

OVERBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 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; Andrea Knight, lay leader; Johnny May, acolyte; The Overbrook Choir; Lois Babbitt, soloist; and Dennis Elwell, Minister of Music.

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by Joyce Bridges in memory of Dr. Sidney Bridges.

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: Robert Harden, Jr., Aimerie Scherlubbe, Will Schick, Trudy Sheau, and Kevin Trindade.

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.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

WORD

PROPHECY READING

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Zephaniah 3: 14-20

pew Bible, p. 826

ANTHEM

Hal H. Hopson

Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes

Thou shalt know Him when He comes, not by any din of drums,
Nor the manner of His airs, Nor by anything He wears;
Thou shalt know Him when He comes, not by His crown or His gown,
But His coming known shall be by the holy harmony.
Thou shalt know Him when He comes. Amen.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Drew Mann

Following the Time with Children, children Pre-K through Grade 1 may depart to Sunday School. Older children and youth will depart during the exchange of the peace.

GOSPEL STORY

Luke 1: 39-56
pew Bible, p. 53

SERMON

“The World Right-side Up”

Rev. Drew Mann

❖ HYMN, NO. 99

MORNING SONG

My Soul Gives Glory to My God
Singing Directions

1: All 2: Women and Children 3: All 4: Men 5: All

❖ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' 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, and sits
on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from where 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

debts/debtors

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY

My Spirit Hath Rejoiced
Lois Babbitt, Mezzo-Soprano

Johann Sebastian Bach
(Magnificat)

❖ **DOXOLOGY, NO. 606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

❖ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SENDING

❖ **HYMN, NO. 101**

COLUMCILLE

No Wind at the Window

❖ **BENEDICTION**

❖ **CHORAL RESPONSE**

Sevenfold Amen

❖ **POSTLUDE**

Johann Sebastian Bach

Come Savior of the Nations BWV 599

Congregational Meeting

2015 Nominating Committee Report

The following persons to be elected

RULING ELDERS—CLASS OF 2017:

Jason Sheau*

RULING ELDERS—CLASS OF 2018:

To be installed to a second three-year term:

Edelene Carroll Jane Rozmiarek

To be installed to a first three-year term:

Bob Kothari* Aimerie Scherlubbe*

Sean Whalen*

*to be ordained

The following persons to be elected

DEACONS—CLASS OF 2018:

To be installed to a second three-year term:

Davorka Sabljak

To be installed to a first three-year term:

Terri Hunter* Stephanie Morris*

Carol Tulba* Ellen Valudes*

*to be ordained

The following persons to be elected

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE TO THE 2016 NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Keedra Carroll Ted Dillon

Deb Rottinger Amarilis Stricker

Respectfully submitted:

Jane Rozmiarek, Chairperson, 2015 Nominating Committee

Kevin Trindade, Vice-Chairperson

Davorka Sabljak, Deacon Representative

Artia Benjamin, Calvin Marshall, Lynn Pompa and Liz Shah

About Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Next Sunday, December 20, 2015: The 4th Sunday of Advent.

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Andrew H. Mann, Jr.; Lay Leader: Robert Harden Jr.; Acolyte: Maya Subramanian; Flowers given by Gail Kaercher; Coffee Hour: *No host* - please bring a plate of cookies to share.

Coffee Hours. Sign up now, please contact Amarilis Stricker with any coffee hour questions, 484-343-0679.

Christmas Flowers. It's not too late – if you wish to contribute towards the poinsettias that will grace the church at Christmastime, please contact the office, 215-877-2477 or office@overbrookpresb.org. A gift in any amount is welcome. Please indicate how you wish your gift to be acknowledged, either in memory of or in honor of a loved one. The deadline is **Tuesday, December 15**. The flowers will remain in the sanctuary through Sunday, January 3.

This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Sunday, Dec. 13	11:30 am	Coffee Hour
	12:00 pm	Deacons Meeting – Chapel
	12:00 pm	Interim Planning Group
	3:00 pm	Hanging of the Greens
Wednesday, Dec. 16	10:30 am	Bible Study (note time change)
Thursday, Dec. 17	10:30 am	Heavenly Harvest Meal
	6:30 pm	Bell Choir
	8:00 pm	Overbrook Choir
Sunday, Dec. 20	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 Skippers, the Nkwentis and Davorka Sabljak.

Hanging of the Greens ...and more! Today from 3:00 to 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.

Bible Study Group. Adult Bible Study will meet this **Wednesday at 10:30 am** in McMillan Chapel. Throughout December, Dr. Drew Mann will lead our continuing study of the Gospel of Luke. Note the time change.

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! Today marked the start of a multi-week discussion session 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 am** in the Chapel. All are welcome.

Coming up at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

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).

College Students' Homecoming Lunch on Sunday, December 27th at noon in the Chapel. Please sign up in the Wistar Morris Room or email Sharon at sharon@overbrookpresb.org. Come and enjoy a great lunch and catch up on everyone's news.

Homeless Shelter Meal. On a cold winter evening, there are few things better than a cup of tomato soup and a grilled cheese sandwich. That's what we plan to serve to the 160 or so people at the Life Center of Delaware County on **Tuesday, December 29**. The plan is to heat the soup and make the grilled cheese at church around 4:00 p.m. and keep them warm until we serve at **6:00 pm**. The plan is also to make a big salad about **2:00 pm**. You can help. We need some electric or plug-in griddles so we can make a bunch of sandwiches at a time. And we need people to man those griddles. And people to make the salad. And people to serve the meal. Please let Nancy Gilhool (gilhoolfam@verizon.net) know if you can help.

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Andrew H. Mann, Jr.
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Earlene Ford
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The Rev. David K. McMillan
Pastor Emeritus

Sharon Parker
Director of Christian Education

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Carol Rozmiarek
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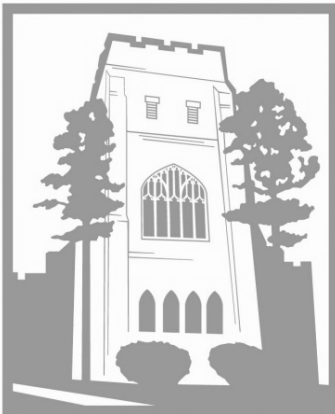
THE OVERBROOK QUARTET

Iris Fairfax
Soprano

Lois Babbitt
Mezzo-Soprano

Toffer T. Mihalka
Tenor

Daniel Lickteig
Baritone



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