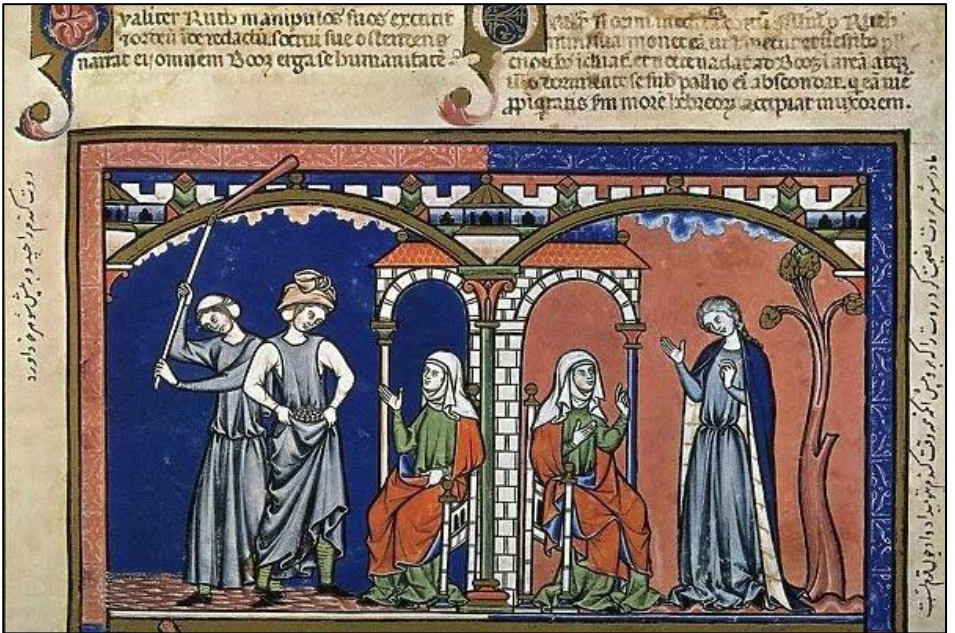


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# Overbrook Presbyterian Church

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Ruth, French Illuminated Manuscript, c. 1250

April 21, 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

Janie Martin, Liturgist

Sharon Parker, Parish Care Associate

Marc Alfonse, Seminary Intern

Anthony M. Carrella, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

The Overbrook Choir

Iris Fairfax, soprano

Today's chancel flowers are given by Stephen, Mary, and Katherine McMillan in celebration of the OPC congregation and its resilience.

**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 OPC Youth. All are welcome!

❖=*Stand as you are able*

## GATHERING IN

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us

G. T. Thalben-Ball  
(1896-1987)

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

*Janie Martin*

Leader: The World belongs to God,

People: **The earth and all its people.**

Leader: How good it is, how wonderful

People: **To live together in unity.**

Leader: Love and faith come together;

People: **Justice and peace join hands.**

Leader: If Christ's disciples keep silent,

People: **The stones would shout aloud.**

Leader: Open our lips, O God,

All: **And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

❖HYMN (*on next page*)

**How Firm a Foundation**

FOUNDATION

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

WELCOME

*Adam Hearlson*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COURAGE (*unison*)

*Janie Martin*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. 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

*Matthew 1:1-6*

*Janie Martin*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

BIBLICAL STORYTELLING

*Christy Lang Hearlson*

*(Following the storytelling, learners in Pre-K through Grade 5  
are encouraged to recess to Sunday School.)*

SOLO

Charles Gounod  
(1818-1893)

Entreat Me Not to Leave Thee  
*Iris Fairfax, soprano*

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And Ruth said:  
Entreat me not to leave thee,  
Or to return from following after thee,  
For whither thou goest I will go,  
And where thou lodgest I will lodge.

Thy people shall be my people,  
And thy God, my God.  
Where thou diest I will die,  
And there will I be buried.  
The Lord do so to me,  
And more also, if aught but death  
part thee and me.

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*Ruth 1:16-17*

❖ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

HYMN No. 591



GOSPEL LESSON  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Ruth 1:6-18

*Adam Hearlson*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*above*)

❖HYMN (*below*)

BEACH SPRING

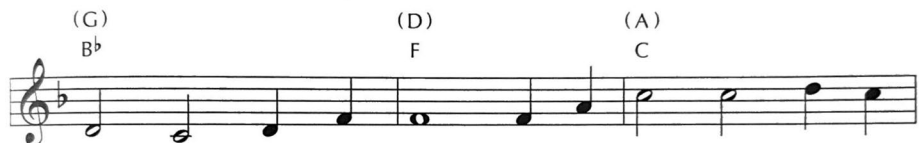
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of  
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your



end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly  
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es  
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn  
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly  
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in



to you, of - fering up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall  
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,  
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Marc Alfonse*

*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

LIFE AT THE CROSSROADS

*Adam Hearlson*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Sharon Parker*

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.



## SHARING OF PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

*Adam Hearlson*

## MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Spiritual, arr. Lee Cloud

My Good Lord's Done Been Here

(1950-1995)

*The Overbrook Choir*

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My Good Lord's done been here,  
blessed my soul and gone,  
and I thank him for my living every day.

Lord, I would not be a back slider,  
I tell you the reason why,  
'cause if my Lord were to call on me,  
oh, I wouldn't be ready to die.

Lord, I would not be a liar,  
I tell you the reason why,  
'cause if my Lord were to call on me,  
I wouldn't be ready to die.

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*African-American Spiritual*

## ❖ 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

*Janie Martin*

Holy and loving God may these gifts inspire courage and love in our world. May they raise up boundary crossers like Ruth. May they become the seeds of new life in a painful world. This we pray in the name of Christ, Amen.

## SENDING FORTH

## ❖ HYMN (*on next page*)

WE'VE COME THIS FAR

**We've Come This Far by Faith**

We've come this far by faith, lean-ing on the Lord,

trust-ing in the ho-ly Word; God's nev-er failed us yet.

O, can't turn a-round, we've come this

far by faith. We've come this far by faith.

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ

John Yarrington

(b. 1941)

POSTLUDE

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

Music Spotlight: Anthem at the Offering

Lee Cloud was a composer, educator, and conductor who served as Coordinator of Education for the Center for Black Music Research at Columbia College, Chicago. This spiritual, “My Good Lord’s Done Been Here,” reminds us during this Easter season that Jesus walked, and continues to walk, among us. It also encourages us, like Ruth, to be faithful and to seek God’s will.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Youth Bake Sale—today during Fellowship Hour. Today is another opportunity to support OPC youth! All proceeds will go towards their summer mission trip to Urban Promise.

Kensington Project—today after worship. OPC Youth will once again be serving our neighbors in Kensington. Thank you to everyone that has made donations toward this ministry!

Centering Prayer and Bible Study—Wednesday, April 17, 9:30 A.M. We will meet at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El; Centering Prayer begins at 9:30 A.M., and Bible Study begins at 10:30 A.M.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) Update. Exciting news! This summer, VBS will be held off-site from June 25–27. Please save these dates in your calendars, as the CFM anticipates offering a vibrant program filled with art, nature, contemplative practices, and delicious snacks. While we finalize our camp facility option, please stay tuned for signup details and release forms coming soon.

**Fellowship Hour Hosts Needed!** During these past two months we have been able to continue our tradition of after worship refreshments, thanks to those who have volunteered to host. We at CLC are so grateful for your assistance! The next few months we will still need your help. Just scan the QR to sign up. If you have any questions, please contact **Artia Benjamin** by email at [clc@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:clc@overbrookpresb.org). You will receive a reminder email from the Signup Genius website. Please provide your email and phone number when you sign up. We will send you the Fellowship Hour Tips and guidelines document. So, let's "offer hospitality to one another without grumbling" (1 Peter 4:9, NIV).



**Immediately available Fellowship Hour Host Dates:**

<b>May 5</b>	<b>June 16</b>
<b>June 2</b>	<b>June 23</b>

**Youth Summer Mission Trip—July 14-19.** All youth ages 14+ are invited to join us for a youth mission trip to Urban Promise, Camden, NJ. The trip will be July 14-19. (overnight stay Sunday-Friday) the cost will be \$400 per person. (scholarships available). RSVP by Sunday, May 5 to Suchita at [youth@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:youth@overbrookpresb.org).

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## RETIRED PERSON'S MINISTRY: RPM ON THE MOVE!

All are welcome to participate in RPM activities, regardless of age! RPM Plus Friday events are designed for smaller group fellowship, community service, and shared learning. The RPM Cafe is open for business the fourth Friday of each month. Come join us at the Cafe for a good-spirited fellowship, a fine meal, and a thought-provoking program. Please save the dates for the following activities:

RPM Café—Friday, April 26, 11:30 A.M to 1:00 P.M. The Café will be open for business in Anderson Hall at The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas. All are warmly welcome to join us! The program for the day will be “Building a Beloved Community: A Celebration of Mutual Ministry!” RPM is a parish ministry of OPC, and there is no charge to participate. For further information, please contact Sharon Parker ([sharon@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:sharon@overbrookpresb.org)) or Pat Dillon ([psdillon1@earthlink.net](mailto:psdillon1@earthlink.net)).

Walking with Spirit: A Celebration of Spring! Adventurers of all ages are invited to join the growing group of OPC woodland walkers as we explore area trails. For further information and for carpooling opportunities, please contact Sharon Parker ([sharon@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:sharon@overbrookpresb.org)).

- May 4—Stoneleigh: A Natural Garden, 1829 County Line Road, Villanova. Walkers will meet in the parking lot. Those who wish may bring their lunch and gather in the pavilion following the morning walk.

## Prayer List

- Prayers for restoration of health and comfort for Luis Wong who underwent hip replacement this week at Bryn Mawr Hospital.
- Prayers of comfort and consolation for Anne Foote and her family on the recent passing of Grenville Foote, loving and devoted husband, father, and friend.
- Prayers for compassionate care and comfort for Doris McDaniel, mother of Jim McDaniel.
- Prayers for comfort and peace for Colleen Granata, mother of Brad Biedermann. .
- Prayers for comfort and restoration of health for Gloria Newsome, sister of Marlin Newsome, as she recovers from recent surgery.
- Prayers for comfort and restoration of health for Rusty Marron, brother of Judy Williamson, following his recent surgery.
- Prayers for comfort and peace for Barbara Lappen, mother of Mary Bear Shannon.
- Prayers for compassionate care and comfort for Hannah Baukert's mother Mary, who is receiving hospice care.
- Prayers for compassionate care and comfort for John Shackelford, brother of Kate, as he receives medical treatment following brain surgery.
- Prayers for all who are facing health challenges, especially Scott Long, Caroline Skinner, Sonya Smith, Gwen Harden, Ed Harvey, Aqueelah Folwell, Stephanie Stokes, Milton Stokes, Natalie DeShields, Bill Long, and Jean Long.
- Prayers of thanksgiving for the joyful return of OPK students and staff to their Overbrook classrooms. Prayers of gratitude for all who have supported Overbrook during our time of relocation, especially Penn Wynne Presbyterian Church, Llanerch Presbyterian Church, Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, and St. Charles Seminary.

*Please contact Bill Baker ([wbaklava@aol.com](mailto:wbaklava@aol.com)) or Sharon Parker ([sharon@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:sharon@overbrookpresb.org)) to add names to the prayer list.*

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*Toffer Mihalka, tenor; Matthew Lulofs, bass*

*“Overbrook Presbyterian Church actively seeks to worship God, serving each other and the world through a welcoming, loving, and inclusive ministry.”*

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