke.

Heavenly Harvest Meals at Calvin's Kitchen - Every **Thursday**, 10:30 a.m., at Calvin Presbyterian Church, 60th and Master Streets. OPC volunteers prepare and serve a healthy and nutritious meal for our neighbors in West Philadelphia. Contact Elizabeth Cosgriff at elizabethcosgriff@gmail.com for more information.



A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IS BEING CALLED - Immediately after worship **Today**. The sole purpose of the meeting is to hear the nominating committee's report of its slate of candidates to serve as the Pulpit Nominating Committee (PNC) for the Overbrook Presbyterian Church. The names to be placed in nomination before the congregation are: Keedra Carroll, Larry McGhee, Lynn Pompa, Davorika Sabljak, Will Schick, Sarah Stephens, Nicole Stokes-Robinson, Amarilis Stricker, and Eileen Wiggins.

OPC Talks...and Walks - Monday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. We welcome OPC member, Jim Stephens, as he leads an informative discussion, *Stewardship of the Environment*: A discussion on Global Warming. Please bring your friends and join us for this engaging event. A café reception will begin at 6:45 p.m.

Newsletter articles - Just a reminder to committee heads or anyone else that would like contribute to the News From the Crossroads, all articles should be submitted to the church office this week, preferably by Tuesday. Thanks!

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION & RECEPTION IS APPROACHING

1. **Orientation:** Sunday, May 22 at Noon following worship.
2. **Reception of New Members:** Sunday, June 5 (Communion)
 - a. Meet with Session at 9:15 a.m. in Dr. Mann's office
 - b. Public recognition in worship at 10:30

Orientation - After worship on May 22, we will gather in the Chapel to meet and greet prospective members with the staff and various lay leaders. There will be a brief orientation to Overbrook – how it operates and where it believes itself to be going. And there will be time for a Q&A from prospective members.

Reception - For those prospective members who choose to unite officially with the Overbrook congregation, there will be time to meet in Dr. Mann's office on Sunday, June 5 at 9:15 a.m. before worship. The Session will formally receive new members then, and during worship that morning we will publically celebrate our new members in our monthly communion service.



Coming up at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Next Sunday May 1: The Fifth Sunday in Easter. Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Andrew H. Mann, Jr., Lay Leader:, Acolyte: Audrey Sigler, Flowers: TBA; Coffee Hour: The Whalen and Clifford Families.

Pan - Asian Heritage Festival, May 7 - All OPC youth and friends are invited to hop on the train and head to the Pan-Asian Heritage Festival at Washington Square Park. We'll be leaving the Overbrook Station on the 10:55 a.m. train to Philadelphia and arriving back at the Overbrook Station at 4:18 p.m. Information flyers are available in the Wistar Morris Room and at the entrance greeting tables.

OPC Youth Retreat, May 27-28 - OPC Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to start the Memorial Day weekend by camping out and cooking out overnight at OPC. From 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 27 until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 28, we'll explore our church, serve the broader community, cook our own meals...and have fun! Come be part of this adventure. Although there is no charge for the retreat, reservations and signed parental permission slips are required. Contact Sharon Parker at Sharon@overbrookpresb.org.

Your Ideal Pastor - If you wish, please write out your description of our new pastor and place it in the box located outside the church office door, before April 30th.

Overbrook Talks and Walks - The Mission and Outreach Committee and the Christian Education Committee are jointly sponsoring an Overbrook Talks and Walks event on Monday, May 9 as we continue to strengthen our bond with Thailand that began so many years ago when the church raised money to give an ambulance to the hospital in Chiang Rai that is now called Overbrook Hospital. In May, our guests will be Barry & Shelly Dawson, Presbyterian missionaries based in Bangkok, who work in nine countries in Southeast Asia. Come at 6:00 p.m. for a Thai buffet and stay for the power point presentation with time for discussion.



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Earlene Ford
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The Rev. David K. McMillan
Pastor Emeritus

Sharon Parker
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Roseann Christian
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Custodian

THE OVERBROOK QUARTET

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Lois Babbitt
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