

## Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church

We are glad you are worshiping with us this 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.

**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 Theodore Baker to the role of Baby Jesus. Theodore is the son of John and Jean Baker who are portraying Mary and Joseph. Lillian and Henry are the guiding angels.

This evening's worship leaders, readers, and pageant narrators are members of the 4th, 5th and 6th grades.

Thanks to all those assisting with costumes.

*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 of readings and Christmas music led by The Overbrook Choir and Quartet. Preceded by music beginning at 8:40 PM.

❖ Stand as you are able.

### The Overbrook Quartet

Iris Fairfax	Lois Randel	Toffer Mihalka	Matthew Lulofs
<i>Soprano</i>	<i>Mezzo-Soprano</i>	<i>Tenor</i>	<i>Bass</i>

## Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Christmas Eve Service  
December 24, 2016  
5:00 p.m.

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The Rev. Dr. Andrew H. Mann, Jr. - *Interim Minister*  
The Rev. David McMillan - *Pastor Emeritus*  
Dennis Elwell - *Minister of Music*  
Margene Biedermann - *Jr. Choir Director*  
Earlene Ford - *Financial Secretary*  
Lisa Faso - *Office Manager*

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: Noel Edward H. Hastings  
Improvisation on "THE FIRST NOWELL" C.P.P. Burton

INTROIT Carol of the Bells arr. Cathy Moglebust  
*The Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir*

❖CALL TO WORSHIP Nicolas Robinson

ONE: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light  
MANY: Good news of great joy!  
ONE: Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.  
MANY: Good news of great joy!  
ONE: And the Word became flesh and dwelled among us, full of grace and truth.  
ALL: Good news of great joy!

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE The Whalen Family

❖HYMN No. 113 Angels We Have Heard on High GLORIA

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 Aria Fiorillo  
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.

## HEARING THE WORD

GOSPEL READING Luke 2:1-20 Samuel Wong  
Page 54-55, Pew Bible

The Gospel of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

DUET O Holy Night Adolphe Adam  
Zubin Fiorillo, Cello  
Aria Fiorillo, Harp

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT  
*Based on "Tobias' Story"*  
Written by Carolyn Peters, adapted by Theresa Eungyong Cho

INTRODUCTION Hannah Lazo  
HYMN, NO. 146 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM  
PART I: MARY AND JOSEPH  
Nora Whalen

HYMN, NO. 115 Away in a Manger MUELER  
PART II: THE ANIMALS  
Everett Whalen

HYMN, NO. 123 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear CAROL  
PART III: ANGELS  
Aria Fiorillo

HYMN, NO. 135 Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow FOLLOW  
PART IV: SHEPHERDS  
Emanuel Richie

HYMN, NO. 151 We Three Kings of Orient Are KINGS OF ORIENT  
PART V: WISE MEN  
Zubin Fiorillo

HYMN, NO. 124 Still, Still, Still STILL, STILL, STILL  
PART VI: CONCLUSION  
Hannah Lazo

HYMN, NO. 128 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly W ZLOBIE LEZY  
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.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Samuel Wong  
Dear God:  
Please hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER *debts/debtors*

OFFERTORY SENTENCES Nicolas Robinson

OFFERTORY O Little Town of Bethlehem arr. Darrell Day  
*The Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir*  
*Johnny May, Violin*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Nicolas Robinson

## SENDING FORTH

❖HYMN NO. 119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing MENDELSSOHN

❖BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Deck the Halls Jean Pasquet