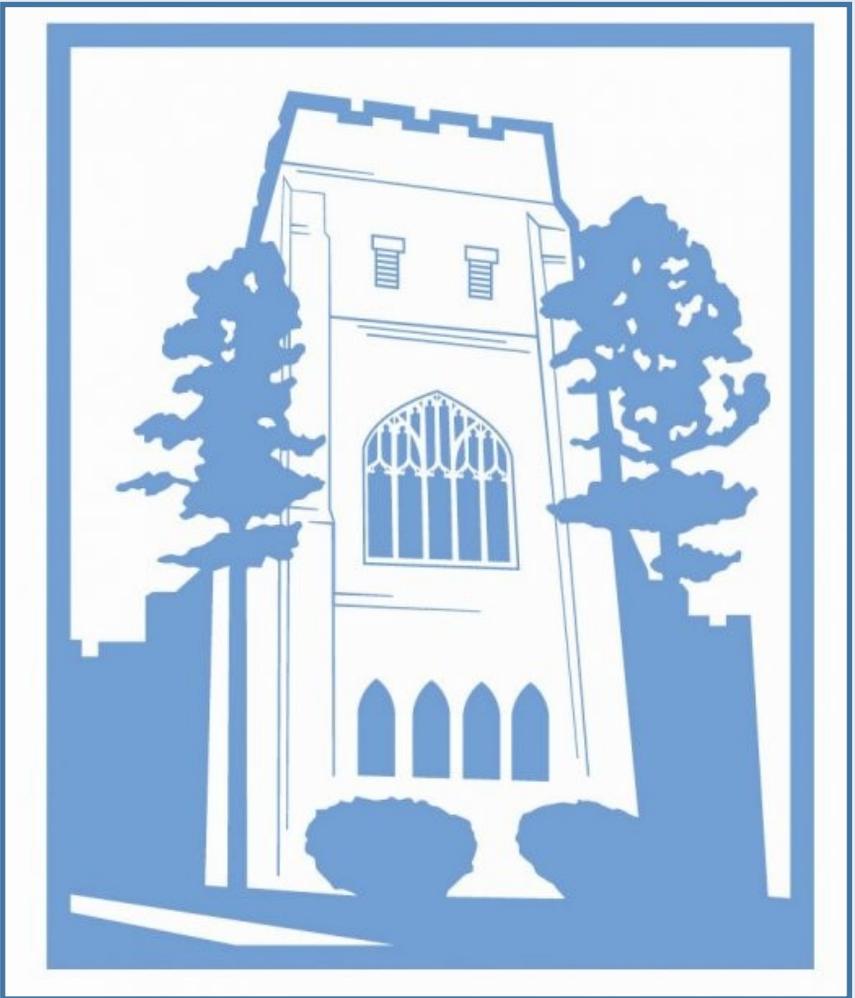


Overbrook  
Presbyterian Church



2nd Sunday in Advent  
Sunday, December 4, 2016  
10:30 a.m.

*Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare for worship and remember  
to silence all cell phones before the service*

## GATHERING

PRELUDE: Prelude on PICARDY Leo Sowerby  
(Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence)

INTROIT Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord Eleanor Daley

### ❖CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: A voice cries: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

MANY: In accordance with God's promise we wait for a new heav-  
en and a new earth where righteousness is at home.

ALL: Let us worship our God.

❖HYMN No. 100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout STAR OF THE  
COUNTY DOWN

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Leah and Scott Mayne and  
Richard and Judy Williamson

GREETING *Dr. Mann*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (by Reinhold Niebuhr)

Look with mercy upon the peoples of the world, O God, so full both of  
pride and confusion, so sure of our own righteousness and so deeply in-  
volved in unrighteousness, so confident of our own power and so impris-  
oned by our fear of the other. Have mercy upon us and forgive. Purge us  
of the vainglory which confuses our counsels, and visit your children  
with the wisdom of humility and charity. Give your church the grace in  
this time to be a saving remnant among nations, remembering the divine  
majesty under whose judgment we all stand, and the divine mercy of  
which they and we have a common need. We ask these things in the  
name of him who revealed to us the power of your love made perfect in  
weakness, even Jesus Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE (*See Insert*) Malcom Archer

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn No. 387, Alleluia! Fintan O'Carroll

## WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 11:1-9 Page 602/Pew Bible

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

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 are welcome in the Nursery)

ANTHEM

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Kenneth Dake

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!  
Let ev'ry hill and valley a level way appear.  
One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.  
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.  
He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heav'n above.  
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.  
Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.  
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.

*The Overbrook Choir*

*Johnny May, Violin*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 3:1-12

Page 2/Pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Heart of Preparation”

Dr. Mann

❖HYMN No. 98 To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary ANNUNCIATION

Singing Directions

- 1: All 2: Men 3: Pulpit Side 4: Lectern Side  
5: Women and Children 6: All

❖AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from The Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, where he sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from whence he shall 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 the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen

RESPONSE

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Dr. Mann

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

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EXCHANGE OF PEACE

OFFERING  
OFFERTORY

The Heart Worships  
*Matthew Lulofs-Baritone*

Gustav Holst

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. You set us in this world to love and serve you, and to live in peace with all that you have made. When we turned from you, you did not turn from us. When we were captive in slavery, you delivered us to freedom, and made covenant to be our sovereign God. When we were stubborn and stiff-necked, you spoke to us through prophets who looked for that day when justice shall triumph and peace shall reign over all the earth. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

SANCTUS

Sung by The Overbrook Choir

Leo Sowerby

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen



## INVITATION TO THE TABLE AND THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### Sharing the Bread and Cup

*Communion will be received in the pews today. The Deacons and Elders will bring the trays to your pew and pass it to you, first the bread and then the cup. Take the bread when it comes to you, pass the plate on, and hold your bread till all are served so that all may partake together. And then when the trays of glasses come to you, take a glass, pass on the tray, and hold the glass until all are served. Then all will drink together.*

*Gluten-free communion wafers are offered on each plate in a separate paper cup, as an option for those who need them.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENDING

❖ HYMN No. 101                      No Wind at the Window                      COLUMCILLE

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE                      ThreeFold Amen                      Anonymous

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

POSTLUDE:                      Rigaudon                      André Campra  
(Remembering André Campra's Birthday, December 4, 1660)

## 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: Trudy Sheau, Acolyte: Amanda Duckworth  
The Overbrook Choir  
Johnny May, Violin  
Matthew Lulofs, Baritone  
Minister of Music: Dennis Elwell

### Communion Servers:

Nathalie May, Larry McGhee, Davorka Sabljak, Aimerie Scherlubbe  
Will Schick, Liz Shah, Phil Sheau and Karen Wong

## The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God...

by the Adepeju Adebajo in memory of my parents, Mr. & Mrs. Dolapo Adebajo.

### 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.

### Worship Kits For Children-

Are available at the front entrance to the Sanctuary.

### Large Print Bulletins and Hymns are Available -

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

### Ushers:

Phil Sheau, Tyrone Frisby, Ron Homer, Jane Krumrine,  
Jim McDaniel, Carol Tulba and Sean Whalen.

### Deacons Delivering Flowers:

John Baker and Nicole Stokes-Robinson

❖ Stand as you are able.

Following worship today - please join us for Coffee Hour in the Wistar Morris Room. We thank Emily Amerman & Jim Vagnoni for hosting today. If you would like to host an upcoming coffee hour, please sign up now on the sign-up board in the Wistar-Morris Room. Contact Amarilis Stricker at 484-343-0679 with questions.

### The Overbrook Quartet

Iris Fairfax  
*Soprano*

Lois Randel  
*Mezzo-Soprano*

Toffer Mihalka  
*Tenor*

Matthew Lulofs  
*Bass*

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**The Rev. David McMillan** - *Pastor Emeritus*

**Dennis Elwell** - *Minister of Music*

**Margene Biedermann-Jr.** - *Choir Director*

**Earlene Ford** - *Financial Secretary*

**Lisa Faso** - *Office Manager*

**Leonard Robbins** - *Church Custodian*

Kyrie Malcolm Archer

## This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 4	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
Sunday, December 11	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:15 a.m.	Youth Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Special Congregational Meeting
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Mission and Outreach

☞ Bible Study - Come join us on Wednesday, December 7th @ 10:30a.m.

☞ Christmas poinsettia sign up is now in the Wistar Morris Room, sign up any time for your Christmas plant donation. Pay what you wish.

☞ Annual College Student Luncheon—December 18, 2016-Last day to Register is December 12th

We are having the annual College Student Luncheon on December 18th in the Chapel at noon. This year we are inviting high school seniors to come eat and fellowship with the college students.

Please contact Artia Benjamin for more information. RSVP at [newlife5125@gmail.com](mailto:newlife5125@gmail.com) or text at 215-266-8758 by December 12th.

☞ **Special Congregational Meeting:** Immediately after worship on Sunday December 11, there will be a Special Congregational Meeting to receive the report of the Nominating Committee posting their slate of nominees for Elder, Deacon and the At-Large Members of the 2017 Nominating Committee. Since, this meeting is a Special Congregational Meeting, no other business may be conducted except the business at hand.

### ☞ What is Fair Trade? Quality Products, Improving Lives, Protecting the Planet

Today is the last day from 9:00-1:30 pm where you can purchase unique and distinct gift items from around the globe. Please consider doing your Holiday shopping with us! Cash and checks accepted, and possibly for the first time, credit card transactions.

"Fair Trade Certified™ products were made with respect to people and planet. Our rigorous social, environmental and economic standards work to promote safe, healthy working conditions, protect the environment, enable transparency, and empower communities to build strong, thriving businesses. When you choose products with the Fair Trade label, your day-to-day purchases can improve an entire community's day-to-day lives." - ([Fair Trade Website](#))

☞ **Hanging of the Greens, Saturday, December 17:** Please join in the fellowship and festivities as we prepare the sanctuary for Christmas. The annual Hanging of the Greens will be held on Saturday, December 17, at 3:00 PM. in Fellowship Hall. Come decorate wreaths and trees, and help string the lights and garland. As you are able, please bring cut greens to brighten our pews and window sills. All ages are welcome; special activities are planned in the Chapel for young children. A light soup supper will be provided at 5:00 PM, followed by Christmas caroling at Saunders House. There is a sign up sheet in the Wistar Morris Room. Contact Jill Van Rawley ([jill.vanrawley@gmail.com](mailto:jill.vanrawley@gmail.com)) to sign-up for the "Greening Team."

### ☞ OPC Traditional Christmas Eve Dinner and Gingerbread House Decorating

Everyone is invited to enjoy a simple meal served between the Family Service at 5:00 pm and Service of Lessons and Carols at 9:00 pm on Christmas Eve. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Wistar Morris Room so we can plan for an approximate number of attendees. This is one night during the hectic season that you don't have to cook dinner! There is no charge for the meal but we do take a free will offering to cover expenses. Volunteers are needed to set-up, serve, shop and clean-up and/or contribute cookies for dessert. An online sign-up sheet has been sent via OPC Listserve.

Gingerbread houses will be ready to be decorated after dinner. **Please note a correction from last week's announcement, there will be no cost for this event, just a free will donation.** Please sign up by December 14th in the Wistar Morris Room or using the online sign up sheet that has been sent via OPC Listserve.

For questions on the meal, please contact Judy Williamson at [judymwill@gmail.com](mailto:judymwill@gmail.com) or 610-687-6761. For questions on the gingerbread houses, please contact Artia Benjamin at [newlife5125@aol.com](mailto:newlife5125@aol.com). Thank you

☞ **The Art of Advent:** Everyone is invited to come join Peter Seidel, art teacher and Overbrook member, to consider the reason for the season today at 1:30pm at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Everyone will meet on the 2nd floor balcony in the Great Hall. It is "Pay what you wish Sunday" at the museum.

☞ **FORUM:** Dec 11<sup>th</sup> – "Is this really the most wonderful time of the year?"

Secular songs and decorations of this holiday season surround us and we are told/sold to, that "this is a most wonderful time of the year!" Yet, the stresses and loneliness that it instills in so many are the reality of "this time of the year" also. We hope to alleviate some of the stress, and also, give voice to how this season can also alienate some- and above all, not to lose sight of reality of why we celebrate Jesus' birth.

Coffee is on – and looking forward to the warmth of sharing and talking about how God has given us hope and love in so many ways