



# Overbrook

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship Service  
Second Sunday in Easter  
April 27, 2025  
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

Mary Bear Shannon, Liturgist

Anthony M. Carrella, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

The Overbrook Choir

Toffer Mihalka, tenor

**Large Print Bulletins are Available.**

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

Today's chancel flowers are given by Buck Scott in loving memory of  
Mary Elizabeth Scott

**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.

**Following worship today**, please join us for Fellowship Hour, hosted by Elizabeth Mendoza and the Welcoming Committee. All are welcome!

❖=Stand as you are able

## GATHERING IN

### PRELUDE

### INTROIT

The Lord is my light and my salvation

Eleanor Daley  
(b. 1955)

### ❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Bear Shannon

*Phos Hilaron*, the oldest Christian hymn outside the Bible still in use.

(paraphrase by Paul Gibson)

Leader: Light of the world in grace and beauty,

People: **mirror of God's eternal face,**

Leader: transparent flame of love's free duty,

People: **you bring salvation to our race.**

Leader: Now, as we see the lights of evening,

People: **we raise our voice in hymns of praise;**

Leader: worthy are you of endless blessing,

People: **Sun of our night, Lamp of our days. Amen.**

*Original Greek text:*

Φῶς ἰλαρὸν ἀγίας δόξης ἀθανάτου Πατρός,  
οὐρανοῦ, ἀγίου, μάκαρος, Ἰησοῦ Χριστέ,  
ἐλθόντες ἐπὶ τὴν ἡλίου δύσιν, ἰδόντες φῶς ἑσπερινόν,  
ὑμνοῦμεν Πατέρα, Υἱόν, καὶ ἅγιον Πνεῦμα, Θεόν.  
Ἄξιόν σε ἐν πᾶσι καιροῖς ὑμνεῖσθαι φωναῖς αἰσίαις,  
Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ζωὴν ὁ διδούς· διὸ ὁ κόσμος σε δοξάζει.

### ❖HYMN (on next page)

O Faithful People, Let Us Sing

O FILII ET FILIAE

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al -

1 O faith - ful peo - ple, let us sing with  
 2 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; a -  
 le - lu - ia!  
 3 When Thom - as first the ti - dings heard, how  
 4 "My pier - ed side, O Thom - as, see; and

heaven - ly hosts to Christ our King; to - day the grave has  
 mong them came their Lord most dear, and said, "My peace be  
 they had seen the ris - en Lord, he doubt - ed the dis -  
 look up - on my hands, my feet; not faith - less, but be -

lost its sting!  
 with you here."  
 ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 liev - ing be."

*Fine*

5 No longer Thomas then denied;  
 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
 "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 How blest are they who have not seen,  
 and yet whose faith has constant been,  
 for they eternal life shall win.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

These stanzas from a 19th-century translation of a longer 15th-century Latin text are the continuation of hymn no. 235 and are based on the traditional gospel reading for the Second Sunday of Easter. They are sung to a 15th-century French tune adapted for church use.

WELCOME

*Adam Hearlson*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COURAGE (*unison*) *Mary Bear Shannon*

Risen Savior, the light of your resurrection has dawned. Forgive us for sleeping in. Forgive us for shutting the curtains, or staying hidden in the shadows. May we step into the light and notice the multitude of blessings that surround us and uphold us. May your light awaken us to your unending grace and love. 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 *Psalm 150* *Mary Bear Shannon*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS *Adam Hearlson*

|                       |                           |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Faith Eastling</i> | <i>Michael Eastling</i>   |
| <i>Derek Freeah</i>   | <i>Hannah Baukert</i>     |
| <i>Laurel Geers</i>   | <i>Angel Heinz</i>        |
| <i>Michael Heinz</i>  | <i>Karen Lord-Hurwitz</i> |
| <i>Scott Long</i>     |                           |

*(Following the Reception of New Members, learners in Pre-K through Grade 5 are encouraged to recess to Sunday School)*

SOLO

arr. Uzee Brown, Jr.  
(b. 1950)

Great Day!  
*Toffer Mihalka, tenor*

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Great day!  
Great day the righteous marchin'.  
Great day!  
God's gonna build up Zion's wall.

Chariot moved on de mountain top,  
My Lord spoke an' de chariot stopped.

When I was a mourner just like you  
I prayed and prayed till I came through.

This is the year of Jubilee,  
When my Lord set his people free.

We want no cowards in our band.  
We call for valiant-hearted men.

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*African-American Spiritual*

❖ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

HYMN No. 591



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

John 20:19-31

*Adam Hearlson*

SERMON

“Hope in Things Unseen”

*Adam Hearlson*

❖HYMN (*on next page*)

KEDRON

These Things Did Thomas Count as Real

❖AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*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

1 These things did Thom - as count as real: the warmth of  
 2 The vi - sion of his skep - tic mind was keen e -  
 3 His rea - soned cer - tain - ties de - nied that one could  
 4 May we, O God, by grace be - lieve and thus the

blood, the chill of steel, the grain of wood, the heft of  
 nough to make him blind to an - y un - ex - pect - ed  
 live when one had died, un - til his fin - gers read like  
 ris - en Christ re - ceive, whose raw im - print - ed hands reached

stone, the last frail twitch of blood and bone.  
 act too large for his small world of fact.  
 Braille the mark - ings of the spear and nail.  
 out and beck - oned Thom - as from his doubt.

This 20th-century text provides a helpful corrective to a long history of negative attitudes toward Thomas for failing to believe the other disciples' report that Christ had risen. His fact-seeking "skeptical mind" sounds remarkably modern and makes him a more sympathetic figure.

*The service continues on the previous page.*



## 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

Most glorious Lord of life  
*The Overbrook Choir*

William H. Harris  
(1883-1973)

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Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day  
Didst make thy triumph over death and sin,  
And having harrowed hell, didst bring away  
Captivity thence captive, us to win.

This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,  
And grant that we for whom thou didst die,  
Being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin,  
May live forever in felicity.

And that thy love we weighing worthily,  
May likewise love thee for the same again;  
And for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy,  
With love may one another entertain.

So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought;  
Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

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*Edmund Spenser (1552-1599)*

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

*Mary Bear Shannon*

Christ, our living Savior, bless these offerings. In our giving, may our eyes be opened to the ways in which you have given to us. May these small tokens be the act of care that comforts a person in need. May they be the warm blessing for which the world longs. Amen.

## SENDING FORTH

❖ HYMN (*below*)

MFURAHINI, HALELUYA

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia. Re - joice and  
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst un - til its  
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear. You look for  
 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has a -  
 5 Christ has a - ris - en to set us free. Al - le - lu -

praise him, al - le - lu - ia. For our re - deem - er  
 strength by God was dis - persed. He who gives life did  
 Je - sus who is not here. See for your - selves the  
 ris - en this world to save. Je - sus' re - deem - ing  
 ia, to him prais - es be. Je - sus is liv - ing!

burst from the tomb, e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
 death un - der - go, and in its con - quest his might did show.  
 tomb is all bare. On - ly the grave clothes are ly - ing there."  
 la - bors are done. E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."  
 Let us all sing; he reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

*Refrain*

Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy. Death's fear - ful

sting he has come to de - stroy. Our sin for - giv - ing,

al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

❖BENEDICTION

Adam Hearlson

CHORAL RESPONSE

Lo, I am with you always

Eleanor Daley  
(b. 1955)

POSTLUDE

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

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Getting to know our new members! Today we will welcome nine new members into our congregation during worship. To learn more about them, please scan the QR code to the right.



Centering Prayer and Bible Study—Wednesday, April 30, 9:30 A.M. Centering Prayer takes place every Wednesday morning; Bible Study follows at 10:30 A.M. All are welcome to join us at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El.

Interfaith Study and Fellowship—Tuesday, May 20, 7:30 P.M. OPC is invited to join Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El in a gathering around sacred texts. Led by Rabbi Ethan and Pastor Adam, the two communities will build upon the foundation laid at our Easter and Passover services. Come and learn together with your neighbors. The study will take place at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El.

Chancel Flowers—Donations needed. Please consider donating the Sunday morning chancel flowers in honor/memory of a loved one or simply in a celebration or thanksgiving for the many blessings we receive. The cost is \$60.00, but you may contribute what you wish. To sign up, follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8secsur>. There are three ways to pay for the flowers:

1. Log onto Realm: <https://onrealm.org/overbrookpresb/give/flowers>
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 ([manager@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:manager@overbrookpresb.org)) or Carol ([carol@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:carol@overbrookpresb.org)).

**Fellowship Hour Hosts Needed.** 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, feel free to reach out to [clc@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:clc@overbrookpresb.org).



**Celebrating Pride at Overbrook.** Some exciting programming for Pride Month is in the works, and we would love your input. If you are interested in getting updates or helping out with this ministry, please contact Mads Cosgriff ([mpcosgriff@gmail.com](mailto:mpcosgriff@gmail.com)), or find Scott Long or Mads at Fellowship Hour.

### MISSION AND OUTREACH

**Life Center of Eastern Delaware County—Tuesday, April 29, 6:00 P.M.** Drop off or serve the meal prepared by the Retired Persons Ministry at the Life Center (6310 Market Street, Upper Darby). If you can help, please contact Janet Bowker ([jabowker1001@gmail.com](mailto:jabowker1001@gmail.com)).

### WOMEN'S DINING CIRCLE

**Women's Dining Circle—Friday, May 2, 6:30 P.M.** Join us at the home of Elizabeth Cosgriff (251 Linden Lane, Merion Station). Proceeds this month will benefit Food Moxie. Please RSVP by Monday, April 28 by scanning the QR code. If you have any questions, call Carol at 267-252-8051 or email [carol@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:carol@overbrookpresb.org). Thanks for being a part of the Women's Dining Circle, and we hope to see you there!



## PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNium

JULY 27–31

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Calling all **youth and young adults!** Join us at the Presbyterian Youth Triennium, which takes place this summer in **Louisville, Kentucky.**

**Informational Meeting—Rescheduled to Sunday May 18.** We will gather at **Salt & Light Church (5736 Chester Ave., Philadelphia)** for fun, food, and fellowship. Please email [youth@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:youth@overbrookpresb.org) if you plan on joining us for this meeting.

**What is it?** Every 3 years, the Presbyterian Church (USA) welcomes thousands of youth and young adults to experience four days of worship, recreation, bible study, and faith formation.

**Where is it?** Most programming and meals will be held at the Kentucky International Convention Center, with all participants housed at nearby Triennium hotels.

**When is it?** The Triennium takes place from July 27 through July 31. We will travel together by motorcoach with attendees from other churches in the area.

### **Who can participate?**

1. High-school youth, including those who are entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall and those who have just graduated.
2. Young adults aged 19 to 23 years; see below for more information.

**How much does it cost?** The Triennium is \$570 per person. **All are welcome regardless of ability to pay;** OPC will cover the costs for participants in need.

**Opportunities for Young Adults.** Those aged 19 to 23 years have two options for participation in the Triennium:

- **Service Track**—working behind the scenes of the event.
- **Leader Lens Track**—focused on leadership skill development, theological exploration, and experiences for a new kind of church leader.

## Prayer List

- Prayers for Logan and his dad and brothers as they mourn the loss of their beloved mother and wife, Tara
- Prayer for restoration of health for Gail Kaercher as she faces new medical challenges.
- Prayers for compassionate care and comfort for Phil Sheau's niece in law, Emma Mon.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Vince Gilhool as he faces health challenges.
- Prayers for Peggy Boatwright and her daughter as they face challenges navigating decisions after fire spread through Peggy's home.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Artia Benjamin's friend, Gwen Burnett, as she recovers from surgery.
- Prayers for health and comfort for Joan Moylan as she faces a recurrence of breast cancer.
- Prayers for Davorka Sabljak, as she faces health challenges.
- Prayers for restoration of health and comfort for Susan Leach, mother of Becky Lazo.
- Prayers for healing and comfort for Meryth Piatt, Mads Piatt Cosgriff's aunt as she heals from an accident.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Karen Testa's father as he is receiving medical care for health challenges.
- Prayers for Laila Soueif, friend of Scott Long, and her family as she is currently hospitalized for health reasons.
- Prayers of support for the Eastling family as they navigate challenging times.
- Prayers for Janie Martin's cousin, Maureen Cook, who is undergoing medical care for pancreatic cancer.
- Prayers for all who are facing health concerns, especially Gwen Anthony, Jane Bevan, Bob Bevan, Scott Long, Gwen Harden, Ed Harvey, Milton Stokes, Mary Lou Ryce, Valerie Craig, Joan Moylan, Jim Moylan and Natalie DeShields.
- Prayers for strength, guidance and peace for all who are facing life transitions and confronted with challenging decisions.

*Please contact Lisa Faso ([manager@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:manager@overbrookpresb.org)) or Adam Hearlson ([adam@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:adam@overbrookpresb.org)) to add names to the prayer list.*

## OPC SESSION MEMBERS:

Adam Hearlson, Moderator

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The Overbrook Quartet:

*Iris Fairfax, soprano; Syrena Torres, alto;*

*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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