
Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
February 4, 2024
11:00 A.M.

“Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce.”

-Jeremiah 29:5

Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church (on the Road)
We are glad you are worshiping with us this morning!

Notes on Today's Service

Leadership:

The Rev. Dr. Adam Hearlson, Pastor

Sharon Parker, Parish Care Associate

Marc Alfonce, Seminary Intern

Anthony M. Carrella, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

The Overbrook Choir

Allison Chang, mezzo-soprano

Today's chancel flowers are given by Artia Benjamin
in remembrance of her grandmother, Anna May Mobley.

Childcare is available during the worship service. Worship is for all ages, but, should your infant or preschooler become restless, excellent childcare is provided in the nursery or in the Prayerground at the back of the church.

Large Print Bulletins and Hymns are Available.

Please speak to one of the ushers if you have special needs.

Following worship today, please join us for Fellowship Hour, hosted by Linda Huff Paul, for hoagies donated by Wawa. All are welcome!

❖=Stand as you are able

GATHERING IN

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Let Your Face Shine on Your Servant

Eleanor Daley
(b. 1955)

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Marc Alfonce

James Weldon Johnson

Leader: O greater Maker of this Thy great sun,

People: **Give me the strength this one day's race to run,**

Leader: Fill me with light, fill me with sun-like strength,

People: **Fill me with joy to rob the day its length.**

Leader: Light from within, light that will outward shine,

People: **Strength to make strong some weaker heart than mine,**

Leader: Joy to make glad each soul that feels its touch;

All: Great Father of the sun, I ask this much.

❖HYMN (*on next page*)

QUEM PASTORES

In the Heartbeat of the City

In the Heartbeat of the City

Christopher M. Idle

Quem Pastores

Anonymous (14th cent.)

1. In the heart - beat of the ci - ty through its
2. To its life and noise and clam - or in the
3. In our mu - sic and our trou - ble through the
4. Through the streets that make us wea - ry, in the
5. In the wel - come and the wash - ing, at the

rhy - thm and its beau - ty, for the low - ly and the
style or in the squal - or, from the Lord of grace and
rest - less hours of trav - el, to the bu - sy and the
bur - dens we must car - ry, by the cross of Christ our
bread and wine for shar - ing, by the word of God for

migh - ty comes the gra - cious peace of God.
val - or comes the gen - tle peace of God.
brit - tle comes the heal - ing peace of God.
glo - ry comes the last - ing peace of God.
hear - ing comes the per - fect peace of God.

WELCOME

Adam Hearlson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COURAGE (*unison*)

Marc Alfonce

From the United Church of Canada

Compassionate Creator,
look with mercy upon us as we name our collective brokenness:
We name our resistance to unpack traditions
and to engage in difficult conversations;
we name our willingness to remain estranged
from that which challenges us or frightens us;
we name constructs of superiority—
language that “others,” biases that entrench;
And we name the isms we carry in our thinking
that is carried over into our living.
We name other truths about ourselves in this moment of silence...
Compassionate Creator,
Most Loving Mother,
Forgive us our transgressions,
as we forgive those who have transgressed against us.
This we ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

EMBRACING GOD’S GRACE

Adam Hearlson

❖ GLORIA PATRI

HYMN No. 581

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 84

Marc Alfonce

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

BIBLICAL STORYTELLING

Anthony Carrella

*(Following the storytelling, children may return to their pews or
proceed to the Prayerground.. The nursery is also open for childcare.)*

SOLO

Wayne L. Wold

(b. 1954)

You Are Present with Your Love
Allison Chang, mezzo-soprano

In the morning, every morning,
you are present as I wake.
You, sustaining, recreating
with each deeper breath I take.
In the morning I will praise you
for your dawning love and grace.

In the daytime, every daytime,
you are present come what may.
You, inspiring, energizing
in my busy work and play.
In the daytime I will praise you
for your vibrant love and grace.

In the evening, every evening,
you are present as I rest.
You, still giving and forgiving,
you embrace us; we are blessed.
In the evening I will praise you
for your healing love and grace.
At each moment, every moment,
you are present with your love.

OLD TESTAMENT
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Jeremiah 29: 1-7

Adam Hearlson

SERMON

“A Season of Encouragement” (Part 5)

Adam Hearlson

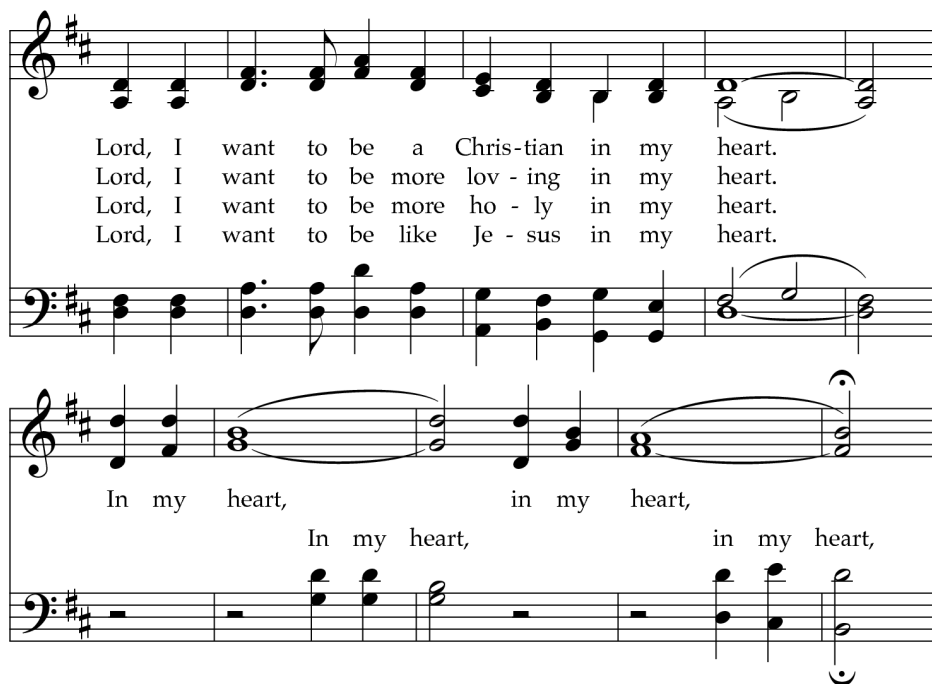
❖HYMN (*on next page*)

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian



1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,
 In my heart, in my heart,



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

LIFE AT THE CROSSROADS

Adam Hearlson

SHARING OF PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Adam Hearlson

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

We Shall Walk through the Valley in Peace (1957-2003)

The Overbrook Choir

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

For Jesus Himself will be our leader.

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

We will meet our loved ones there...

There will be no trials there...

African-American Spiritual

❖DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God, all creatures here below,

Praise God above, ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

❖PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Marc Alfonce

God, may these gifts be a bright shining light to those in need. May they be salt in the bread of those who are hungry. May all receive these gifts know the truth and power of your name. Amen

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Adam Hearlson

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

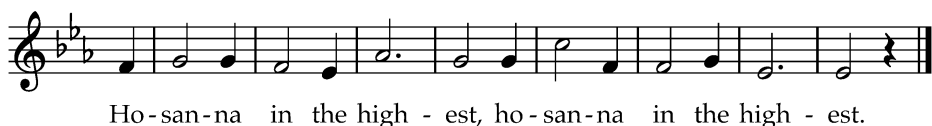
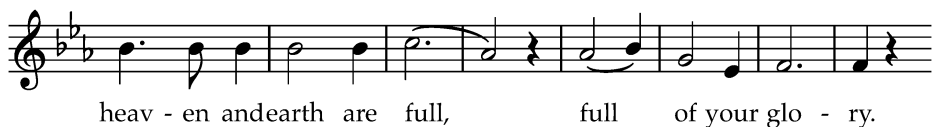
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

SANCTUS

HYMN No. 562



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Adam Hearlson

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Adam Hearlson

FORETASTE OF THE HEAVENLY BANQUET

Leader: He whose table was open to all is now present in this bread.
He whose word welcomed friend and stranger
offers friendship through this cup.

People: With people everywhere, we affirm
God's goodness at the heart of humanity,
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God...

People: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Adam Hearlson

Leader: Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom.
May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in hope, peace, joy,
and love.

People: Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to
generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.
Amen.

SENDING FORTH

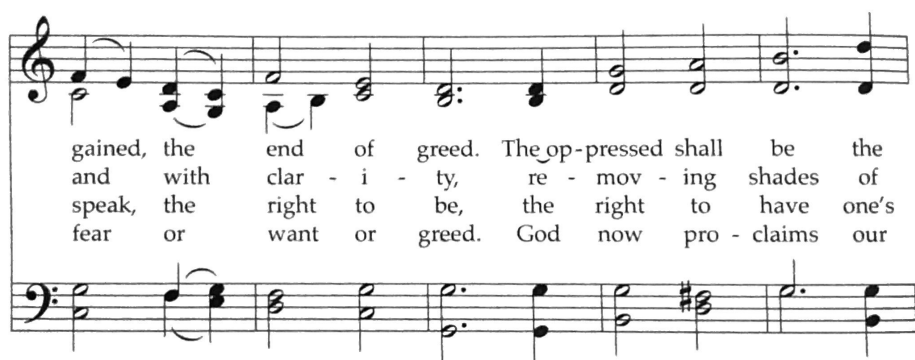
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TRURO

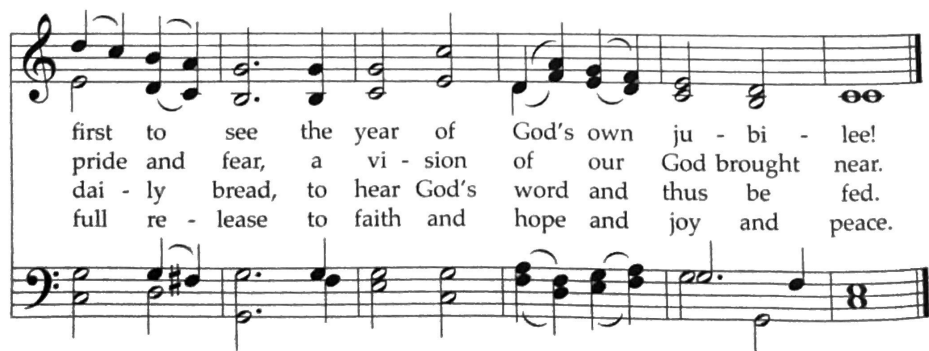
Live into Hope



1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of



gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our



first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

❖BENEDICTION

Adam Hearlson

CHORAL RESPONSE

G. T. Thalben-Ball

God is love

POSTLUDE

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

OPC Annual Meeting- Sunday, February 18, 2024, following worship. Though we are displaced, we will still hold our annual meeting. Given the aftermath of the fire, the meeting will be a time for us to celebrate the excellent ministry of 2023, approve the Pastoral compensation, talk briefly about the budget for 2024, and discuss the ongoing work on our church building. Please come and be a part of this important meeting.

Wednesday Bible Study and Centering Prayer. For the next few weeks, we will meet at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El on Wednesday mornings. Each week, centering prayer will begin at 9:30 A.M., with Bible study to follow at 10:30 A.M.

Friday, February 9, RPM Plus 10:00-Noon "Heart and Soul" What brings you joy? From creating art to making music, Denise and Bill Stewart will lead us in activities that center on finding, sharing, and inspiring joy. Come, join us for a joyful morning; go home with handmade art and a song in your heart.

Adult Forum, Sundays, 9:30-10:30 AM, in the Penn Wynne Fellowship Room. Upcoming discussions include:

- February 11: *Seeking Common Ground for a Greater Good* facilitators:
- February 18: Please join us as we welcome Dr. Lisa Bowens, Associate Professor of New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary, and author of *African American Readings of St. Paul: Reception, Resistance, and Transformation*.

All are welcome to participate. Late arrivals are reminded to enter the side "blue door" quietly, as the Penn Wynne Worship service will be in progress.

Children's Sunday School will resume on Sunday, February 11, and continue until the month's end. Classes are held on the ground floor of Penn Wynne near the Nursery.

Confirmation Class will resume on Sunday, February 11. Our full schedule can be found by going to tinyurl.com/OPC-Conf-24



Youth Ice Skating—Sunday, February 11, 1:00 P.M. The youth ice skating event has been rescheduled. OPC youth will be going Ice Skating at the Dilworth Park Ice Rink near City Hall. We will leave the church at 1:00 and return by 4:15; pay what you will. If you signed up before, please sign up again!

Prayer List

- Prayers of hope, courage, and vision for the Overbrook family as we move into a season of change.
- Prayers of gratitude for the love and generosity of our neighboring host congregations, Penn Wynne Presbyterian Church, Llanerch Presbyterian Church Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El, and the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Lillian Carnahan as she remains under medical care.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Georgina Haywood, who is hospitalized.
- Prayers for comfort and restoration of health for the mother of Rebecca Gidjunis as she recovers from heart surgery
- Prayers for comfort and peace for Barbara Lappen, mother of Mary Bear Shannon.
- Prayers of consolation and comfort for the O'Conner Family on the recent loss of a loved one.
- Prayers for compassionate care and comfort for Hannah Baukert's mother Mary, who is receiving hospice care.
- Prayers of gratitude for the positive breast cancer treatment of Ellen Carnahan, sister of Rachel, and prayers of hope and comfort as she begins a further course of treatment.
- Prayers for compassionate care and comfort for John Shackelford, brother of Kate, as he receives medical treatment following brain surgery.
- Prayers for comfort and peace for Colleen Granata, mother of Brad Biedermann.
- Prayers for compassionate care, comfort, and peace for Jacqueline Cole, sister of Lois Davis.
- Prayers for all who are facing health challenges, especially Scott Long, Caroline Skinner, Sonya Smith, Gwen Harden, Luis Wong, Ed Harvey, Aqueelah Folwell, Stephanie Stokes, Milton Stokes, Natalie DeShields, Bill Long, and Jean Long.

Please contact Bill Baker (wbaklava@aol.com) or Sharon Parker (sharon@overbrookpresb.org) to add names to the prayer list.

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The Overbrook Quartet:

Iris Fairfax, *soprano*; **Allison Chang**, *alto*;

Toffer Mihalka, *tenor*; **Matthew Lulofs**, *bass*

“Overbrook Presbyterian Church actively seeks to worship God, serving each other and the world through a welcoming, loving, and inclusive ministry.”
