

OVERBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The First Sunday in Lent

February 14, 2016

10:30 AM

Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church Notes on Today's Service

We are glad you are worshiping 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; Dick Williamson, lay leader; Sharon Parker, Director of Christian Education; Acolyte: Sarah Stephens; The Overbrook Choir; and Dennis Elwell, Minister of Music.

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by Laurie Geers in memory of Jonathan C. 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: Bob Kaercher, Susy Brandt, Jonathan Kopcsik, Lori Mason, Peter Seidel, Laura Toy, and Judy Williamson

Deacons delivering flowers: Vince Gilhool and Angie Goodall

Please be sure to silence all cell phones before the service.

❖ All who are able, please stand.

Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare for worship.

GATHERING

PRELUDES *Meditation on Ave Maria* Lynn Pompa
 Berceuse Triste
Lynn Pompa, Guitarist; Elizabeth Mendoza, Violoncellist

INTROIT *Make Me a Clean Heart, O, God* George Thalben-Ball

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Search me, O God, and know my heart;

MANY: try me and know my thoughts!

ONE: See if there is any wicked way in me,

MANY: and lead me in the way everlasting.

ALL: Let us worship our God.

❖ **HYMN, No. 463** *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being; whose face is hidden from us by our sins and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts; cleanse us, we pray, from all our offences; and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires; that with lowliness and meekness, we may draw near to you.

High and holy God, glorious and faithful, to those who seek you with a sincere heart, you reveal the beauty of your face. Strengthen us in faith to embrace the mystery of the cross, and open our hearts to its transfiguring power; that we may walk the path of discipleship as followers of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON

Louis Vierne
(Solemn Mass, Op. 16)

The Overbrook Choir
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Deuteronomy 6:1-9
pew Bible, p. 157

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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Luke 4:1-13
pew Bible, p. 57

SERMON

“The People of the Book”

Rev. Drew Mann

❖ HYMN, No. 451

Open My Eyes That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

❖ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

FROM THE CONFESSION OF 1967

The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures, which are received and obeyed as the word of God written. The Scriptures are not a witness among others, but the witness without parallel. The church has received the books of the Old and New Testaments as prophetic and apostolic testimony in which it hears the word of God and by which its faith and obedience are nourished and regulated. 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

Spiritual, arr: Harry T. Burleigh

My Lord, What a Morning

Daniel Lickteig, Baritone

❖ **DOXOLOGY, No. 606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

❖ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SENDING

❖ HYMN, No. 462

HANKEY

I Love to Tell the Story

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

TWOFOLD AMEN

Anonymous

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

❖ POSTLUDE



THE GATHERING portion of the service today includes some mild changes. Historically, the Lenten season is one of a penitential aspect with repentance, forgiveness and renewal at its core. Accordingly, the Morning Prayer has yielded for this season to a Prayer of Confession and Silent Confession. Historically, this is followed by a *Kyrie Eleison*, a petition to God which translates “Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy”. Sung by the choir today, this will become a congregational petition in the coming weeks. And then the confessional prayer cycle concludes with the Promise of the Gospel, a declaration of pardon which arises from scripture. These are ancient components of Christian worship which we hope will enhance your pilgrim journey in this Lenten season.

This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Sunday, Feb. 14	11:30 am	Annual Meeting Coffee Hour
Wednesday, Feb. 17	10:00 am	Bible Study
Thursday, Feb. 18	6:30 pm 8:00 pm	Bell Choir Overbrook Choir
Friday, Feb. 19	6:30 pm	Family Sports & Game Night
Sunday, Feb. 21	9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Adult Forum Junior Choir Worship

ANNUAL MEETING. The Session announces that the Annual Meeting of the congregation and corporation of Overbrook Presbyterian Church will held in the sanctuary following worship today. All business proper to a general meeting of our congregation will be addressed.

Following worship today, please join us for Coffee Hour in the Wistar Morris Room hosted by Phil & Trudy Sheau. **If you would like to host an upcoming coffee hour**, please sign up now on the sign-up board in the Wistar-Morris . Contact Amarilis Stricker with any coffee hour questions, 484-343-0679.

Calling all soup makers! Overbrook is making soup for Broad Street Ministry's Overnight Café. Soup makers are needed today, **February 14** (share some love with those who need it most) and 28; March dates to be announced. We meet immediately after church to make the soup. This is a great family activity and takes about an hour of your time. Sign up after church with Deb Rottinger. Email for more info, rottinger@woodlynde.org.

Formula, Diaper, Toy Collection. Help babies of HIV positive moms with basic health and developmental needs by donating formula (Similac Advanced powder); disposable diapers, sizes 1 thru 5; hypo-allergenic baby wipes; and developmental toys suitable for infants to 15 months. The items are available in most places like Target, Rite Aid, CVS, Costco, BJ's, supermarkets and even Amazon. Cash donations may be made during Coffee Hour in lieu of shopping for the items – see Nancy Gilhool.

Conversations at the Crossroads. Be a part of our Congregational Study Process in preparation for finding our next pastor! Sign up today for one of the small groups being held in homes and at church. Come prepared to dream of the Overbrook of the future and share your ideas with us. Meetings take about 1 ½ hours, refreshments are served. For more information contact Rachel Carnahan at jbr117@verizon.net or 610-348-4659. Rides can be arranged.

New Directories Available. The 2016 directory for Overbrook Presbyterian Church is now available. You may pick up your copy in the Wistar Morris Room after worship today.

Bible Study Group. Adult Bible Study will be meeting this **Wednesday, February 17 at 10:00 am**, in the Chapel. Rev. Mann will be leading us in our continuing discussion of the Gospel of Luke.

Dr. Mann will be attending a continuing education event this week at Princeton Seminary from Wednesday afternoon through Friday at dinner (February 17-19). He will leave soon after the Wednesday morning Bible Study.

Heavenly Harvest Meals at Calvin's Kitchen. 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.

Sports & Game Night will take place **on February 12, 19 and 26 from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm** at the Church. Join us in playing half-court basketball or board games. \$5 per family covers pizza and drinks. We look forward to having you join us for fun, food and fellowship. Please contact Jason Sheau at JSheau@yahoo.com or 215-450-5190 for more information.

Coming up at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Next Sunday February 21, 2016: Second Sunday in Lent.

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Andrew H. Mann, Jr.; Lay Leader: Suzy Brandt; Acolyte: Spencer Shah; Flowers given by TBA; Coffee Hour: Angie Goodall & Company.

Adult Forum. The Adult Forum theme for February is African American Voices: Stories of Strength, Dialogues for Social Justice. Please join us for this engaging series. Adult Forum meets each Sunday morning in the Chapel from 9:15-10:15. The welcome is warm; the coffee is hot.

OPC Talks...and Walks: Black, Brown, and Beige: A tribute to the creative genius of Duke Ellington. On Tuesday, February 23, 7:00-8:30 pm in the Chapel, join us as we welcome Jeff Duperon, acclaimed WRTI jazz commentator and on-air host of Jazz with Jeff Duperon. Following Mr. Duperon's presentation, a musical ensemble of OPC members, Lynn Pompa, Patrice Pompa, Iris Fairfax, and Elizabeth Mendoza, will perform Come Sunday from Duke Ellington's Black, Brown and Beige. A café reception will precede the presentation. OPC Talks...and Walks is a ministry of the Christian Education Committee. This program is offered free of charge; friends are welcome.

Lenten Worship at Overbrook. The coming Lenten season brings us diverse opportunities to gather in worship and prayerful fellowship. These opportunities include the formal services of Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Palm Sunday, as well as compline, which according to Christian tradition is the final worship of the day. Please keep this schedule of services in your hearts and in your homes.

February 24	6:30 pm	Soup & Bread Supper followed by Compline
March 2	6:30 pm	Soup & Bread Supper followed by Compline
March 16	6:30 pm	Soup & Bread Supper followed by Compline
March 19	9:30 am	The Journey of Christ: An Intergenerational Event
March 20	10:30 am	Palm Sunday Worship
March 24	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Tenebrae & Communion
March 25	12:00 pm	Good Friday Worship

CHURCH STAFF

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THE OVERBROOK QUARTET

Iris Fairfax

Soprano

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Tenor

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Baritone



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