

# OVERBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 2012

10:30 A.M.

# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

Two Chorale Preludes on American Hymn Tunes Gerre Hancock  
'NETTLETON' (Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing)  
'PLAYFORD' (Send Down Thy Truth, O God)

## INTROIT

If Any Man Will Follow Me George Thalben-Ball

## ❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, gather together like those  
who sat at Jesus' feet so many years ago.

**We gather with joy,  
for we, too, want to be followers of Christ.**

Christ is here with us now,  
calling us anew to life and love.

**Let us praise God for bringing us together,  
and coming to us in Jesus Christ.**

## ❖ HYMN, NO. 474

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

## ❖ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God,  
through your Son you have called us to repent of our sin,  
to believe the good news,  
and to celebrate the breaking in of your kingdom.

Like Christ's first apostles,  
may we hear his call to discipleship,  
and, forsaking our old ways,  
respond in faith and trust to his Gospel of new life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ❖ CANTICLE, NO. 549

LE CANTIQUE DE SIMÉON

O Gladsome Light  
Verse 1

## **GREETING**

The grace of Jesus Christ, the mercy of the Holy One,  
and the Spirit of the living God be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
*pew Bible, p. 811*

### **ANTHEM**

Softly and Tenderly  
The Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir

arr. Karen Roth

### **TIME WITH CHILDREN**

*Following the Time with Children, children Pre-K through Grade 6  
may depart to Sunday School. Youth will remain in the service.*

### **GOSPEL READING**

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Mark 1:14-20  
*pew Bible, p. 33*

### **SERMON**

The Rev. Wallace W. Bubar  
“Life’s Calling”

### **❖ HYMN, NO. 377**

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

**PESCADOR DE HOMBRES**

### **❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of the one God,  
Maker and Sustainer of earth, sea, and sky.  
Born of Mary’s womb,  
faithful to the God of Abraham and Sarah,  
Jesus healed the sick, served the poor,  
and proclaimed heaven on earth.**

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**Condemned by the religious,  
crucified by the state, he died,  
but transformed even death  
and rose to life everlasting.  
He blessed the disciples with his Holy Spirit  
and sent them forth,  
east and west, north and south.  
We commit ourselves to Jesus,  
to one another as brothers and sisters,  
and to his mission in the world;  
in the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy:  
**Hear our prayer.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

debts/debtors

#### EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

#### OFFERTORY

Joel Martinson

Jesus Calls Us  
The Overbrook Choir

Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea,  
Day by day his clear voice sounding, saying, "Christian, follow me."  
As of old Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for his dear sake.  
Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,  
From each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
“Christian, love me more than these.”

Jesus calls us! In your mercy, Savior, make us hear your call,  
Give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.

❖ **DOXOLOGY, NO. 591**

**OLD HUNDREDTH**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

❖ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## SENDING

❖ **HYMN, NO. 419**

**REPTON**

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

### **RECOGNITION OF THE REV. PEG PAPSCH**

### **BENEDICTION**

### **CHORAL BENEDICTION**

The Lord Bless You

Ann Ker

### **POSTLUDE**

Now Thank We All Our God

Flor Peeters

# *Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church.*

**We are glad you are worshipping 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.

**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.

**Sunday School for Children, preschool through sixth grade.**

Students will be dismissed following the Time with Children. Immediately following the worship service, parents need to pick up their child from the upstairs Sunday School rooms. The classrooms will be clearly marked by grade level.

**Worship kits for children** are available at the front entrance to the Sanctuary.

**Large print bulletins and hymnals are available.** Please speak to one of the ushers if you have special needs.

**Please silence all cell phones and beepers during the worship service.** Thank you.

**Please join us immediately following worship for a time of refreshment and conversation in the Wistar Morris Room.**

Hosts: The Vagnoni and the Rottinger families.

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**Leading worship this morning:** The Rev. Wallace W. Bubar, Pastor; Lori Mason, worship leader; Raheem Goodall, acolyte; The Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir; The Overbrook Choir; and Dennis Elwell, Minister of Music.

**Ushers:** Phil Sheau, Ron Homer, Jane Krumrine, Leonard Sloan and Carol Tulba.

**The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by** Calvin and Stephanie Marshall in loving memory of Calvin Marshall, Calvin's father.

**Deacons delivering flowers:** Miriam Harden and Lori Mason.

**Next Sunday, February 5: The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany.** Scripture readings: Isaiah 40:21-31, Mark 1:29-39. The Rev. Wallace W. Bubar, preaching. Worship leader: Deb Rottinger. Acolyte: Maya Subramanian. Communion bread: Peg Papsch. Communion servers: Emily Amerman, Ken Carroll, Raelyn Harman, Ron Homer, Amos Paul, Liz Shah, Nickie Stokes, and Jim Vagnoni. Coffee Hour host: Souper Bowl. Flowers given by: Rachel Carnahan and Jeremy Blatchley. Deacons delivering flowers: Rachel Carnahan and Martha Phan.

**Cadenza** - The e-mail arrived just before 6:00 PM last week, on Saturday, January, 21, 2012. It was the sad news that an American legend in the world of sacred music, Organist and Choirmaster, Gerre Hancock, had passed away only a few hours earlier that afternoon. Perhaps to many the name may not be familiar or at least a household name, but to those in the profession who either knew him personally as this writer, or from afar, Gerre Hancock is revered for his impeccable musicianship through his career, particularly while at St. Thomas Church in New York City, with that marvelous Boy Choir and School, as well as his genuine human warmth and caring for all who he knew or interacted with him. His St. Thomas Choir has been featured in Hollywood movies, as well as countless churches and concert halls throughout the world, and his skills as performer and improviser were second to none. Perhaps no American organist in the latter half of the 20th and first decade of the 21st centuries, influenced more organists in a variety of, or as many ways, as Gerre Hancock. In the early 1980s, Mr. Hancock came to Overbrook Church to participate in an Improvisation event sponsored by the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Over the years The Overbrook Choir and I have performed a number of his anthems and organ works. His unexpected death to cardiac arrest at the age of 77, following a collapse earlier in the week, was a shock to everyone who admired all that he was. He died in the arms of his beloved wife, Judith, who also is a world class organist, and with

whom he often performed duo organ recitals. Two of Gerre Hancock's organ works serve as Preludes for today's worship, performed in his memory.

**Chancel flowers for 2012.** A new sign-up board is in the Wistar Morris Room. What a wonderful way to remember your loved ones who have passed away or to honor someone for a special occasion. The cost for chancel flowers is \$30. If you have any questions, please contact Anita Belfie in the Church Office. The next open dates are February 12, 26, March 11, 18, and April 15.

**Coffee Hour Hosts needed for 2012.** A sign-up chart is in the Wistar Morris Room. Contact Lori Spadaro (610-745-4694) or Katie Kupstas (610-789-1129). The next open dates are April 29, May 6, 13, 20 and 27.

**2012 Offering Envelopes.** Offering envelopes for this new calendar year are available in the Wistar Morris Room. If you wish to receive them and have not signed up in the past, please call the Church Office at 215-877-2744 or see Financial Secretary Bob DeCray.

**Overbrook Presbyterian Church has a new listserv,** to improve communication within our community of faith. If you wish to subscribe, send an e-mail to [overbrookpresb-request@listserve.com](mailto:overbrookpresb-request@listserve.com) with the word "help" in the subject, and you will be added to the list.

## *A Note from Peg Papsch*

Dear friends,

It is with reluctance but also with the conviction that comes after deep and long prayer and consideration that I am asking to retire as Parish Associate.

While my health remains pretty good, aging brings a diminishing of my abilities to carry out ministerial functions at a level this congregation deserves, or that is satisfactory to me.

You have a fine professional staff in Wallace and Susan who, with their contemporary backgrounds and abilities, are well able to lead you as a 21st-century church.

(To be perfectly honest with you, I am firmly entrenched in the 20th century, and I would prefer to stay there.)

Even as I seek opportunities to serve in situations where my talents will be adequate to the needs, I will remain a cheerleader for Overbrook as you move forward on a path for faithful service.

The love I have held for you in the past 20+ years will continue, and I pray for you God's richest blessings and continued guidance and growth.

Faithfully,

Peg Papsch

## Coming up at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 29	11:30 AM	Coffee Hour
	6:00 PM	Youth Group
Tuesday, January 31	6:00 PM	Shelter Meal
Wednesday, February 1	10:00 AM	Bible Study
	7:30 PM	Property Comm.
Thursday, February 2	10:00 AM	Heavenly Harvest Meal
	6:30 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	8:00 PM	Overbrook Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, February 5	9:15 AM	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship
	11:30 AM	Souper Bowl of Caring Lunch

**Recognition of Peg Papsch.** The Rev. Peg Papsch has announced her retirement as Parish Associate, effective the end of the month. We will be recognizing her in Coffee Hour this morning.

**Shelter Meal.** Tuesday, January 31. Volunteers from Overbrook are needed to help feed the homeless at the Life Center of Eastern Delaware County. Please contact Nancy Gilhool at [gilhoolfam@verizon.net](mailto:gilhoolfam@verizon.net) if you want to help.

**Bible Study.** Wednesday mornings, 10:00 to 11:30 AM, in the Williamson Room. February series: Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. Led by Wallace W. Bubar.

**Heavenly Harvest Meals at Calvin's Kitchen.** Every Thursday, 10:00 AM, at Calvin Presbyterian Church, 60th and Master Street. Volunteers from Overbrook are needed each week to prepare and serve a healthy and nutritious meal for our neighbors in the Carroll Park community in West Philadelphia. Contact Elizabeth Cosgriff at [cosgriff@dca.net](mailto:cosgriff@dca.net) or Kristin Jacobson at [kristinsjacobson@gmail.com](mailto:kristinsjacobson@gmail.com).

**Adult Forum.** Sunday mornings, 9:15 AM, in McMillan Chapel. February series: *Diversity and Inclusion: A Conversation about Racial Reconciliation*. February is Black History and Other Minorities Month in Adult Forum. We set aside February to confront and discuss the

deeply rooted issues that continue to divide us along racial lines. Dr. Linda Williamson Nelson, professor at Stockton College, will open our conversation on February 5. Come and enjoy a rich discussion as we work towards a greater reconciliation among all people! Coffee and light refreshments provided.

**Souper Bowl of Caring Lunch.** Sunday, February 5, 11:30 AM. Join us for a selection of homemade soup and bread. Donation of \$5.00 per person to benefit Hunger Initiative. If you would like to help with this event, please speak to Kristin Jacobson.

**Annual Meeting.** Sunday, February 12, 10:30 AM. As it was last year, the annual meeting will again be incorporated within the worship service, as we give thanks to God for Overbrook's ministries in 2011, and pray for God's blessing on the work to be done in 2012.

**The Music Series, 2011-2012 presents THE PHILADELPHIA WINDS,** returning in concert after its smashing success here at Overbrook last year. Shrove Tuesday, February 21, 7:30 PM, in the Sanctuary. The hour-long concert, with a particular nod to American music, is designed to appeal to tastes and generations of all ages, and will be preceded by a Pancake Supper at 6:30 PM. Tickets purchased in advance of February 21 are: Adults, \$6, Children 12 and under \$3. The concert is free admission with a free-will offering received to benefit the American Cancer Society.

**Ash Wednesday Service.** Wednesday, February 22, 7:00 PM, in McMillan Chapel. Join us as we begin the Lenten season for a contemplative service of readings, prayer, art, music, and silence, with a short Lenten reflection, and the imposition of ashes.

**Henry Ossawa Tanner Presentation.** Monday, February 27, 7:00 PM, in McMillan Chapel. As a part of Overbrook's observance of Black History Month and in preparation for a tour of the new Tanner exhibition at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, we are hosting a scholar from PAFA to give a multimedia presentation on Tanner, the pioneering African-American artist from Philadelphia who painted—among other masterpieces—the “Annunciation” that hangs in the Wistar Morris Room over the fireplace. Come join us!

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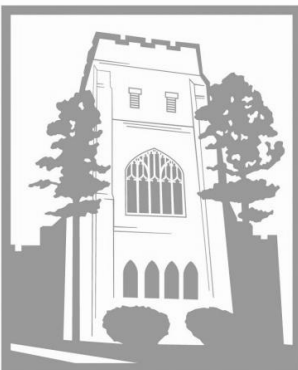
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