



Overbrook

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship Service
February 8, 2026
11:00 A.M.

Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church
We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning!

Notes on Today's Service:

Leadership:

The Rev. Dr. Adam Hearlson, Pastor

Wanda Harris-Cooper, Pastor of Care and Youth Ministry

Davorika Sabljak, Liturgist

Anthony M. Carrella, Director of Children and Family Ministries

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

The Overbrook Choir

The Overbrook Gospel Choir

Victor Fiorillo, piano

Today's chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God.

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.

Following worship today, please join us
for Fellowship Hour in the Wistar Morris Room.

❖ *Stand as you are able*

GATHERING IN

PRELUDE

INTROIT

O send out thy light

G. T. Thalben-Ball
(1896-1987)

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

James Weldon Johnston

Davorka Sabljak

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 two pages*)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

WELCOME

Adam Hearlson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COURAGE (*unison*)

From Obie Wright Jr.

Davorka Sabljak

Spirit of holiness, prod us, rebuke us, charm and enchant us until our minds are stayed on the Beloved Community. Lift us up—put running in our feet, clapping in our hands. Lord, make us free, make us whole, fill our voices with the sound of genuine praise. Make us testify. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

EMBRACING GOD'S GRACE

❖ 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.

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

**Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."*

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
날 마 다 자 비 를 배 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

The service continues on the page before the hymn.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 58:1-12

Davorka Sabljak

If you would like to follow along with today's Scripture reading, Bibles are available at the back of Fellowship Hall. Kindly return them to the cart following worship.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

BIBILCAL STORYTELLING

Anthony Carrella

(Following the storytelling, learners are encouraged to process to Children's Sunday School on the ground floor. Before heading to the fellowship hour, parents and caregivers are asked to check in with their child.)

ANTHEM

arr. Brandon Waddles

Walk in the Light
The Overbrook Gospel Choir
Victor Fiorillo, piano

Walk in the light, beautiful light,
come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright;
shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the light of the world.

He's shining in my soul!
Jesus, the King of glory:
He's shining in my soul!

J. V. Coombs (1849-1920), adapt.

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 5:13-20

Adam Hearlson

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"A Shining Light"

Adam Hearlson

❖HYMN

HOUSTON

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

❖ APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

LIFE AT THE CROSSROADS

Adam Hearlson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Wanda Harris-Cooper

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.

SHARING OF PEACE

Wanda Harris-Cooper

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Thomas W. Jefferson

Don't You Let Nobody Turn You 'Round

The Overbrook Gospel Choir

Victor Fiorillo, piano

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Tell me whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life,

Tell me of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing have I desired of the Lord;
that will I seek:

That I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,

to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple.

Wait on the Lord; be of good courage,
and he shall strengthen thine heart.

Psalms 27:1, 4, 14

❖ 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

Davorka Sabljak

God of the waters,
receive these gifts we offer today.

Let your Spirit work through what we give,
carrying your love into a world in need.

May those who pass through deep waters,
find hope in the generosity of this place. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

❖ HYMN

I'M GONNA LIVE

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so) God can use me an - y -
4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
(an - y - time!)
I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
pray so (pray so)
sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
(my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

❖BENEDICTION

Adam Hearlson

CHORAL RESPONSE

A Blessing

Eleanor Daley
(b. 1955)

POSTLUDE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

When available, QR codes to sign up or RSVP are located to the right of announcements.

Q&A-OPC Annual Budget-Following worship today, the Finance and Stewardship committees invite you to grab a snack then join in a conversation and Q&A about OPC's annual budget. We are a resilient and vibrant church community with a dedicated and talented staff, a historic building with substantial routine operational costs and maintenance (outside of fire expenses and upgrades) and many important ministries and programs that also require resources. This conversation will look at those day-to-day expenses, how we take in and spend money, the growth of our annual budget, and how Stewardship plays a vital role. A written Q&A will be shared in person and electronically for those unable to attend. This will be the first of what we hope will be many opportunities for programming around Stewardship. We welcome your ideas and questions.

Souper Bowl of Caring-During Fellowship Hour today, be sure to cheer on your favorite Super Bowl contender...and help our OPC Youth donate to the charity organization of their choice. Immediately, following worship, our youth will be stationed in the Wistar Morris Room with two soup pots, each pot representing a 2026 Super Bowl contender. By making a donation in one or (both) pots, you will be supporting an organization of the youth's choice based on the current list of organizations that OPC supports through our Mission and Outreach committee.

Annual Congregational Meeting— The Session announces that the Annual Meeting of the congregation and corporation of Overbrook Presbyterian Church will be held in person immediately after worship on **Sunday, February 22, 2026**. All business proper to a general meeting of our congregation will be addressed.

A Lenten Invitation—Saturday, February 21, 10:00 A.M. to noon.

All are invited for a morning of stillness, reflection, and spiritual renewal. Please join us in Overbrook's **Wistar Morris Room** for "My Soul Waits for the Lord: A Lenten Retreat Inspired by Psalm 130." Gathering on the first Saturday in Lent, participants will contemplate and discuss the spiritual challenges and blessings of waiting. Together, we will consider the questions, "For what, and for whom, do we **wait**? How can we prepare for times of **waiting**? Why **should** we **wait** in times of urgency?"

RSVP



Retreat leaders, Pastor Wanda Harris-Cooper, Janie Martin, and Sharon Parker welcome participants to come at 9:30 AM for refreshments and fellowship prior to the start of the program. RSVP to Pastor Wanda (wanda@overbrookpresb.org) by February 19, or scan the QR code.

Summer Silent Retreat: Interest Form Now Open—July 2026.

God invites you into silence, into deep listening, and into the Presence and action of the Spirit moving within you. This summer, we hope to offer a day or two of contemplative retreat here in our community. If your soul stirs at this invitation, please fill out the interest form. There is no commitment or cost to attend this retreat.

If you have children and would like to attend, please indicate so, as a critical mass of parents will allow us to provide childcare. An interest form can be found by scanning the QR code, or you can directly contact **Anthony Carrella** (anthony@overbrookpresb.org). Anthony recently completed training and certification in contemplative group and retreat leadership through the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation. **30 people have already signed up—add your name today!**

SIGN UP



Centering Prayer and Bible Study. Join us for these two midweek programs, which take place in the OPC Conference Room. Centering Prayer begins at 9:30 A.M., and Bible Study begins at 10:30 A.M.

Chancel Flowers—Donations needed. Please consider donating the Sunday morning chancel flowers in honor/memory of a loved one or simply in a celebration or thanksgiving for the many blessings we receive. The cost is **\$60.00**, but you may contribute what you wish. To sign up, follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8secsur>. There are three ways to pay for the flowers:

1. Log onto Realm: <https://onrealm.org/overbrookpresb/give/flowers>
2. Text “GIVEOPC FLOWERS \$60.00” to 73256 to give using your mobile device. This number will never send unsolicited texts to you. To cancel further messages, text STOP. If you need assistance with text giving, text HELP. Standard text message and data rates may apply.
3. Mail a check to the church office, Attn: Carol. Please indicate “Chancel Flowers” in the memo of the check.

Each Sunday, the chancel flowers are delivered by the deacons to OPC members. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa (manager@overbrookpresb.org) or Carol (carol@overbrookpresb.org).

Fellowship Hour—Volunteers and Donations Needed. Every week after worship, we gather as a community to share something to eat and drink, welcome new people and check in with friends. For many at Overbrook Church, this fellowship time feels like an extension of our worship. As we transition home, we will be adapting a few of our traditions while the building remains under construction. The kitchen will be in renovation for the next several months, so there will be no cooking space, refrigerator space, or running water for dishes. Each week, we will need a Fellowship Coordinator and donations from OPC members and friends:

SIGN UP



- **Fellowship Hour Coordinator.** A coordinator greets and receives donations for the sharing table, sets up the donations, and organizes cleanup after Fellowship Hour.
- **Sharing Table Donations.** Please consider bringing something to share. The Fellowship Hour table will welcome any assorted finger food contributions each Sunday. Please keep the treats simple—nothing that requires utensils or refrigeration. We will reserve a space to label foods that are vegan, nut-free or gluten-free.

To sign up, scan the QR code on this page. We hope that this will be an opportunity for all to participate in our shared Fellowship experience while we adapt to the restrictions of being under construction.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact **Artia Benjamin** and the Congregational Life Committee (clc@overbrookpresb.org).

MUSIC MINISTRY

Choir Rehearsals—Thursday Evenings. All are welcome to participate in the music ministry here at Overbrook in a variety of ways.

The **Overbrook Choir** meets every Thursday from 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. in the basement of OPC and sings every Sunday during worship. Feel free to join us regardless of past experience!

The **Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir** meets for several Thursdays in a row before playing in worship. We rehearse in the OPC basement from 6:30 to 7:15 P.M.

The **Overbrook Gospel Choir** sang today, of course! Watch your email for an announcement of our next worship date.

No prior experience is required! For more information, contact **Chris Gage** (music@overbrookpresb.org).

MEN'S GROUP

It was decided to relaunch the men's group on the second Saturday of each month starting at 11:00 A.M. The next meeting will be on Saturday, February 14 in the Wistar Morris Room. Please bring your own snacks and beverages.

The purpose of this group is for fellowship and to discuss everything from what is happening locally to what teams will make the World Series. This is a relaxed meeting with open discussion; there is no set agenda.

Please direct questions to **Jeff Bowker** (bowkerjeffrey@gmail.com).

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ice Skating Event—Sunday, February 15, 12:30 P.M. All youth (Grades 6-12) and their families are invited to attend our annual ice-skating trip at the **Dilworth Park Ice Skating Rink** at City Hall. Lunch will be provided. We will leave the church at 12:30 P.M. and arrive back at OPC around 4:30 P.M. Cost is \$15 per person skating, scholarships are available. Invite friends! Scan the QR code to register by **Monday, February 9.**

SIGN UP



If you would like to volunteer as a chaperone or driver, please indicate as such in the memo field when you fill out the registration form. Please note that all volunteers and drivers must have up-to-date clearances on file with OPC.

Please contact Suchita (youth@overbrookpresb.org) if you have any questions.

Youth Informational/Consent Form. If you have a child in grades 6-12, please take a few minutes to fill out our new and improved informational/consent forms so we can continue to ensure a safe, supportive, and fun environment for our families. If you have any questions, please contact us at youth@overbrookpresb.org.

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Youth Choir. As part of our monthly gatherings, we will be starting a youth choir that will perform on Youth Sundays. No experience is necessary! Please email youth@overbrookpresb.org if you are interested.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Children's Sunday School & Fellowship Hour. As families return to Overbrook, Sunday mornings are beginning to take on a new shape. Following Biblical Storytelling, learners process to Sunday School on the ground floor. Before heading to Fellowship Hour, we ask parents and caregivers to check in with their children in the Fellowship Hall or Nursery, depending on what they chose at the end of Sunday School. This invitation is a starting place and may evolve as we learn together. Your feedback is welcome. Thank you for your attention and grace.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY-(CONTINUED)

Family Dinner Church. Tuesday, February 24. 5:45–7:00 PM

Gather with us for a meal from Nana's Kitchen, then turn toward practices of contemplative silence: centering prayer, and this month, an exploration of poetry as a form of spiritual attention. Molly Burke will guide us as we let poems do their slow work on us. Childcare is provided by our nursery staff. All are welcome. Bring a dessert or case of seltzer to share if you'd like, or just bring yourself. RSVP to Anthony (anthony@overbrookpresb.org) if you are interested.

CFM Committee Meeting—Wednesday, February 25, 6:15 to 7:30 P.M. Does your heart lift when children process down the aisle each Sunday? Does the sound of children laughing and singing during worship bring you joy? The Children & Family Ministry Committee may be where you belong! Our February meeting, held over Zoom, is open to those interested in listening in. Speak with Anthony Carrella or Molly Burke if you sense a call to this work and would like to join us; an invitation will be shared directly with you.

Minister to Kids & Families in 2026: Volunteers Needed. Looking for a simple way to support our youngest members and ministry leaders? We seek hands and hearts to provide the following:

- Affirming presence in the Prayerground during worship
- Preparing snacks for Sunday School
- Hallway and door supervision during Sunday School
- Leading a multi-age craft activity
- Bringing dessert or seltzers for Family Dinner Church

No long-term commitment required. Some roles require clearances. Sign up at bit.ly/Minister-to-Kids or speak with Anthony Carrella.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Norristown Hospitality Donations—This month, Norristown delivery will be on **Monday, February 16**, and donations will be due in worship the day before. If you are able to contribute, scan the QR code. For details, contact Janet Bowker (jabowker1001@gmail.com).



Habitat for Humanity ReStore- Saturday, February 21. Can you tell the difference between a hammer and a nail? Then, we need you to join the fun with the Overbrook H4H team. On **Saturday, February 21** the OPC team will carpool to Washington Avenue to restore furniture for resale in the ReStore. Look for the sign-up at the Mission and Outreach table in Fellowship Hour or scan the QR code.



RPM

Friday, February 13, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM. RPM Plus: *Fit to be Tied!*

The Undercroft of St. Thomas African Episcopal Church, the corner of Lancaster and Overbrook Avenues, Philadelphia. (Accessible through the lower level doors, adjacent to the St. Thomas staff parking lot). All are welcome to gather for healthy morning snacks, a 30-minute session of personal fitness, and crafting session of special Valentine remembrances for the at-home members of our congregation and community. Love and care will definitely be in the air...and really good coffee will be in the cups!

Friday, February 27, 11:30 AM -1:00 PM. RPM's Lunar New Year Café.

*Anderson Hall, The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas. -All are warmly welcome to join us for a buffet of special foods chosen in celebration of *The Year of the Horse!* Following the meal, we will welcome special guest presenters from diverse Asian cultures.*

RPM is a mutual ministry of OPC and The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas; there is no cost to participate. RSVPs are appreciated. Please respond to Sharon Parker (sparker614@gmail.com).

PRAYER LIST

- Prayers for Peggy Boatwright as she is currently hospitalized for a medical issue.
- Prayers for restoration of health and comfort for Becky Lazo as she recovers from a fractured ankle.
- Prayers of healing and peace for Amanda Scherbenske in the wake of a hand injury.
- Prayers of healing and comfort for David Geers, brother of Laurie Gears, as he faces some medical challenges.
- Prayers of healing for Carolyn Summers, mother of Iris Fairfax, who has recently been diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Prayers of comfort and resilience for Brian Testa and his family, as his cancer symptoms have accelerated.
- Prayers for strength and comfort for Jim Stephens and his family as he battles with his recent diagnosis of ALS.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Ann Elise Lindgren as she recovers from a fall.
- Prayers for dignity, stability, and comfort for all those navigating changes in government assistance programs.
- Prayers for healing and restoration of strength for Alyce Marsh as she recovers from a recent surgery.
- Prayers of healing and strength for Desire Gumedzo, brother of Dela Geraldo.
- Prayers for restoration of health and comfort for Michael O'Hara, brother of Miriam Harden.
- Prayers of healing and comfort for Kathy Katz, mother of Jason Katz and dear friend of the Morris family, as she recovers from a stroke.
- Prayers for restoration of health and comfort for Beth Brawley's mom, Patricia, as she faces health challenges.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Gail Kaercher as she faces new medical challenges.
- Prayers for all who are facing health concerns, especially Brian Henderson, Gwen Anthony, Scott Long, Vince Gilhool, Gwen Harden, Ed Harvey, Bette Homer, Valerie Craig, Joan Moylan, Jim Moylan, Davorka Sabljak and Natalie DeShields.

Please contact Mads at (deacons@overbrookpresb.org) or Adam Hearlson (adam@overbrookpresb.org) to add names to the prayer list.

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OPC SESSION MEMBERS:

Adam Hearlson, Moderator, Stephanie Morris, Treasurer

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Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Artia Benjamin	Brian Burke	Shanae Bryan
Joseph Blair	Karen Testa	Corinna Bowser**
Keedra Carroll**	Brian Taussig-Lux**	Cheryl Davis **
Solomon Hunter**	Christoph Von Andreae**	Claire Fay
Nathalie May**	Mimi Winkler**	Janie Martin

OPC DEACONS:

Mads Piatt Cosgriff and Denise Stewart, Co-Moderators, Board of Deacons

Jason Sheau, Treasurer; Zee Ann Mason, Secretary

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Denise Stewart	Margene Biedermann	Chris Bryan
Miriam Harden**	Mads Piatt Cosgriff	Laurie Geers
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Artia Benjamin and Suchita Fiorillo - *Co-Directors of Youth Ministry*

Lisa Faso - *Office Manager*

Carol Rozmiarek - *Financial Secretary and Director of Programming*

Leonard Robbins - *Church Custodian*

The Overbrook Quartet:

Iris Fairfax, *soprano*; Syrena Torres, *alto*;

Toffer Mihalka, *tenor*; Benjamin Glick, *bass* (guest)

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