
Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
January 22, 2023
10:30 a.m.

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

Notes on Today's Service

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:

Sharon Parker, Parish Care Associate
Gretchen Boger, Liturgist
Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music
The Overbrook Choir
Iris Fairfax, soprano

Ushers: Herb Brabham, Jim McDaniel and Ron Homer

Today's chancel flowers are given by the glory of God.

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

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 Trudy and Phil Sheau. All are welcome!

Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare for worship and remember to silence all cell phones before the service.

❖=Stand as you are able

GATHERING IN

PRELUDE

Préambule

Louis Vierne
(1870-1937)

INTROIT

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness (1896-1987)
G. T. Thalben-Ball

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

From the Church of Scotland

Leader: Lord Jesus, you came and come to all.
You came and come
especially to the poorest and the most vulnerable.

People: **Come to us here, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: To help and to heal the poverty of our souls,
To refresh and inspire us,
Even through the weakness of our faith.

All: **Come— to love and to hold us—to give us the courage
always to point to you. Amen.**

❖HYMN No. 662

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

WELCOME

Sharon Parker

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COURAGE

From Jonny Baker

God of justice, peace and righteousness
come into our midst this evening
Breathe your breath,
your Spirit of prophecy,
your energy,
your enlivening,
your imagination on us.
Wake us up
Open our eyes

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Unplug our ears
That we might hear
That we might see
That we might grieve
That we might dream
That we might follow the ways of your extraordinary kingdom.
Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

EMBRACING GOD'S GRACE

Sharon Parker

❖ SONG OF PRAISE No. 581

GLORIA PATRI

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
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 9:1-4

Pew Bible, p. 600

BIBLICAL STORYTELLING

Anthony Carrella

(Following the storytelling, learners in Pre-K through Grade 5 are encouraged to recess with Anthony and volunteer teachers. They should bring everything they need to Sunday School.)

SOLO

Thanks Be to God
Iris Fairfax, soprano

Siegfried Ochs
(1858-1929)

Thanks be to God,
Thou who has made thy people free,
All grateful thanks be to Thee.

Like a great flock Thy hand ever led us, Lord,
Thy hand leads us,
By all Thy goodness Salvation is ours.

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

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Pew Bible, p. 155

SERMON

“Basic Math”

Sharon Parker

*(Following the sermon, youth in Grades 6 through 12
are encouraged to recess with their teachers for Youth Sunday School.)*

❖ HYMN No. 822

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

When We Are Living

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(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

LIFE AT THE CROSSROADS

Sharon Parker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Sharon Parker

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

(The offering plate is beneath the lectern for your use during or after the service.)

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Trevor Weston
(b. 1967)

Rivers of Living Water
The Overbrook Choir

Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.
A river flowing in a parched land.
"If anyone thirst, let him come to me and drink."
Out of his heart...

John 7:37-38

❖ 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

Gracious God, may these gifts heal those in pain. May they empower those in the midst of struggle. May they be a light for those who walk in shadow. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

❖ HYMN No. 213

RATHBUN

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

❖ BENEDICTION

Sharon Parker

CHORAL RESPONSE

Eleanor Daley
(b. 1955)

O God Who Has Called Us

POSTLUDE

Postlude

P. C. Lutkin
(1858-1931)

*Please depart quietly for those who wish to listen to the postlude.
If you have a child or children who attended Sunday School,
you may meet them in Fellowship Hall.*

Music Spotlight: Anthem at the Offering



Trevor Weston (b. 1967) was the first recipient of the Emerging Black Composers Project commission, sponsored by the San Francisco Symphony; other commissions include *Griot Legacies*, which is a collection of arrangements of African-American spirituals, and the piece you hear today, *Rivers of Living Water*. First performed for a convention of the American Guild of Organists, this piece uses constant movement—either in the voices or in the organ accompaniment—to simulate the gentle flowing of a river. Meanwhile, the phrase “parched land” is marked by clashing harmonies, and the climax of the piece, Jesus’s words, is sung with the choir all singing the same notes at full volume, emphasizing the importance of the message.

THIS WEEK AT OPC: 01/22-01/29

Sun	22	10:30 A.M.	Worship	Sanctuary
		10:45 A.M.	Children's Sunday School	SS Classrooms
		11:15 A.M.	Youth Sunday School	Adam's Office
		11:30 A.M.	Fellowship Hour	Wistar Morris Room
		12:00 P.M.	Mission and Outreach	Chapel
Tue	24	7:30 A.M.	Women's Prayer/Support	Online—see email
Thu	26	6:30 P.M.	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Bell Room
		7:30 P.M.	Overbrook Ch. Rehearsal	Choir Room
Fri	27	11:30 A.M.	RPM Cafe	Chapel
Sat	28	10:30 A.M.	Women's Dining Circle	Stephanie Kindt's home
Sun	29	9:15 A.M.	Forum	Williamson Room
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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

No Bible Study—Wednesday, January 25.

RPM Café: Moving to the Music!—Friday, January 27, 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Let's explore the impact of music and movement on the human spirit. Activities will be accessible and beneficial for all ranges of mobility. The RPM Café menu will offer a choice of soups, desserts, fresh fruit, and beverages, BYO sandwich or salad. All are welcome; there is no cost to participate.

Women's Dining Circle Brunch—Saturday, January 28, 10:30 A.M. Be sure to check your email for the next Women's Dining Circle gathering, held at the home of Stephanie Kindt. If you have not received the invitation and would like to be included or added to the list, contact Carol (carol@overbrookpresb.org).

Annual Congregational Meeting—Sunday, February 19, after worship. 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 19, 2023**. All business proper to a general meeting of our congregation will be addressed.

The Adult Forum: “Great Black Preaching of the 21st Century”—Every Sunday, 9:15 A.M. As we honor Black History Month, our Adult Forum discussions will center around the preaching of four great pulpiteers of the Black church. These discussions will be led by Pastor Adam in the Chapel; each morning, we will hear sermons from preachers who exemplify the power and depth of the Black preaching tradition and discuss how these preachers communicate the gospel top the world. We encourage all who love preaching to come and learn from the masters of this craft. The schedule is as follows:

- January 29: An Introduction to Black Preaching
- February 5: Cynthia Hale
- February 12: Gardner C. Taylor
- February 19: Prathia Hall
- February 26: Cleophus J. LaRue

For more information, contact Trudy Sheau (tsheau@yahoo.com).

Community Wellness Fair, February 20, 2023, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM Please circle the date and share the news with your friends and neighbors. OPC is hosting a Community Wellness Fair in partnership with Penn Medicine's Abramson Cancer Center, Mainline Health and Drexel University College of Medicine. Attendees have the opportunity to receive free cancer screenings, covid and flu vaccinations, as well as blood pressure and diabetes testing. A complimentary soup and salad lunch will be available to all guests.

"Beloved Community" Prayer Breakfast, February 11, 2023, 9:30 AM-11:00 AM, Wistar Morris Room OPC members and friends of all ages are warmly invited to start the day sharing a fine meal, fellowship, and prayer. OPC Prayer Breakfasts are a Parish Care Ministry; there is no cost to participate. For those who wish to make a contribution, a free will offering basket will be available. All contributions received will be designated to support PC-USA Peace and Global Mission initiatives. Your RSVP will be appreciated by February 9. Please send responses to Sharon Parker (sharon@overbrookpresb.org).

Fellowship Hour. We are in need for hosts for Fellowship Hour for Janaury and February. If you feel called to this *ministry of welcome*, please see Artia Benjamin during Sunday's Fellowship Hour, sign up via the sign-up sheet in Wistar Morris Room, or contact her at clc@overbrookpresb.org.

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Committee Name	Monthly or Next Meeting	Chair or Co-Chairs
Worship and Music worship@overbrookpresb.org	Monday 1/23, 7:30 P.M.*	Eileen Wiggins
Deacons deacons@overbrookpresb.org	2 nd Monday, 7:30 P.M.*	Bill Baker
Mission and Outreach mission@overbrookpresb.org	4 th Sunday, 12:15 P.M.	Jeff Bowker
Finance finance@overbrookpresb.org	1 st Tuesday, 7:00 P.M.*	Lainie Blodgett
Children and Family (CFM) cfm@overbrookpresb.org	TBD (quarterly)	Christy Lang-Hearlson
Property property@overbrookpresb.org	3 rd Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.*	Bill Baker, Ted Dillon, and Jeff Bowker
Stewardship stewardship@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Keedra Carroll and Will Schick
Congregational Life clc@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Artia Benjamin
Welcoming welcoming@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Elizabeth Mendoza
Youth and Family pastor@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Adam Hearlson

An asterisk (*) indicates that the committee meets virtually.

For more information about any of the committees, please contact the chair or co-chairs using the email address above.

Prayer List

- Prayers for comfort and restoration of health for Patrick O'Healy, Adam Hearlson's step-father, who is hospitalized facing multiple medical challenges.
- Prayers for restoration of health and well-being for Natalie DeShields, mother of Sabrina Johnson.
- Prayers for restoration of health and well-being for Marvin Newsome, brother of Marlin Newsome.
- Prayers for comfort and restoration of health for Paulette Harris who is under medical care for lupus and arthritis.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Milton Stokes, husband of Nickie Stokes.
- Prayers for compassionate care, comfort and peace for Jacqueline Cole, sister of Lois Davis.
- Prayers for good health and well-being for Laura Toy.
- Prayers for comfort and restoration of health for Anthony Benjamin, father of Amanda and Alexa Benjamin as he receives medical treatment for cancer.
- Prayers for comfort and restoration of health for Margaret Young's great-grandson, Yusuuf who continues to receive chemotherapy at Children's Hospital.
- Prayers for all who face health challenges, especially Judy Lang, Ed Harvey, Aimerie Scherluebbe, Don Carver, Ernestine Harris, Caroline Skinner, Aqueelah Folwell, Stephanie Stokes, Terri Carter, Judy Swartz, Ellen Burr, Bill and Jean Long, and Martha Brown.
- Prayers of hope and strength for all who are experiencing challenges and transitions in their personal lives.

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

OPC SESSION MEMBERS:

Adam Hearlson, Moderator

Raelyn Harman, Clerk of Session; Stephanie Morris, Treasurer

** indicates second consecutive term

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Keedra Carroll	Herb Brabham**	Elizabeth Cosgriff**
Andrea Gosfield	Elizabeth Mendoza**	Bob Harden, Jr.**
Solomon Hunter	Brian Taussig-Lux	Linda Huff-Paul**
Becky Lazo**	Christoph Von Andreae	Corrina Bowser
Nathalie May	Mimi Winkler	Cheryl Davis

OPC DEACONS:

Bill Baker, Moderator, Board of Deacons

Jason Sheau, Treasurer; Mary Lou Ryce, Secretary

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Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Peju Adebajo**	Gloria Brabham	Dela Geraldo
Miriam Harden	Nancy Gilhool**	Gretchen Boger
Ginny Leagans	Mike Rottinger	Bill Baker
Leah Mayne	Mary Lou Ryce**	Bob Kaercher
Jason Sheau	Will Schick	Philip Brown

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The Rev. Dr. Adam Hearlson - *Pastor*

The Rev. David McMillan - *Pastor Emeritus*

Dr. Christopher Gage - *Director of Music*

Anthony Carrella - *Director of Children and Family Ministry*

Sharon Parker - *Parish Care Associate*

Lisa Faso - *Office Manager*

Carol Rozmiarek - *Financial Secretary*

Leonard Robbins - *Church Custodian*

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.”

for his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.

CELEBRATING TIME

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies 662

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies; Christ, the true, the on - ly light;
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - panied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Sun of Righ-teous-ness, a - rise; tri-umph o'er the shades of night;
joy - less is the day's re-tun till thy mer-cy's beams I see;
fill me, ra - dian - cy di-vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

This well-crafted morning hymn opens by celebrating daylight as an image of Christ, the true Light, then ponders life without light, and culminates in a prayer for inward light. The tune's name honors its German roots: Ratisbon is the former English name for Regensburg.

When We Are Living

822

Pues si vivimos

1 When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,
 2 Through all our liv - ing, we our fruits must give.
 3 'Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain,
 4 A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find

1 *Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa - ra Él vi - vi - mos,*
 2 *En es - ta vi - da fru - tos hay que dar*
 3 *En la tris - te - za y en el do - lor,*
 4 *En es - te mun - do por do - quier ha - brá*



and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord.
 Good works of ser - vice are for of - fer - ing.
 when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em-brace,
 those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind,

y sí mo - ri - mos pa - ra Él mo - ri - mos.
y bue - nas o - bras he - mos de o - fren - dar.
en la be - lle - za y en el a - mor,
gen - te que llo - ra y sin con - so - lar.



Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,
 When we are giv - ing, or when re - ceiv - ing,
 wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,
 but when we help them, or when we feed them,

Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,
Sea ya que de - mos o que re - ci - ba - mos,
sea que su - fra - mos o que go - ce - mos,
Sea que a - yu - de - mos o que a - li - men - te - mos,



we be - long to God; we be - long to God.
so - mos del Se - ñor, so - mos del Se - ñor.

This hymn began as an orally transmitted stanza reflecting on Romans 14:7-8 and was expanded by a Spanish-language hymnal committee to offer additional examples of the many dimensions of life, thereby strengthening the recurring affirmation that we belong to God through them all.

In the Cross of Christ I Glory 213

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the
 5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing

o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -
 love up - on my way, from the cross the ra - diance
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no
 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred

sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.
 sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

Like Isaac Watts's "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (nos. 223, 224), this hymn is a reflection on Galatians 6:14, but this text is more abstract and devotes no attention to the person hanging on the cross. The tune is named for a soloist in the composer's Connecticut choir.