
Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
August 7, 2022
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
Will Schick, Liturgist
Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music
Allison Chang, mezzo-soprano

Today's chancel flowers are given to the glory of God.

Ushers: Max Mason, Noble Brigham, Jason Sheau,
Nickie Stokes, and Mary Scott

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.

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 in the Wistar Morris room hosted by Lainie Blodgett and Leah Mayne. 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

CWG

Improvisation on “Nettleton”

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Will Schick

Leader: Let us worship the eternal God,

People: **the source of love and life, who creates us.**

Leader: Let us worship Jesus Christ,

People: **the risen one, who lives among us.**

Leader: Let us worship the Spirit,

People: **the holy fire, who renews us.**

Leader: To the one true God be praise

All: **in all times and places,**

through the grace of Jesus Christ.

❖ HYMN No. 475

NETTLETON

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

WELCOME

Adam Hearlson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COURAGE (*unison*)

Will Schick

O God of shalom,

we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies,

but those walls also shut us off from receiving your love.

Break down those walls.

Help us to see that the way to your heart

is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies.

Bless them and us,

that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you, through Jesus

Christ. 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 Numbers 22:20-27
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Will Schick
Pew Bible, p. 136

BIBLICAL STORYTELLING

Jason Duckworth

(Following the storytelling, all children are welcome to remain in worship, should parents so wish. Our nursery remains open for childcare following the storytelling.)

SOLO

Jesus Calls Us
Allison Chang, mezzo-soprano

Wayne L. Wold
(b. 1954)

OLD TESTAMENT Numbers 22:28-35
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Adam Hearlson
Pew Bible, p. 136

SERMON “Weird Bible! Donkeys and Angels”

Adam Hearlson

❖HYMN No. 740

LEAD ME GUIDE ME

Lead Me, Guide Me

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

*(If you wish to leave an offering, we encourage you to use
the offering plate by the lectern as you depart the Sanctuary.)*

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Felix Mendelssohn

“O rest in the Lord” from *Elijah*

(1809-1847)

Oh rest in the Lord,
wait patiently for Him,
and He shall give thee thy heart's desires.
Commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him,
and fret not thyself because of evil-doers.

Psalm 37:1, 7

❖ 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

Will Schick

Holy Spirit, open our eyes to the needs of the world. May we hear your voice and follow it. When we are sent may we have the courage to go. And when we give, may we have the imagination to see your gifts surrounding us. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Adam Hearlson

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

SANCTUS

HYMN No. 595

(sung twice: once in English and once in Spanish)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, My heart, my heart a - dores you!
San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra-zón te a - do - ra!



My heart knows how to say to you: you are ho - ly, Lord!
Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res, Se - ñor!

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 AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

Holy Triune God, we thank you for this meal that proclaims the peace and healing of the nations. We thank you for this meal where a little is enough to change our lives; where a little is more than enough to feed those whose hearts yearn for communion in community. May this bread and fruit of the vine nourish us so that we may grow in the faith and knowledge that in you, we are one. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

❖HYMN No. 421

IRISH

Have Mercy, God, upon My Life

❖BENEDICTION

Adam Hearlson

❖CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN No. 541, stanza 1

God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE

Johann Pachelbel

Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr'

(1653-1706)

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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

First Sunday Youth Fellowship. Today after worship at noon, the youth ministry will gather in Adam's office for lunch, fellowship and Bible Study. All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry warmly welcomes all who are interested to join them Monday, August 8, at 11:00 AM, at the home of Bette Homer, 5948 Woodbine Avenue, Philadelphia, 19131. Participants are reminded to BYO lunch. For more information, please contact Mary Lou Ryce (marylou.ryce@gmail.com).

Sizzling Summer Prayer Breakfast—Saturday, August 13, 9:30-11:00 a.m. The Great Chefs of OPC are busy planning a menu of our breakfast favorites. All are warmly welcome to come and enjoy a fine meal, fellowship, and shared devotions in the Wistar Morris Room. Recognizing that August 13 is *International Left-hander's Day*, all “lefties” will be in for a special treat! OPC Prayer Breakfasts are a Parish Care ministry; there is no cost to attend. A free-will offering basket will be available for those wishing to contribute to our local food pantries. Please bring your family...invite your friends! This is definitely an event for all ages. If you would like to help with the culinary magic, please contact Sharon Parker (sharon@overbrookpresb.org); your apron and whisk will be waiting! RSVPs appreciated to Sharon by August 11.

RPM (Retired Person's Ministry) has Returned! Circle the following dates:

August 12, 10:00 a.m. to noon—Creative Service

(prayer breakfast preparation, floral arranging, outdoor sprucing)

August 19, 10:00 a.m. to noon—Trivia Challenge, Competitive Team Activities

August 26, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.—The RPM Café

All activities will take place in the Wistar Morris Room. Let's get together for some good-spirited fellowship! Please contact Sharon Parker for more information (sharon@overbrookpresb.org).

Save the Date-Red Cross Blood Drive – Friday, September 2 – 12:00pm-5:00 in the Wistar Morris Room. There are two ways to schedule an appointment:

1- Call 1-800-733-2767 –

2- Visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Overbrook Presbyterian Church to schedule an appointment.

If you need help, please do not hesitate to contact Suchita Fiorillo or the office.

Adult Education. OPC's Adult Education Committee welcomes your program suggestions. The fall will signal the return of Forum, a Sunday morning gathering (9:15 AM-10:15 AM) of diverse voices, seeking to learn with and from each other. To assist with program planning, the committee invites you to complete the insert in today's bulletin, and place it in the offering plate, or in the basket near the office entrance. Responses can also be given directly to Trudy Sheau, Committee Chair. (tsheau@yahoo.com).

Fellowship Hour. If you would like to host a Fellowship Hour, please see the sign-up sheet in the Wistar Morris Room or contact Artia Benjamin for more information. We are currently in need of hosts for the following dates: **August 21 and 28.**

Norristown Hospitality Center. For those interested in donating food to the Norristown Hospitality Center, all food should be donated by, **Sunday, August 21.** Delivery of food will be on Monday, August 22nd.

YOUTH MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Youth Mission Trip—September 23-26:** Mark your calendars and get ready for a youth mission trip to The Center in Baltimore, MD. Keep an eye on your mailbox for a postcard with more information.
- **Fall Youth Sunday School—Teachers Needed!** In the fall, the church will begin offering Sunday School for our youth grades 6-12 on each Sunday except for communion Sundays. After the sermon, the youth will depart for Sunday School until 12:30 p.m. We will continue to hold our First Sunday gatherings on communion Sundays. To support this important ministry, we are looking for regular Youth Sunday School teachers. Do you like teenagers? Do you find them funny and inspiring? Would you like to talk with some of the most interesting and passionate people in this church? Would you like to teach and learn alongside our youth? Then come and be a Youth Sunday School teacher. If you have interest in serving in this ministry, please reach out to Adam Hearlson (adam@overbrookpresb.org).

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rotating Playground Hangouts: Get ready to play! On select Thursdays this summer, kids, friends, parents, and neighbors will gather for Rotating Playground Hangouts at top-rated parks chosen by our OPC families. At each site, we will bring a cooler of water, ice pops, games, and a first aid kit. Families bring themselves and things to make them comfortable, such as lawn chairs and blankets. All hangouts will take place from **5:00 to 7:30 p.m.** In the event of rain, the hangout will take place on the next day (Friday).

Thursday, August 11	Wynnewood Valley Park 1505 Remington Rd., Penn Wynne
Thursday, September 1	Freedom Playground 9000 Parkview Dr., Haverford

ONGOING WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

The Work of the Church continues, and we continue to create programming for our community.

Tuesday Women's Prayer & Support Group—7:30 a.m.

Join <https://bit.ly/3yxD2F4> or call 646-558-8656,

Meeting ID: 932 4865 5338

Wednesday Bible Study—10:30 a.m. (both in person and online)

Join <https://tinyurl.com/46n54thm> or call 646-558-8656,

Meeting ID: 894 5497 9360

Prayer List

- Prayers of comfort and peace for Chris Gage and his family on the death of Wayne Gage, loving husband and father.
- Prayers of comfort and peace for Pastor Emeritus David and Elizabeth McMillan, on the recent death of their daughter Rachel.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Aimerie Scherluebbe, who is undergoing medical care for the treatment of lymphoma.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Davorka Sabljak, who is recovering from a concussion.
- Prayers for restoration of health for all in our church family who have contacted COVID.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Mike and Cindy, members of Ginny Leagans' extended family.
- Prayers for all who face health challenges, especially Susan Leach, Ernestine Harris, Caroline Skinner, Aqueelah Folwell, Stephanie Stokes, Judy Swartz, Ed Harvey, Alyce Marsh, Ellen Burr, Bill and Jean Long, Terri Carter, and Martha Brown.
- Prayers for Stephanie Morris and her family.
- Prayers of hope and strength for all who are experiencing challenges and transitions in their personal lives.

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

OPC SESSION MEMBERS:

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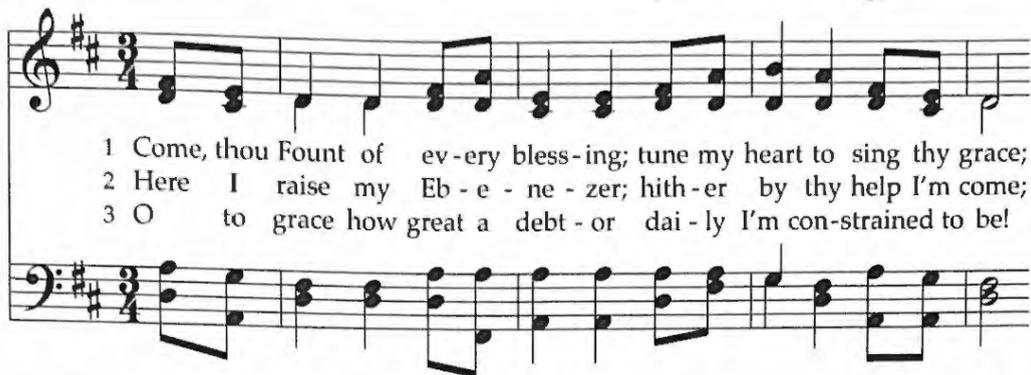
The Overbrook Quartet:

Iris Fairfax, soprano; Allison Chang, 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.”

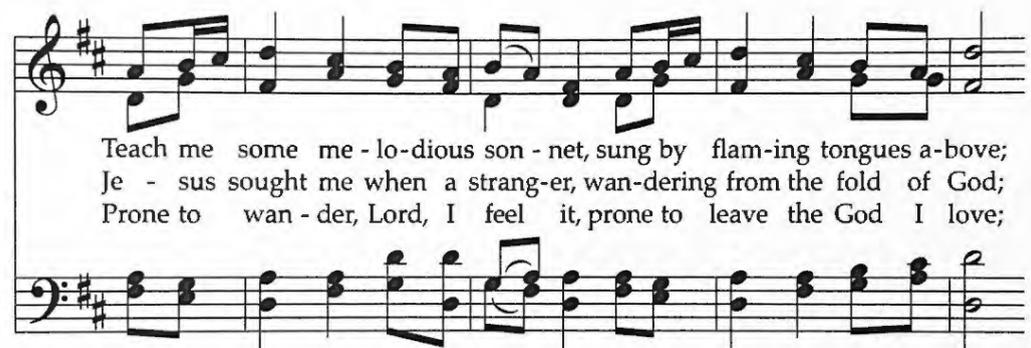
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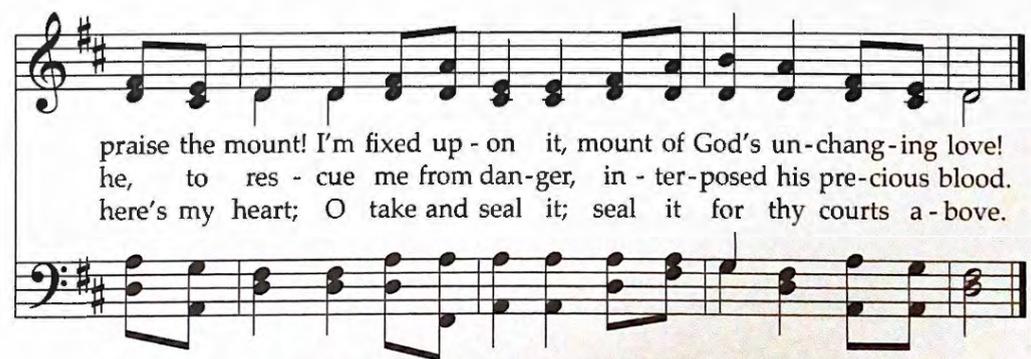
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

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Lead Me, Guide Me

Capo 1: (D) Refrain (A7) (Em)

E^b B^b7 Fm

Lead me, guide me, a-long the way, for if you

(A) (D) (A7) (D)

B^b E^b B^b7 E^b

lead me, I can-not stray. Lord, let me walk each

(A7) (B7) (Em) (D) (A7) (D)

B^b7 C7 Fm E^b B^b7 E^b Fine

day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

(D) (B7) (Em) (A7) (Em)

E^b C7 Fm B^b7 Fm

I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me

(A) (D) (D) (D7)

B^b E^b E^b E^b7

o-ver my weak-est hour. Help me through the dark-ness your

(Em) (D) (A7) (D)

Fm E^b B^b7 E^b to Refrain

face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

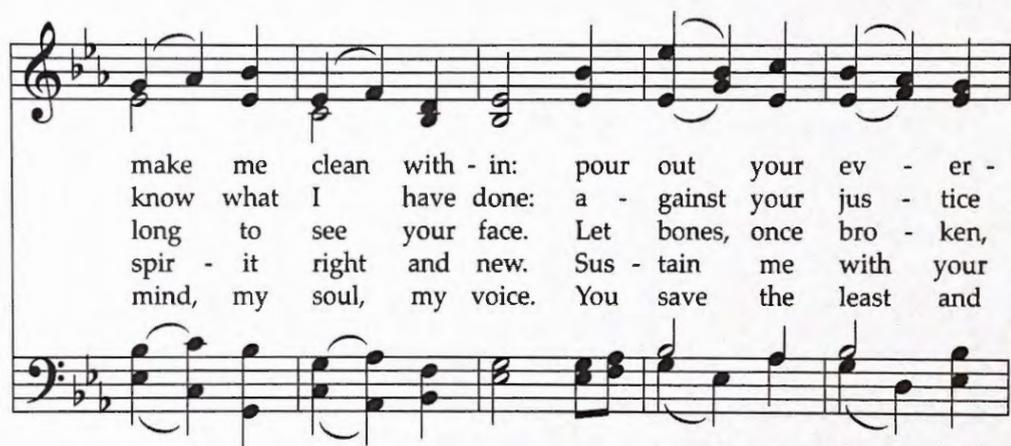
This African American gospel hymn can well be understood as an updated adaptation of Psalm 5:8, with the "enemies" of the psalm treated as the pressures and temptations of daily life. As with the psalms, the "I" here is understood to express a shared communal experience.

Have Mercy, God, upon My Life 421

(Psalm 51)



1 Have mer - cy, God, up - on my life, and
 2 My guilt is heav - y on my mind; I
 3 Now teach me wis - dom in my soul; I
 4 Cre - ate in me a faith - ful heart, a
 5 Then I will praise you with my heart, my



make me clean with - in: pour out your ev - er -
 know what I have done: a - gainst your jus - tice
 long to see your face. Let bones, once bro - ken,
 spir - it right and new. Sus - tain me with your
 mind, my soul, my voice. You save the least and



faith - ful love and wash a - way my sin.
 I have sinned, a - gainst you, God, a - lone.
 sing with joy, and heal me by your grace.
 sav - ing love and keep me close to you.
 seek the lost; let all the world re - joice!

Psalm 51, paraphrased here, has traditionally been known as one of the seven penitential psalms, and it is used annually on Ash Wednesday. But this psalm is not just about human sinfulness; it is also about God's willingness to forgive and restore sinners. That is good news.