

OVERBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2015

10:30 AM

Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Notes on Today's Service

We are glad you are worshipping 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; Robert Harden, Jr., lay leader; Maya Subramanian, acolyte; The Overbrook Junior Choir, Margene Biedermann, Director; Victor Fiorillo, Accompanist; The Overbrook Choir, Jason Duckworth, Viola; Dennis Elwell, Minister of Music.

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by Gail Kaercher in memory of Fred Kaercher.

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: Dick Williamson, Bob Kaercher, Jonathan Kopcsik, Lori Mason, Peter Seidel, Laura Toy, Judy Williamson.

Deacons delivering flowers: Sabrina Johnson and Brad Biedermann

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

From Heaven to Earth I Come (VOM HIMMEL HOCH) Flor Peeters
Savior of the Nations, Come Johann Sebastian Bach
BWV 659 (NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND)

INTROIT *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Eleanor Daley

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him “Immanuel”.

MANY: That is, “God is with us”.

ALL: Let us worship our God.

❖ HYMN, NO. 133 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Teach us to proclaim the birth of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and forever. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Herbert & Gloria Brabham

CANTICLE, NO. 583 GLORIA (TAIZÉ)

Gloria, Gloria
Sung in Latin

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.

Micah 5: 2-5a
pew Bible, p. 815

ANTHEM

A Japanese Christmas Carol Rev. S Ojima
The Overbrook Junior Choir arr. T. Charles Lee
Margene Biedermann, Director; Victor Fiorillo, Accompanist

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Sharon Parker
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 2: 1-20
pew Bible, p. 54

SERMON

“The Prince of Peace” Rev. Drew Mann

❖ HYMN, NO. 118

CHRISTMAS

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks
Singing Directions: 1: All; 2: Men; 3: Lectern Side;
4: Women and Children; 5: Pulpit Side; 6: All

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

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

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

arr. John Ferguson

The Overbrook Choir

Jason Duckworth, Violist

O come, O come, Emmanuel

And ransom captive Israel

That mourns in lonely exile here

Until the Son of God appear

Rejoice!

❖ DOXOLOGY, NO. 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

❖ HYMN, NO. 135

There's A Star In The East

FOLLOW

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

Peter Lutkin

❖ POSTLUDE

Michael Bedford

From Heaven to Earth I Come (VOM HIMMEL HOCH)

The Christmas flowers are given. . .

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Adebajo, her parents, by Adepeju M. Adebajo

In celebration of the mystery of Christmas, by Emily Amerman and Jim Vagnoni

In memory of beloved sister Val, by Lois Babbitt

In memory of Richard Henry Wilson and Ann Nelson Behrman, by Amy Behrman and Rob, Tom and Ian Wilson

In memory of Ernest and Anna Mobley, grandparents, by Artia Benjamin and daughter

In memory of all departed loved ones, by Jeremy Blatchley, Rachel and Lillian Carnahan

In memory of Lemone and Lerena Yielding, by Lainie Blodgett

In memory of Jessamine P. and Erdmann N. Brandt, by Jessamine Brandt

In memory of Alice Crowell, by Ellen Burr and Jessamine Brandt

In memorium, by Ellen Burr

In honor of Edward Harvey from your OPC Bible Study friends, by Donya Coldwell

In memory of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Deas, by the Deas Family

In honor of our grandchildren, by Bob and Sue DeCray

In memory of Hope, LaMoy, siblings, parents, and cousins, by Dornell Guthrie

In loving memory of The Reverend and Mrs. D.W. Hoggard and Dennie W. Hoggard, Jr., by Olga E. Hoggard and Phyllis Y. Watson

In memory of our parents, Fred Kaercher, Ken and Elsie (Neely) Watson, by Bob and Peg Kaercher

In memory of Fred Kaercher, by Gail Kaercher and family

In memory of Jane G. and Charles S. Krumrine, her parents, by Jane Krumrine

In memory of John C. May Sr. and Simone Barthe, by the May Family

In memory of Norma and Ted Thomas, by Sharon Parker

In memory of Edward Phan, beloved father and grandpa, by Martha, Maya and Marisa Phan

In memory of Margaret Shenk, by Claire Rodgers

In memory of Dorsey Montell DeRaismes, his mother, and Charlotte Kerr, his wife, by Jeff Roth

In memory of their parents, Anna and Joe Rottinger, Myra and Joe Radziul, by Deb and Mike Rottinger

In memory of my parents, by Davorka Sabljak

In memory of our brother-in-law, William B. Conway, by Buck and Mary Scott

In memory of Eugene Hill, by Liz Shah

In memory of Della and Samuel Sheau, Ada and Harry Mark, Dong See Poy, Jack Louie, and Joseph Mark, by Phil and Trudy Sheau

To the Glory of God and in memory of Elder Bill Willoughby, by the Willoughby Family

In loving memory of John H. Wilson, Sr., John H. Wilson, Jr. and Gladys L. Wilson, by Edward V. Wilson and Lois Wilson Arthur

About Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Next Sunday, December 27, 2015: The 1st Sunday of Christmastide.

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Andrew H. Mann, Jr.; Lay Leader: Rachel Carnahan; Acolyte: Joanna Scherluebbe; Flowers given by Laurie Geers; 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.

This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Sunday, Dec. 20	11:30 am	Coffee Hour
	12:00 pm	Mission & Outreach Meeting – Chapel
Thursday, Dec. 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Family Service
	6:00 pm	Dinner
	6:30 pm	Gingerbread House Decorating
	9:00 pm	Service of Lessons and Carols
Sunday, Dec. 27	9:15 am	Coffee & Conversation
	9:15 am	Junior Choir
	10:30 am	Worship

Following worship today, please join us for Coffee Hour in the Wistar Morris Room. No host.

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.

Gingerbread houses are limited, families wishing to decorate a gingerbread house must sign-up in the Wistar Morris Room following worship or email Sharon Parker (sharon@overbrookpresb.org).

Bible Study Group. Adult Bible Study will not be meeting this Wednesday, Dec. 23, or next Wednesday, Dec. 30. Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, January 6.

Heavenly Harvest Meals at Calvin's Kitchen. There will be no meals served on **Thursday, Dec. 24** or **Dec. 31**. They will resume Thursday, Jan. 7. 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. Overbrook is a richly diverse congregation...and we celebrate that diversity. While we worship as Presbyterians each Sunday morning, many of us were baptized and confirmed in other faith traditions. Whether born and raised Presbyterian, or newly introduced to Presbyterian practice and polity, we all are welcome to join Dr. Mann for a "Presbyterian Primer." Throughout January, Dr. Mann will lead Adult Forum, refreshing our memories, enriching our theological understanding, and helping us to discover the unique blessings of our denomination. Come join us in the Chapel **each Sunday morning in January from 9:15-10:15**. Let's start the new year with coffee and Calvin!

Coming up at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

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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THE OVERBROOK QUARTET

Iris Fairfax
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