



Overbrook

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship Service
August 23, 2026
10:30 A.M.

Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church
We are glad you are worshiping with us this morning!

Notes on Today's Service

Leadership:

The Rev. Dr. Adam Hearlson, Pastor
Wanda Harris-Cooper, Pastor of Care and Youth Ministry
Janie Martin, Liturgist
Anthony Carrella, Director of Children and Families Ministry
Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music
The Overbrook Summer Choir
Jasper McQueen, baritone

Today's chancel flowers are given by Jeff and Janet Bowker
in loving memory of Kim Bowker.

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 are Available.

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

Following worship today, please join us for Fellowship Hour.
All are welcome!

Ways to Give:

Text "GIVEOPC" 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. You may also scan the QR code for giving options.

GIVING



❖=Stand as you are able

GATHERING IN

PRELUDE

CWG

Improvisation on “Kingsfold”

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Janie Martin

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord, say so.

People: Let God's beloved raise their voices.

Leader: Let all who hunger come and find food

People: Let all who thirst come and be sated.

Leader: Let God's people become one heart and one voice

All: Let us praise the God who binds us together in love.

❖HYMN (*on next two pages*)

KINGSFOLD

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

WELCOME

Adam Hearlson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COURAGE (*unison*)

Janie Martin

From Thom Shuman

Rock of our salvation,

we know the faults we try to hide from you and others.

We have not cared for all people in the same way.

We do think some are more gifted, or better, or more valuable.

We are more willing to rejoice with someone, than to suffer with another.

We are not sure the prisoners should be set free, or the poor given hope.

Redeemer of all people, forgive us.

Anoint us with your Spirit's power

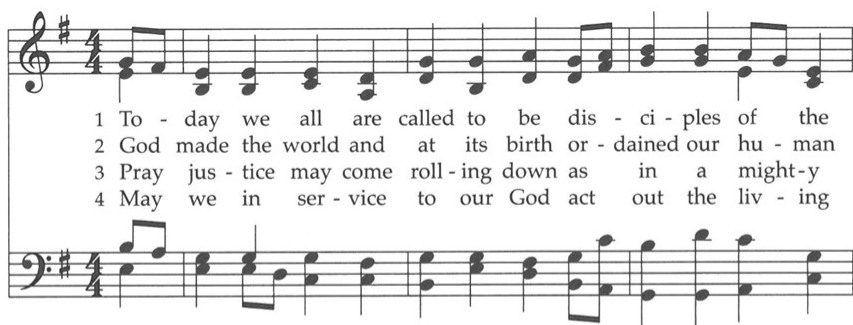
so our eyes might be opened and our ears freed

to listen to what Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,

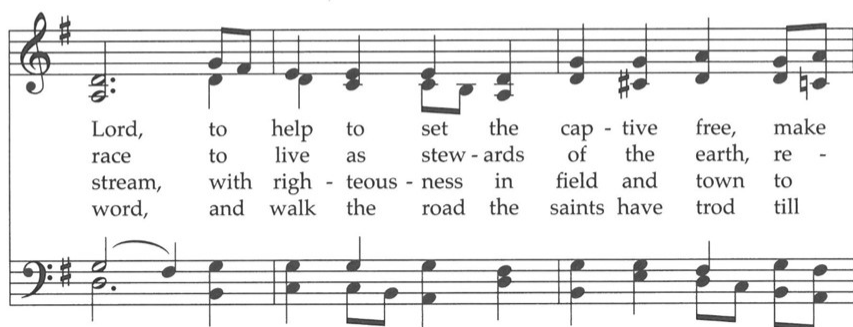
teaches us about your love and grace for our lives.

SILENT CONFESSION

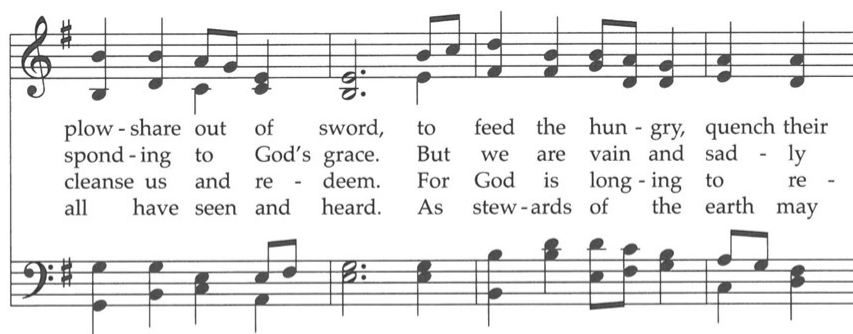
EMBRACING GOD'S GRACE



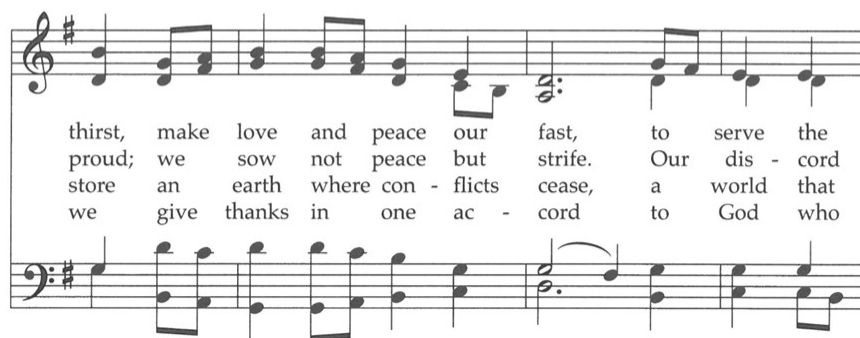
1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing



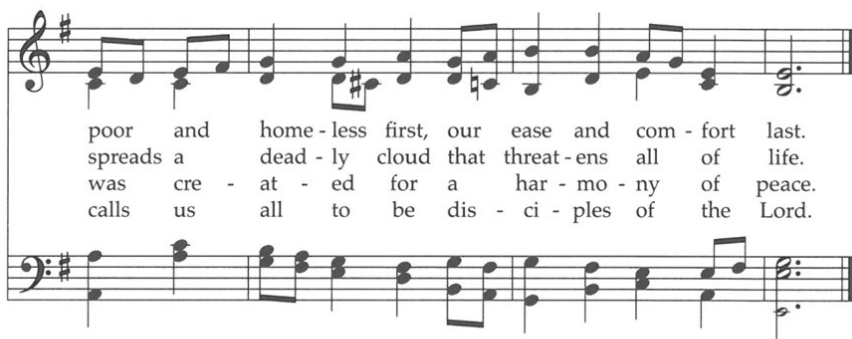
Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till



plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may



thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
 proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
 store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
 we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who



This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

The service continues on the page before the hymn.

❖ 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 124

Janie Martin

If you would like to follow along with today's Scripture readings, Bibles are available at the back of Fellowship Hall. Kindly return them to the cart following worship.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

BIBLICAL STORYTELLING

Anthony Carrella

(Following the storytelling, children may return to their pews or proceed to the Prayerground. The nursery is also open for childcare.)

SOLO

Every Time I Feel the Spirit
Jasper McQueen, baritone

arr. Gwyneth Walker
(b. 1947)

Up on the mountain, when my Lord spoke,
out of His mouth came fire and smoke.
Down in the valley, I'm on my knees,
I'm saying, "My Lord, mercy please!"
And ev'ry time I feel the spirit
movin' in my heart, I will pray.

O Jordan River is chilly and cold,
it chills my body, but not my soul.
Across the river, it looks so fine.
I'm asking, "My Lord, is this all mine!"
And ev'ry time...

There's only one train runs on this track,
it goes to Heav'n and comes right back.
Saint Peter waitin' right at the gate,
he's sayin', "Come on, brother, don't be late!"
And ev'ry time...

African-American Spiritual

GOSPEL LESSON

Acts 11:1-18

Adam Hearlson

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Dandelion Wine"

Adam Hearlson

❖ HYMN (*on opposite page*)

TWENTY-FOURTH

Where Charity and Love Prevail



1 Where char-i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
 2 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son.
 3 Let strife a-mong us be un-known; let all con - ten-tions cease.
 4 Let us for-give each oth-er's faults as we our own con - fess,
 5 Love can ex-clude no race or creed if hon - ored be God's name;

brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
 As mem-bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris-tian gen - tle - ness.
 our com-mon life em - brac - es all whose Mak - er is the same.

❖ 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

Wanda Harris Cooper

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

Wanda Harris-Cooper

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Wanda Harris Cooper

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Roland E. Martin
(b. 1955)

Let the Whole Creation Cry
The Overbrook Summer Choir

❖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

Good shepherd,
you graciously spread a table before us.
We offer you these gifts,
tokens of our grateful hearts.
Nourish us at the feast of the Lamb,
that we may proclaim to all the world
your triumphant love in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

SENDING FORTH

❖HYMN *(on next page)*

LORD, MAKE US

Lord, Make Us More Holy

❖BENEDICTION

Adam Hearlson

❖CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN No. 541, vs. 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

Christian Cappelen
(1845-1916)

Postlude in F

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

HAPPENINGS: WEEK OF AUGUST 23 TO 30

Sunday, August 23	<u>10:30 A.M.</u> – Worship Service 11:45 A.M. – Fellowship Hour
Tuesday, August 25	7:30 A.M. – Morning Prayer (online) 10:45 A.M. – Camp RPM
Wednesday, August 26	10:30 A.M. – Bible Study
Sunday, August 30	<u>10:30 A.M.</u> – Worship Service 11:45 A.M. – Fellowship Hour



1 Lord, make us more ho - ly; Lord, make us more ho - ly;
 2 Lord, make us more lov - ing; Lord, make us more lov - ing;
 3 Lord, make us more pa - tient; Lord, make us more pa - tient;
 4 Lord, make us more faith - ful; Lord, make us more faith - ful;



Lord, make us more ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain:



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain.
 lov - ing, lov - ing, lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain.
 pa - tient, pa - tient, pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain.
 faith - ful, faith - ful, faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain.

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Welcome, Jasper McQueen! Today is the first Sunday for the newest member of the Overbrook Quartet. Jasper comes to us from St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Whitmarsh, where he sang baritone in the choir and assisted with their chorister program; he also sings with the Philadelphia Gay Men's Chorus. Please join us in giving him a warm welcome!

Sunday, August 30—Come celebrate, commission and pray for Mads Piatt Cosgriff, during worship, as he begins his theological study at Princeton Theological Seminary. Bring your well wishes and encouragement as we celebrate this wonderful beginning.

Office Entrance Closed. Construction has begun on the permanent ramp and walkway to the office entrance. Due to the construction, the door and walkway to the office will be closed. We will use the playground door for entry until the project is complete. Should anyone need an accessible entrance for Sunday services, the ramp on the Lancaster Avenue side of the building by the women's restroom will be available; you can reach that ramp via the path in the playground. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and patience as we continue to improve and rebuild.

Important Notice: Men's Restroom. The men's restroom on the main floor is currently out of service for the foreseeable future due to construction. Alternative restroom facilities are available in the church office and downstairs near the playground entrance, located just outside the Sunday School classrooms. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Centering Prayer—on hiatus until September.

Bible Study—Wednesday, August 26, 10:30 A.M. This midweek program returning this Wednesday at 10:30 A.M. in the OPC conference room. Please remember to enter by the playground door.

Teachers' Teammates—Donations accepted. A collection bin is now stationed inside by the playground door during construction. There is a pocket hanging from its front with copies of the Accepted Donation List, or you can scan the QR code to see it.

SCAN HERE



Teachers Teammates are also now collecting unused toner cartridges, which can be turned in for school supplies for students and classrooms.

If you have any questions, please contact Raelyn Harman (610-331-8972 or Raelyn.Harman@TeachersTeammates.org). Thank you for your support!

Chancel Flowers—Donations needed. Please consider donating the Sunday morning chancel flowers in honor or 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/2p8ecsur>. 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.

Each Sunday, the chancel flowers are delivered by the deacons to OPC members.

Fellowship Hour—Volunteers and Donations Needed. Every week after worship, we gather as share something to eat and drink, welcome new people, and check in with friends. For many at Overbrook, this time feels like an extension of worship. As we transition home, we will adapt a few of our traditions while the building remains under construction. Since the kitchen will be in renovation, there will be no cooking space, refrigerator space, or running water for dishes. Each week, we will need a Fellowship Coordinator and donations from OPC members and friends:

SIGN UP



To sign up, scan the QR code above. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Artia Benjamin and the Congregational Life Committee (clc@overbrookpresb.org)

FINANCE

What is Apportionment? Apportionment is OPC's annual contribution to the Greater Presbytery of Mid-Atlantic USA, helping support the ministry and mission of our wider Presbyterian church family. This shared contribution is based on church membership and allows congregations to work together in ministry, accountability, and outreach. Our apportionment is calculated at **\$37.00 per official member on our church roll**. For Overbrook, the annual apportionment totals approximately \$14,400 each year. If you would like to help support this important commitment, and contribute even a portion of that \$37.00, it would ease a significant burden from our general operating budget. You may contribute by check, please write "apportionment" in the memo line of your check, by scanning the QR Code. Please reach out to the Finance Committee, finance@overbrookpresb.org, with any questions.

GIVE



DEACONS

Transportation Assistance. If you face challenges in getting to Overbrook for services or challenges in transport for other important needs, or if you know someone in our extended church family who does, we encourage you to speak to one of the Deacons. We are working to improve our transportation ministry, and we may be able to help. Email deacons@overbrookpresb.org for additional information.

Immigration-Related Support. If you or anyone in your circle of family or friends is facing immigration-related challenges, OPC would like to help. Please consider contacting one of the deacons or pastoral staff. We may be able to assist with daily needs or connect you with outside experts if necessary. We promise all requests will be kept confidential. A list of deacons is available on the back page of the bulletin.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Register for Sunday Mornings, 2026–27. Overbrook is a child-cherishing church, and registering for Sunday morning programs helps us get to know your family. The form takes five minutes per child and can be completed anytime by scanning the QR code. You can also stop by our table in the Wistar Morris Room on August 30, September 6, or September 13, where paper forms will be waiting. Sunday School begins on **Sunday, September 13.**

REGISTER



Contemplative Family Dinner Church Returns. Each month, the Spirit gathers our families for dinner, fellowship, and contemplative spiritual practice. You are warmly welcomed. Dinner is served at **5:45 P.M.**, the practice begins at 6:30, and we end at 7:15. We will gather on the following Wednesdays: September 16, October 14, November 4, and December 2.

RETIRED PERSONS' MINISTRY

Camp RPM—Tuesday, August 25, 10:45 A.M. The Retired Persons' Ministry (RPM) warmly invites all “seasoned believers” to participate in the last installment of Camp RPM this week. This exploration of history and faith along the Delaware County riverfront will include opportunities for shared learning, good-spirited adventure, fellowship... and a picnic lunch. Lunch will be provided for each participant. There is no cost to participate in this special ministry.

This month's program is called “**Banks of the Delaware: Intersection of History and Faith.**” We will meet at 10:45 A.M. in the OPC Parking Lot to depart for Governor Printz Park and a tour of New Sweden (ca. 1640), site of the first Reformed worship service in the Philadelphia area. We will then have a guided tour of the neighboring historic Lazaretto (ca. 1799), the oldest surviving quarantine station in the Western Hemisphere. Please RSVP to Sharon Parker (sparker614@gmail.com; 610-742-8415) by Sunday, August 23, if you plan to attend, need transportation, and/or can provide transportation for a non-driver. Responses are essential to assure transportation and lunches for all.

PRAYER LIST

- Prayers for strength and healing for Ed Harvey as he undergoes an upcoming heart procedure.
- Prayers for comfort and support for Allison Person's whole family as her mother, Tamie Person, nears end of life.
- Prayers of strength and healing for Elizabeth Mendoza as she recovers from surgery for breast cancer.
- Prayers of support for Bette and Ron Homer, facing challenging times.
- Prayers for strength for Hudson Cosgrove, Karen Lord-Hurwitz's great grandson in Florida, who was born premature.
- Prayers for comfort and healing for Andrea Gosfield in her recovery from hernia surgery.
- Prayers for guidance and comfort for Scott Long, who is in search of a new home near public transit and is also facing health challenges.
- Prayers for Capitola Cooper, mother-in-law of Wanda Harris-Cooper, for restoration of health of heart issues.
- Prayers of comfort and support for Peggy Boatwright and her family as they mourn the loss of Peggy's brother, Charles Lewis.
- Prayers of comfort and support for all those mourning the loss of Robert Marshall, brother of Calvin Marshall.
- Prayers for strength and healing for Susan Leach, Becky Lazo's mom, as she continues her health recovery.
- Prayers for successful treatment and recovery of Kari McDevitt, friend of the Lazo's, as she faces her ninth cancer diagnosis.
- Prayers for peace and restoration in the Middle East, that the hearts of world leaders may be turned away from violence.
- Prayers of support for those embarking on new ventures and for all undergoing the uncertainty of transitions.
- Prayers for dignity, stability, and comfort for all those navigating changes in government assistance programs.
- Prayers for all who are facing health concerns, especially Roz Benton, Peggy Boatwright, Gary Fairfax, Brian Henderson, Gwen Anthony, Gail Kaercher, Vince Gilhool, Gwen Harden, Bette Homer, Beth Leach, Valerie Craig, Patricia MacCausland, Joan Moylan, Jim Moylan, Davorka Sabljak, Carolyn Summers, Nathan Tullio and Natalie DeShields.

Please contact Jill Van Rawley (deacons@overbrookpresb.org) or Adam Hearlson (adam@overbrookpresb.org) to add names to the prayer list.

OPC SESSION MEMBERS:

Adam Hearlson, Moderator, Stephanie Morris, Treasurer

** indicates second consecutive term

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Artia Benjamin

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Lisa Faso - *Office Manager*

Carol Rozmiarek - *Financial Secretary and Director of Programming*

Leonard Robbins - *Church Custodian*

The Overbrook Quartet:

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

Toffer Mihalka, *tenor*; Jasper McQueen, *bass*

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