

# OVERBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## Christmas Eve Family Service

December 24, 2015

5:00 P.M.

# *Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church.*

**We are glad you are worshipping with us on Christmas Eve!** If you are a visitor, we invite you to fill out a card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

**Large print bulletins are available.** Please speak to one of the ushers if you have special needs. Enlarged copies of the hymns are included in the large print bulletins.

**Please silence all cell phones during the worship service.** Thank you.

**About tonight's Christmas pageant.** Tonight we are going to be building a live nativity scene piece by piece. We want to invite as many people as possible to participate in the pageant. Prior to each carol, people young and old will be invited to take a costume and find a place on the chancel. Bring a hymnal forward if you'd like to join in the singing during the pageant. All will remain in place until the final carol, "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly."

Tonight we welcome Matilda Walter to the role of the Baby Jesus. Matilda is the great granddaughter of Buck and Mary Scott. Her parents, Catherine McManus and Brian Walter are portraying Mary and Joseph; Big sister Hazel is an angel.

This evening's worship leaders, readers, and pageant narrators are members of the 2016 Confirmation Class.

**Thanks to all those assisting with costumes.**

❖ = All who are able, please stand.

# GATHERING

## PRELUDES

*Lo, How A Rose  
Noel*

Sharon Elery Rogers  
Edward H. Hastings

## INTROIT

arr. Cathy Moglebust

*Carol of the Bells*  
The Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir

## ❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Justin Robertson

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**Good news of great joy!**

Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,  
who is Christ the Lord.

**Good news of great joy!**

And the Word became flesh and dwelled among us,  
full of grace and truth.

**Good news of great joy!**

## ❖ HYMN, NO. 113

GLORIA

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

## LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The May Family  
John & Nathalie  
Johnny & Robert

## GREETING

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
Word made flesh, born of Mary, be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Justin Robertson

**Glorious God,  
on this Christmas Eve, we sing beloved carols of Bethlehem,  
of shepherds and angels, of Mary and Joseph,  
and the baby Jesus, our Savior.  
Heaven and nature are also singing tonight.**

The roar of the seas, the exultation of the fields,  
and even the lowing of the cattle  
are all raised in a chorus of glad rejoicing,  
together with the angels who praise you night and day.  
Give us voices to join with the whole of creation  
in declaring your glory and singing of your wondrous love  
that you showed in the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## WORD

### GOSPEL READING

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Geneva Van Rawley  
Luke 2:1-20  
pew Bible, p. 54-55

### ANTHEM

17<sup>TH</sup> C. PROVENÇAL CAROL  
arr. Shirley W. McRae

*Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella*

The Overbrook Junior Choir

Margene Biedermann, Director

Victor Fiorillo, Piano    Johnny May, Violin

Dan Biedermann, Adam & Spencer Shah, Percussion

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

*Based on "Tobias' Story"*

Written by Carolyn Peters, adapted by Theresa Eungyong Cho

### INTRODUCTION

Ava Clifford

### HYMN, NO. 146

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

*Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

#### PART I: MARY AND JOSEPH

Amanda Duckworth

### HYMN, NO. 115

MUELLER

*Away in a Manger*

#### PART II: THE ANIMALS

Lucy Duckworth

**HYMN, NO. 123**

CAROL

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

**PART III: ANGELS**

Amanda Duckworth

**HYMN, NO. 135**

FOLLOW

*Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow*

**PART IV: SHEPHERDS**

Lucy Duckworth

**HYMN, NO. 151**

KINGS OF ORIENT

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

**PART V: WISE MEN**

Amanda Duckworth

**HYMN, NO. 124**

STILL, STILL, STILL

*Still, Still, Still*

**PART VI: CONCLUSION**

Lucy Duckworth

**HYMN, NO. 128**

W ZLOBIE LEZY

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

During the hymn, all of our Christmas pageant participants may return to the pews to sit with their families, staying in costume until the end of the worship service.

## **RESPONSE**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Joanna Scherluebbe and Zack Wong

Dear God:

**Please hear our prayer.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

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**OFFERTORY SENTENCES**

Justin Robertson

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

Kevin McChesney

*While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*  
The Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir  
Johnny May, Violinist

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Justin Robertson

## **SENDING**

❖ **HYMN, NO. 119**

MENDELSSOHN

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

❖ **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Deck the Halls*

Jean Pasquet

*Please join us after the service for*

**Dinner**

**6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall**

**Gingerbread House Decorating**

**6:30 PM in the Wistar Morris Room**

The annual Overbrook tradition enjoyed by children of all ages.

For those who have signed up,  
please find the house labeled with your name.

Please take your gingerbread creation home with you  
to enjoy the rest of the holiday season!

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

**9:00 PM in the Sanctuary**

A candlelight service based on the Anglican tradition from  
King's College, Cambridge, full of Christmas music led by  
The Overbrook Choir and Quartet.

Preceded by music beginning at 8:45 PM.

# *The Christmas flowers are given...*

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

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 & Ann Nelson Behrman, by Amy Behrman & Rob, Tom & 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 & 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. & Mrs. Thomas Deas, by the Deas Family

In honor of our grandchildren, by Bob & 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 & Elsie (Neely) Watson, by Bob & 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

# CHURCH STAFF

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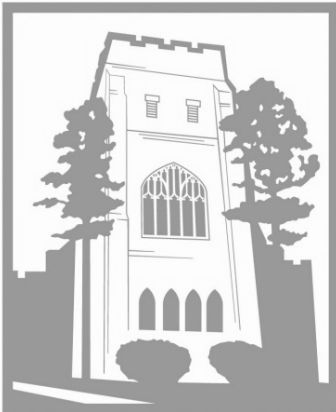
# THE OVERBROOK QUARTET

Iris Fairfax  
Soprano

Lois Babbitt  
Mezzo-Soprano

Toffer T. Mihalka  
Tenor

Daniel Lickteig  
Baritone



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