

# OVERBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**The First Sunday in Christmastide**

**December 27, 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; Rachel Carnahan, lay leader; Joanna Scherluebbe, acolyte; Sharon Parker, Director of Christian Education; Dennis Elwell, Minister of Music.

**The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God** by Laurie Geers in memory of Annie Geers and Jonathan Greene.

**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:** Phil Sheau, Tyrone Frisby, Ron Homer, Jim McDaniel, Carol Tulba, and Sean Whalen

**Deacons delivering flowers:** Caroline Skinner and Angie Goodall

**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

*In Dulci Jubilo* Three Settings  
(*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*) Don Michael Dicie  
Johann Sebastian Bach BWV751  
Marcel Dupré

## ❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

**MANY: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.**

**ALL: Let us worship our God.**

## ❖ HYMN, No. 149

*All Hail to God's Anointed*

ROCKPORT

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## CANTICLE, HYMN No. 113

GLORIA

*Angels We Have Heard on High*  
(refrain)

## 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

Isaiah 25: 6-10  
pew Bible, p.613

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

Sharon Parker

*Following the Time with Children, children and youth (grades 2-12)  
may return to their families and worship with the congregation.*

*Preschoolers through grade 1 are welcome in the Nursery.*

## GOSPEL STORY

Luke 2: 22-40  
pew Bible, p. 53

## SERMON

“Dark Vision; Bright Hope”

Rev. Drew Mann

## ❖ HYMN, No. 138

WHITE ROSETTES

*Who Would Think That What Was Needed*

## ❖ 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

*Improvisation On The First Noel*

C. P. P. Burton

#### ❖ DOXOLOGY, No. 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

#### ❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING

#### ❖ HYMN, No. 144

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

CRANHAM

#### ❖ BENEDICTION

#### ❖ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE, HYMN No. 541

Peter Lutkin

*God Be with You Till We Meet Again*  
(1<sup>st</sup> stanza)

#### ❖ POSTLUDE

Johann Sebastian Bach

*In Dulci Jubilo BWV 729*

# This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Sunday, Dec. 27 11:30 am Coffee Hour  
12:00 pm College Homecoming Lunch in Chapel

**Thank you to everyone who gave the beautiful poinsettias** that have been in the sanctuary for the Christmas services. If you gave a plant, please feel free to take one home with you today to enjoy for the remainder of the holiday season.

**Following worship today, please join us for Coffee Hour** in the Wistar Morris Room. No host. **If you would like to host an upcoming coffee hour**, please sign up now. Contact Amarilis Stricker with any coffee hour questions, 484-343-0679.

**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.

**Bible Study Group.** Adult Bible Study will not be meeting this Wednesday, Dec. 30. Bible Study will resume on Wed., January 6.

**Heavenly Harvest Meals at Calvin's Kitchen.** There will be no meal served on **Thursday, Dec. 31**. They will resume Thursday, Jan. 7. Every Thursday, 10:30 am, at Calvin Presbyterian Church, 60<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Coming up at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

**Next Sunday January 3, 2015:** The 2nd Sunday of Christmastide. Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Andrew H. Mann, Jr.; Lay Leader: Will Schick; Acolyte: Maya Mendoza; Flowers given by TBA; Coffee Hour: No host - please bring a plate of cookies to share.

**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!

# CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Andrew H. Mann, Jr.  
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# THE OVERBROOK QUARTET

Iris Fairfax  
Soprano

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Mezzo-Soprano

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Tenor

Daniel Lickteig  
Baritone



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