

OVERBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Second Sunday in Advent Sacrament of Communion

December 6, 2015

10:30 AM

Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Notes on Today's Service

We are glad you are worshiping with us this morning!

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; Lori Mason, lay leader; Anna Lemley, Acolyte; Sharon Parker, Director of Christian Education; The Overbrook Choir; Iris Fairfax, soloist; and Dennis Elwell, Minister of Music.

Communion Servers: Lori Mason, Lynn Pompa, John Baker, Nicole Stokes-Robinson, Davorka Sabljak, Sabrina Johnson, Caroline Skinner, Pastor Drew Mann

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by Charles Brown and Kate Shackelford in memory of Jane Cade Brown.

Childcare is available during the service. Worship is for all ages, but should your infant or preschooler become restless during worship, there is excellent childcare provided in our nursery.

Worship kits for children are available at the front entrance to the Sanctuary.

Large print bulletins are available. Please speak to one of the ushers if you have special needs.

Ushers: Max Mason, Ken Carroll, John Mason, Mary Scott, Jason Sheau, Alan Sigler, and Nickie Stokes.

Deacons delivering flowers: John Baker and Davorka Sabljak.

Please enter the Sanctuary in a spirit of reverence, as we prepare for worship. And be sure to silence all cell phones during the service. Thank you.

❖ = All who are able, please stand.

GATHERING

PRELUDES

Franklin D. Ashdown

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (PICARDY)

J. Wayne Kerr

My Heart Sings Out in Joyful Praise (MARIAS LOVSÅNG)

INTROIT

Eleanor Daley

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

❖ 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 new heavens and a new earth where righteousness is at home.

ALL: Let us worship our God.

❖ HYMN, NO. 106

BEREDEN VAG FÖR HERRAN

Prepare the Way, O Zion

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Baker Family

John & Jean

Lillian & Henry

CANTICLE, NO. 583

GLORIA (Taizé)

Gloria, Gloria

Sung in Latin

GREETING AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

WORD

PROPHECY READING

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 7: 10-17
pew Bible, p. 598

ANTHEM

Magnificat Randall Thompson
(The Nativity According to St. Luke)
Iris Fairfax, Soprano

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Sharon Parker
*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.*

GOSPEL STORY

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 1: 26-38
pew Bible, p. 53

SERMON

“DO NOT BE AFRAID”

Rev. Drew Mann

❖ HYMN, NO. 98

ANNUNCIATION

To A Maid Whose Name Was Mary

❖ Affirmation of Faith

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 thence 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 of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

RESPONSE

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus Robert J. Powell
The Overbrook Choir

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free,
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art:
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.
Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

❖ **DOXOLOGY, NO. 606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

❖ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

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 captives 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

LAND OF REST

Hymn No. 552 Sung by all

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 your 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 LORD'S TABLE

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion will be received by intinction. Please come forward, as directed by the ushers, to one of the two serving stations. Take the bread, dip it into the cup, and partake. Gluten-free communion wafers are offered on each plate in a separate paper cup, as an option for those who need them.

Those in the center sections of the church will be served first. You may come forward down the center aisle, then return to your seat by the side aisles.

Then those in the side sections of the church will be served. You may come forward down the side aisles, then return to your seat by the aisles closest to the front.

Those physically unable to come forward should notify an usher, and may be served in the pew.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

❖ **HYMN, NO. 100** STAR OF THE COUNTRY DOWN
My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Sound

❖ **BENEDICTION**

❖ **CHORAL RESPONSE** *The Lord Bless You* Robert Carwithen

POSTLUDE *Hornpipe in D* John S. Dixon

About Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Next Sunday, December 13, 2015: The Third Sunday in Advent.

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Andrew H. Mann, Jr.; Lay Leader: TBA;
Acolyte: Maya Mendoza; Flowers given by: Joyce Bridges; Coffee
Hour: The Skippers, The Nkwentis, Davorka Sabljak

Sunday School Schedule: Sunday School and Confirmation Class will not be in session today. Children are welcome to remain in worship but worship-time nursery services is available for young children through Grade 1.

Coffee Hour. Sign up now for December 20 or 27. Please contact Amarilis Stricker with any coffee hour questions, 484-343-0679.

Christmas poinsettia pages are now in the back of the book in the Wistar Morris Room, sign up any time for your Christmas plant donation. Pay what you wish.

Mission & Outreach Christmas Giving

Mission & Outreach is again supporting those in need at the holiday season by participating in the Adopt-a-Family program. We have wish lists from family members referred to us by Pathways PA, an outreach social agency. The gifts are due here by **December 9**. Consult with Nancy Gilhool or Emily Amerman at the table during coffee hour. If you don't want to buy a gift but want to participate, monetary donations are also accepted.

This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Sunday, Dec 6	11:30 am	Coffee Hour
	12:00pm	Interim Planning Group
Wednesday, Dec. 9	10:00 am	Bible Study
Thursday, Dec. 10	6:30 pm	Bell Choir
	8:00 pm	Overbrook Choir
Sunday, December 13	9:15 am	Adult Forum
	9:15 am	Junior Choir
	10:30 am	Worship

Following worship today, please join us for Coffee Hour in the Wistar Morris Room, hosted by the Shah Family.

OPC Talks... and Walks. Join noted artist and OPC member, Peter Seidel, today, December 6 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm for “The Art of Advent: Seven Centuries of Great Sacred Art at the Philadelphia Museum of Art”. The tour will begin at 1:30 pm on the second floor balcony of the Great Hall. Today is a “pay what you wish” day at the museum. Great appreciation goes to Peter for offering this wonderful Advent opportunity.

CE Kids' Café. The CE Kids' Café will be open **today from 5:00-7:00 pm!** All children pre-K through Grade 5 are invited for a special “night out” that includes dinner, games, Bible stories and a movie. Friends are welcome. There is no charge for this program. Parents, please make reservations for your children at the sign up table in the Wistar Morris Room.

Wednesday Bible Study. Adult Bible Study will meet this Wednesday at 10:00 am in the Chapel. Throughout December, Dr. Mann will lead our continuing study of the Gospel of Luke.

Heavenly Harvest Meals at Calvin's Kitchen. Every Thursday, 10:30 am, at Calvin Presbyterian Church, 60th and Master Streets. OPC volunteers prepare and serve a healthy and nutritious meal for our neighbors in West Philadelphia. Contact Elizabeth Cosgriff at elizabethcosgriff@gmail.com for more info.

Adult Forum Meets Charles Dickens! This multi-week discussion session will focus on the ethical and spiritual themes in Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Elizabeth Mendoza will share the work of Paul Mack Somers, author of the framework for a similar series within the Quaker community. Please join us for this enlightening series ... *God bless us everyone!* Adult Forum meets each Sunday morning from 9:15-10:15 in the Chapel. All are welcome.

Coming up at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Special Congregational Meeting. Immediately after worship on **Sunday, December 13**, there will be a Special Congregational Meeting to receive the report of the Nominating Committee positing their slate of nominees for Elder, Deacon, and the At-Large Members of the 2016 Nominating Committee. Because it is a Special Congregational Meeting, no other business may be conducted except the business specified in this announcement.

Hanging of the Greens ...and more! Sunday, December 13, 3:00-7:30 pm. Come join the festivities, as we decorate the Sanctuary and the Wistar Morris Room for Christmas...and as we make holiday remembrances for the residents of Simpson House. Please sign up to be a "greener," a crafter, and/or a caroler. There will be activities for all ages. An informal dinner will be available for all participants. Visit the "sign-up table" following worship today.

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 will be posted in the Wistar Morris Room so we can plan for an approximate number of attendees.

Gingerbread houses will be ready to be decorated after 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 will also be sent via OPC Listserve. For questions, please contact Raelyn Harman at raelynkay@aol.com or 610-331-8972.

Families wishing to decorate a gingerbread house are asked to sign-up in the Wistar Morris Room following worship or email Sharon Parker (sharon@overbrookpresb.org).

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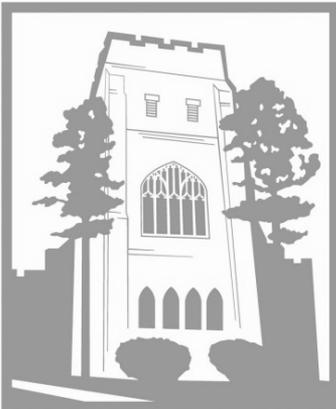
THE OVERBROOK QUARTET

Iris Fairfax
Soprano

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