

OVERBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Third Sunday in Lent

February 28, 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; Kate Shackelford, lay leader; Sharon Parker, Director of Christian Education; Acolyte: Amanda Duckworth; The Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir; The Overbrook Choir; and Dennis Elwell, Minister of Music.

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by Artia Benjamin in memory of her father, Haskell Mobley.

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: Max Mason, Ken Carroll, John Mason, Mary Scott, Jason Sheau, Alan Sigler, and Nickie Stokes

Deacons delivering flowers: Stephanie Morris and Teri Hunter

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

Concerto in D minor: Adagio Antonio Vivaldi
(Remembering Antonio Vivaldi's Birthday, March 4, 1678)

Talk About A Child That Do Love Jesus Spiritual; arr. Calvin Taylor

INTROIT

Rest in the Lord George Thalben-Ball

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Jesus said: Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

MANY: Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

ALL: Let us worship our God.

❖ HYMN, No. 363

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

DARWALL'S 148TH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON

Kyrie

John Weaver

mp. Lord have mer-cy up-on us.

Christ have mer-cy up-on us. Lord have mer-cy up-on us.

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

WONDROUS LOVE

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heavy cross for my soul.

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 55:1-9

pew Bible, p. 644

ANTHEM

Meditation on BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR Cathy Moglebust
The Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir

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 13:1-9
pew Bible, p. 71

SERMON

Rev. Drew Mann
“It’s Not Fair!”

❖ **HYMN, No. 366**

HYFRYDOL
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

❖ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

FROM THE BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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

Come, Ye Sinners
The Overbrook Choir
The Overbrook Quartet Soloists

Kile Smith

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love and pow'r.
He is able, He is willing, doubt no more.
Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream,
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you,
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

❖ DOXOLOGY, No. 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

❖ HYMN, No. 369

Blessing and Honor

O QUANTA QUALIA

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

Twofold Amen

Anonymous

*Please depart quietly in consideration of those
who wish to listen to the postlude.*

❖ POSTLUDE

Praise God, the Lord

Dietrich Buxtehude

Our beloved custodian, Leonard Robbins, and his family suffered a terrible loss this week when his 28 year old son, James, was shot and killed. The Session has established a special fund to assist the family with funeral and other expenses. Please make your check payable to Overbrook Presbyterian Church and clearly mark it for the Leonard Robbins Family Fund. There will be a basket for your donations at Coffee Hour or checks may be mailed to the church office. We will give the money to Leonard on your behalf. God bless you and your generous heart.

This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Sunday, Feb. 28	11:30 am	Coffee Hour
	12:00 pm	Mission Study Meeting
Tuesday, Mar. 1	1:00 pm	Worship & Music Committee
	7:00 pm	Finance Committee
Wednesday, Mar. 2	10:00 am	Bible Study
	4:30 pm	Property Committee
	6:30 pm	Soup & Bread Supper/Compline
Thursday, Mar.3	6:30 pm	Bell Choir
	8:00 pm	Overbrook Choir
Sunday, Mar. 6	9:15 am	Adult Forum
	9:15 am	Junior Choir
	10:30 am	Worship

Following worship today, please join us for Coffee Hour in the Wistar Morris Room hosted by the Johnson Family. **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.

Bible Study Group. Adult Bible Study will be meeting this **Wednesday, March 2 at 10:00 am**, in the Chapel. Rev. Mann will be leading us in our continuing discussion of the Gospel of Luke.

A NEW BIBLE STUDY! Due to congregant requests, an evening “edition” of Adult Bible Study will be offered. The initial sessions will be held on **Wednesday, March 2** and **Wednesday, March 16**. Please join Dr. Mann from **8:00 to 9:00 PM** in the Williamson Room.

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.

Calling all soup makers! Overbrook is making soup for Broad Street Ministry's Overnight Café. Soup makers are needed **today**; 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 1½ hours, refreshments are served. For more information contact Rachel Carnahan at jbrc117@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.

Lenten Worship at Overbrook. The Lenten season brings us diverse opportunities to gather in worship and prayerful fellowship. These opportunities include the formal services on 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.

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
March 27	10:30 am	Easter – Resurrection Sunday Celebration

Easter Flowers. If you would like to donate Easter flowers, there are sign-up sheets at Coffee Hour or contact the church office at office@overbrookpresb.org or 215-877-2744.

Coming up at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Next Sunday March 6, 2016: The Fourth Sunday in Lent.

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Andrew H. Mann, Jr.; Lay Leader: Amos Paul; Acolyte: Lucy Duckworth; Flowers given by Rachel Carnahan and Jeremy Blatchley; Coffee Hour: the VanRawley Family.

Adult Forum. The Adult Forum theme for March is *This is My Story; This is My Song: Overbrook Believes!* Please join us as we welcome newer members of our congregation as they share their faith journeys. Trudy Sheau is the Adult Forum Convener for March. Adult Forum meets each Sunday morning in the Chapel from 9:15-10:15. The welcome is warm; the coffee is hot.

The Narberth Community Theatre benefit performance of “The Wedding Singer” will be held on **Wednesday, March 9 at 7:30 pm** preceded by a dessert reception at **6:30 pm**. Tickets are \$20 and will be sold after worship. All proceeds go to Overbrook Presbyterian Church. We need baked goods for complimentary refreshments for the benefit performance night and staffers to work the concession run for NCT’s shows this season. Please speak to Janet Bowker or Trudy Sheau if you can help out with either.

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT UPDATE. A group of dedicated volunteers continues to interview members (current and former) and friends to record what their experience has been at OPC. The goal is to capture a snap shot of OPC in this era and how it has changed. We are interested in people who have been involved with OPC for short and long periods of time. Interviews generally take no more than one hour and are a great opportunity to get to know people better. If you are interested in joining us to conduct interviews we would be happy to add to our ranks. We help in every way we can with guidelines and “tech support.” We’d like to add the transcripts of the interviews to the information the church is gathering for its self-study in preparation for calling a new pastor. If you are interested in sharing your OPC story, please let me know. I can be contacted via email at raelynkay@aol.com or by phone at 610-331-8972.

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