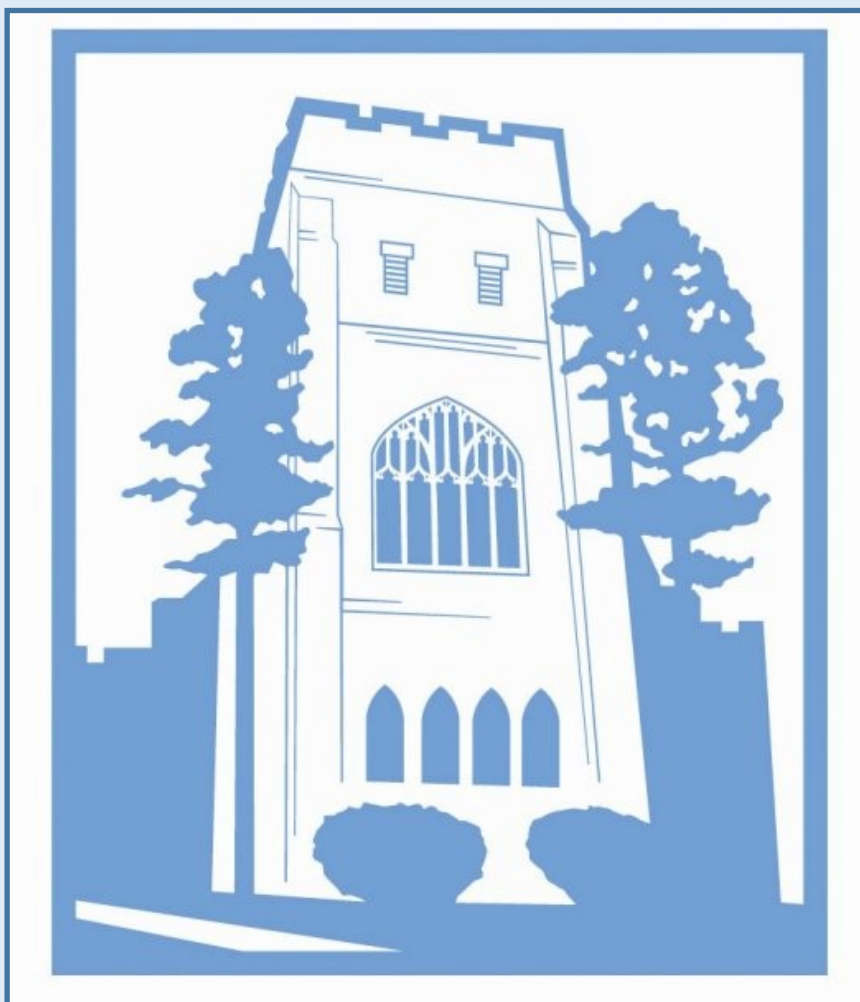


Overbrook
Presbyterian Church



4th Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 18, 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 IN

PRELUDE: Creator of the Stars of Night
(CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM) Philip G. Kreckel
O Come, O Come Emmanuel
(VENI EMMANUEL) Hal H. Hopson

INTROIT Creator of the Stars of Night
(CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM) - Traditional Advent Latin Plainsong

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him "Emmanuel"
MANY: That is, "God is with us".
ALL: Let us worship our God.

❖HYMN No. 88 O Come, O Come Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Mary Elizabeth and Buck Scott

GREETING *Dr. Mann*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, who has chosen earth as a cradle; deepen our sorrow for the evil we have done to one another, and forgive us for what we have neglected in the need of our neighbor and stranger. Move us in these hastening days to an honest repentance. Remove from within us the comfortable lies and the arrogance by which we have prevented the Light of Christ to shine. Forgive us, and then turn our hearts toward Bethlehem and the babe born in a manger.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE (*See Insert*) Malcom Archer

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn No. 587, Alleluia! Fintan O'Carroll

HEARING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 7:10-16

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Pew Bible

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

He is Born

Julianna Johnson, Xlyophone, Sarah Whalen, Metallophone

Christmas is Here, Sing Noel

Cindy Berry

The Overbrook Jr. Choir

Margene Biedermann, Director

Victor Fiorillo, Accompanist

*Third Verse, Emma Biedermann, Aria Fiorillo, Hannah and Rachel Trindade
and Sarah Whalen*

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Dr. Mann

(Following Time With Children, students in Pre-K through Grade 2 will de part for Sunday School)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 1:18-25

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Pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Joseph: Icon of Faith”

Dr. Mann

❖HYMN No. 118 While Shepherds Watch Their Flock by Night CHRISTMAS

Singing Directions

1-All; 2-Men; 3-Pulpit Side

4-Lectern Side; 5-Women and Children; 6-All

(During the Sermon Hymn, students in Grades 3-12 will depart for Sunday School)

❖AFFIRMATION OF FAITH-*from the Nicene Creed*

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. AMEN.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Dr. Mann

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

debts/debtors

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY **Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence** Fred Gramman

The Overbrook Choir

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.
King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.
Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.
At His feet the six winged seraph; Cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, Lord Most High!

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

❖ HYMN NO. 135

There's A Star in the East

FOLLOW

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You

Ann Ker

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

POSTLUDE: O Hail This Brightest Day of Days BWV 605 Johann Sebastian Bach

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: Lynn Pompa, Acolyte: Dan Biedermann

The Overbrook Choir

The Overbrook Jr. Choir

Jr. Choir Director: Margene Biedermann

Accompanist: Victor Fiorillo

Minister of Music: Dennis Elwell

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

by Emily Amerman and Jim Vagnoni in memory of our parents.

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.

Ushers:

Robert Harden, Jr, Davorka Sabljak, Aimerie Scherluebbe, Will Schick, Trudy Sheau, Kevin Trindade and Kevin Davis.

Deacons Delivering Flowers:

Stephanie Morris and Angie Goodall

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.

❖ Stand as you are able.

Following worship today - please join us for Coffee Hour in the Wistar Morris Room. 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

Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy,
 Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have
 mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy,
 Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 18	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Annual College Luncheon
Wednesday, December 21	7:30 p.m.	Service of the Longest Night
Saturday, December 24	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve - Family Service
	6:00 p.m.	Dinner/Gingerbread House Decorating
	9:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve-Candlelight Service
Sunday, December 25	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour

☞ Bible Study Gospel of Luke - Come join us on Wednesday, December 21st @ 10:30a.m. Please note there will be no bible study on December 28th.

☞ Last Chance Christmas poinsettia Today is the last day to sign up. Sign up is in the Wistar Morris Room. Pay what you wish.

☞ FORUM: December 25th, There will be no forum on Christmas, Sunday December 25th.

☞Service of the Longest Night-December 21st @ 7:30pm

The holidays can be difficult for us all: the stresses and strains of trying to offer a time of celebration take their toll. Many people find they have trouble feeling “in the spirit” of things, whether because of the recent (or anticipated) death of a family member or friend, the end of a marriage, the loss of work, or other trying change.

This year we will gathering together on *December 21st at 7:30pm* for A Service of the Longest Night. Is it so named because of its proximity to the winter solstice-the longest night of the year. But the name is also fitting because-despite the wrappings of gifts, special meals, and Christmas carols-the season can be darker than “normal” times of the year for those who struggle.

☞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. **There will be no cost for this event, just a free will donation.** Today is the last day to sign up 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 or 610-687-6761. For questions on the gingerbread houses, please contact Artia Benjamin at newlife5125@aol.com. Thank you

☞Financial Reminder

As the year 2016 ends please remember:

All Pledge, Non-Pledge, Mission, Performing Arts and Apportionment offerings for 2016 must either be post-marked by no later than December 31, 2016 or placed in the Sunday collection plate by December 25, 2016

Any offerings postmarked or hand delivered after December 31, 2016 will be posted to your 2017 donor history, not your 2016 record.

If you have requested and used church envelopes previously or wish to begin using assigned envelopes for 2017, please call me at 215-877-2744. Envelopes will not be assigned unless you request them.

Sincerely,
Earlene M. Ford