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# Overbrook Presbyterian Church

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Worship Service  
Third Sunday after Epiphany  
January 24, 2021  
10:30 a.m.

# Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church

We are glad you are worshiping with us this morning!

## Leading Worship Today:

The Rev. Dr. Adam Hearlson, Pastor

Nathalie May, Liturgist

Elizabeth Cosgriff and Justin Robertson, Prayer Leaders

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

Amanda Staub, mezzo-soprano

Carol Rozmiarek, Tech Manager

## GATHERING IN

PRELUDE

CWG

Improvisation on "Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein"  
("We All Are One in Mission")

CALL TO WORSHIP/WELCOME

*Adam Hearlson*

OPENING HYMN

NENO LAKE MUNGU

Listen, God Is Calling

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Nathalie May*

*Psalms 51:1-2, 11-13, 16-17*

Have mercy on me O God in your great kindness:  
in the fullness of your mercy blot out my offenses.

Wash away all my guilt:

and cleanse me from my sin.

Do not cast me away from your presence:

do not take your Holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your help again:

and strengthen me with a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways:

and sinners will turn to you again.

You desire no sacrifice, or I would give it:

but you take no delight in burnt offerings.

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit:

a broken and contrite heart O God you will not despise.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Adam Hearlson*

## HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Nathalie May*

OLD TESTAMENT      1 Samuel 3:1-10, 11-20

*Nathalie May*

TIME WITH CHILDREN

*Anthony Carrella*

SOLO

Franz Schubert  
(1797-1828)

Im Abendrot

*Amanda Staub, mezzo-soprano*

O wie schön ist deine Welt, Vater, wenn sie golden strahlet! Wenn dein Glanz herniederfällt, Und den Staub mit Schimmer malet; Wenn das Rot, das in der Wolke blinkt, In mein stilles Fenster sinkt!	How lovely is your world, Father, in its golden radiance when your glory descends and paints the dust with glitter; when the red light that shines from the clouds falls silently upon my window.
Könnst' ich klagen, könnst' ich zagen? Irre sein an dir und mir? Nein, ich will im Busen tragen Deinen Himmel schon allhier. Und dies Herz, eh' es zusammenbricht, Trinkt noch Glut und schlürft noch Licht.	Could I complain? Could I hesitate? Could I lose faith in you and in myself? No, I already bear your heaven here within my heart. And this heart, before it breaks, still drinks in the fire and savors the light.

*Karl Lappe (1773-1843)*

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GOSPEL LESSON      John 1:43-53

*Adam Hearlson*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON      When Heaven Opens

*Adam Hearlson*

HYMN      LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN  
Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

## THE 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

### CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Adam Hearlson  
Elizabeth Cosgriff  
Justin Robertson*

LORD'S PRAYER (*debts/debtors*)

### SHARING OF PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

### INVITATION TO OFFERING

ANTHEM

Repton  
("How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord")

Charles Callahan  
(b. 1951)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Nathalie May*

Father, receive these gifts. Christ, receive our hearts. Spirit, direct our lives.  
Triune God, may we find oneness in our giving.

## SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN

NYLAND

**O Jesus, I Have Promised**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Allegro con brio*

Christian Heinrich Rinck  
(1770-1846)

## This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

### Fellowship Hour!

In an attempt to continue to build community and serve our congregation, we will be holding a virtual fellowship hour after worship. At the conclusion of the service, people who remain will be invited to join a breakout room where they will have five minutes to catch up with their church friends. After five minutes, you can join another room, and then another, for a total of about 15-20 minutes of conversation and fellowship. So, bring your coffee, snacks, and finger foods, and gather again for a good OPC coffee hour.

### Need Support?

If you or someone you know is in need of care or support during this time please let Pastor Adam or Terri Hunter, [teresahunter42@gmail.com](mailto:teresahunter42@gmail.com), know. OPC has an emergency fund to help people who are in need. We have raised over \$100,000 to help our congregation weather this storm. If you are in need and financially struggling, the church is here to help. We are in this together. More information on the emergency fund is on the website.

### February 14

**Annual Congregational Meeting:** The Session announces that the **Annual Meeting** of the congregation and corporation of Overbrook Presbyterian Church will be held virtually immediately after worship on **Sunday, February 14, 2020**. All business proper to a general meeting of our congregation will be addressed.

Weekly Opportunities-  
Please note Change to Links and Meeting ID

Due to some issues with Zoom all the links and meeting IDs had to be changed. Please disregard the old link and save the updated links and IDs below.

The Work of the Church continues, and we continue to create programming for our community. Links for Bible Study, the Women's Prayer & Support Group, and the Men's Group are below. Please refer to your e-mail or contact the church for information on gatherings for children and youth.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

Join [Wednesday Bible Study](#) or call 646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 978 9342 2986

Tuesday Women's Prayer & Support Group, 7:30 a.m.

Join [Tuesday Morning Women's Prayer and Support Group](#) or call 646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 932 4865 533

Thursday Vigil for Racial Justice, 2:00 pm-Dusk

The church holds a public vigil for racial justice on our corner of City and Lancaster. You are invited to show up and pray, hold signs, and witness to the need for racial justice in our city, our country, and our world. Come and make your voice heard! Sign up for a time here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4AACAE2DA2FE3-thursday>

Saturday Morning Men's' Group, 9:00 am

Join [Saturday Morning Men's' Group](#) or call 646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 920 1485 0418

## Ways to Give

Many people have asked how they can continue to give to the church during this time. We currently have five ways you can give online to the church.

**1. To donate by credit card (with PayPal account):** We have a Donate button on our website that will take you to the PayPal Giving Fund where you can make donations to the church using a credit card. When giving this way, the church is not charged any processing fees. You will have to either log in with your PayPal account or create one to donate this way.

**2. To donate with a credit card (without PayPal account):** If you'd prefer not to use a PayPal account, you can donate through PayPal but using a credit card only. Go to this link: [https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=VX4E5GVVUE7VW&source=url](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s-xclick&hosted_button_id=VX4E5GVVUE7VW&source=url). Pick "Donate with a Debit or Credit Card" and follow the directions.

**3. To set up a recurring credit card donation (with PayPal account):** If you'd like to set up a monthly credit card donation, you can use this link: [https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=VX4E5GVVUE7VW&source=url](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s-xclick&hosted_button_id=VX4E5GVVUE7VW&source=url). Enter the amount of your donation and check the box to make it a monthly donation. You will have to have (or create) a PayPal account to set it up this way.

**4. To set up a recurring donation by check:** Most banks offer the option to set up recurring payments by check. You can set it up so that the church is mailed a check on whatever schedule you choose. You'd need to check your bank's website or call them to set that up. The church mailing address is 6376 City Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19151.

**5. To give by text:** Text GIVE to [484-222-5757](tel:484-222-5757) and follow the prompts. You can make a one-time donation or set up recurring donations.

As with all online giving, most companies take a cut of whatever you give (PayPal takes 3% and texting takes 1% plus the 3% of PayPal), so, if you are searching for the way for the church to receive the whole amount of your gift, automatic deduction from your bank is the most efficient.

### Prayer List

- Prayers for Becky Lazo's mother who is having medical issues.
- Prayers for the family and friends of Vimala Johnson, who passed away last weekend.
- Prayers for the family and friends of Jackie McKeithan, who passed away on Friday.
- Artia Benjamin's friend and co-worker, Kim Butler, who is in the hospital for Covid 19.
- Artia Benjamin's uncle, Abdul Mokum Sr, who has been put on dialysis and is in the hospital.
- Continued prayers for the family and friends of our dear friend Lynn Pompa
- Jeanne Cuvilly is facing family challenges.
- John Fallon, friend of Bob Kaercher, whose wife Nancy is on hospice from COVID-19.
- Ken Carroll recovering from cataract surgery, grateful for all prayers
- Marita Patino Treat Rosen- prayers for chronic pain relief
- Margaret Young's son Keith remains under medical treatment but is no longer on hospice care.
- Chris Gage's parents, Nancy and Wayne Gage.
- Mary Pat, friend of Ginny Leagans, is being treated for colon cancer and just started chemotherapy.
- Theresa Carter is currently being treated for metastatic breast cancer and her tumor is shrinking.
- Caroline Skinner is facing health challenges
- Dale, friend of the Kupstas's family, is awaiting test results and diagnosis of a current illness. Dale is a father of 3 children.
- Judy Swartz prayers for continued healing.
- Eric Long's father Bill Long's cancer has returned.
- Wendy Fraser, sister of Jeremy Blatchley, is continuing treatment for cancer.
- Ed Harvey is still facing some multiple health challenges. He is grateful for all the prayers.

*Please contact Terri Hunter (teresahunter42@gmail.com)  
or the Church Office to add names to the prayer list.*

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## OPC SESSION MEMBERS:

Adam Hearlson, Moderator

Sara Davis, Clerk of Session; Stephanie Morris, Treasurer

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Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Elaine Blodgett	Elizabeth Cosgriff	Keedra Carroll
Herbert Brabham	Bob Harden, Jr.	Kevin Davis**
Elizabeth Mendoza	Larry McGhee	Solomon Hunter
Richard Owens	Deborah Rottinger**	Becky Lazo**
Aimerie Scherluebbe**	Eileen Wiggins**	Nathalie May

## OPC DEACONS:

Teresa Hunter, Moderator, Board of Deacons

Brad Biedermann, Treasurer; Jill Van Rawley, Secretary

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Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Nancy Gilhool	Artia Benjamin**	Peju Adebajo**
Terri Hunter**	Suchita Fiorillo**	Joan Beck
Mary Lou Ryce	Bill Baker	Ginny Leagans
Carol Tulba**	Bob Kaercher	Leah Mayne
Zachary Wong	Nickie Stokes**	Jason Sheau

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The Rev. Dr. Adam Hearlson - *Designated Pastor*

The Rev. David McMillan - *Pastor Emeritus*

Dr. Christopher Gage - *Director of Music*

Anthony Carrella - *Director of Christian Education*

Lisa Faso - *Office Manager*

Carol Rozmiarek - *Financial Secretary*

Leonard Robbins - *Church Custodian*

The Overbrook Quartet:

Iris Fairfax, *soprano*; Amanda Staub, *alto*;

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

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***Overbrook Presbyterian Church is a welcoming and diverse  
Christian community that actively seeks to love and serve  
God, each other, and the world.***

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