



Overbrook

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 28, 2024 | 11:00 A.M.

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

Notes on Today's Service

Leadership:

Lars Peterson, Guest Preacher

Janie Martin, Liturgist

Sharon Parker, Parish Care Associate

Anthony M. Carrella, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

Iris Fairfax, soprano

Today's chancel flowers are given by Bill Baker and family
in thanks of many blessings.

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.

Large Print Bulletins and Hymns are Available.

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

Following worship today, you are invited to join us for Fellowship Hour hosted by Elizabeth Boswell. All are welcome!

❖=*Stand as you are able*

GATHERING IN

PRELUDE

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Janie Martin

Leader: Let us worship the eternal God,
People: **the source of love and life, who creates us.**
Leader: Let us worship Jesus Christ,
People: **the risen one, who lives among us.**
Leader: Let us worship the Spirit,
People: **the holy fire, who renews us.**
Leader: To the one true God be praise
All: **in all times and places,**
through the grace of Jesus Christ.

❖HYMN (*on next page*)

DEO GRACIAS

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

WELCOME

Sharon Parker

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COURAGE (*unison*)

Janie Martin

God of truth and grace,
we confess that we have strayed like sheep,
we have scattered and fled from that which scares us.
We pray your forgiveness for the times
when we have failed to speak the truth,
when we have failed to love our neighbor,
when we have failed to honor your people.
So shepherd us, we pray, gather us back
that we may follow you in paths of righteousness.
Empower us to live with courage and grace,
so that others might see you shining through us.
By your mercy, may we be led to your green pasture,
where we might be secure and find rest.
Amen.

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us by wick - ed - ness be - trayed, for us, in
 4 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 5 All glo - ry to our Lord and God, for love so

thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
 crown of thorns ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 went on high to reign; for us he sent the
 deep, so high, so broad: the Trin - i - ty whom

God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 sharp he knew, for us, the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 Spir - it here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 we a - dore for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

Please turn to the previous page to continue the service.

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.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

2 Samuel 11:1-15

Janie Martin

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Iris Fairfax, soprano

arr. Tom Trenney
(b. 1977)

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

Ephesians 3:14-21

Lars Peterson

SERMON

“The End of the Story”

Lars Peterson

❖HYMN (*on next page*)

BUNESSAN

O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Unison

1. O, the deep, deep love of Je - sus,
2. O, the deep, deep love of Je - sus,
3. Un - der - neath me, all a - round me

Vast, un - mea - sured, bound - less, free!
Love of ev - ery love the best;
Is the cur - rent of His love;

Roll - ing as a might - y o - cean
'Tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing,
Lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward,

In its full - ness o - ver me.
'Tis a ha - ven sweet of rest.
To my glo - rious rest a - bove.

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

Sharon Parker

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

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Spiritual, arr. Roland Hayes

'Roun' about de Mountain

(1887-1977)

Iris Fairfax, soprano

'Roun' about de mountain,
My God's a-rulin,
An' she'll rise in His arms.
De Lord loves de sinna man,
An' she'll rise in His arms.

When I was a sinna,
A-seekin' jes'a like you,
I went down in de valley,
I prayed till I come through.

You hypocrite, you concubine,
You're placed amongst de swine.
You go to God with your lips an' tongue,
But you leave yo' heart behin'.

Goin' aroun' the mountain
There I'll take-a my stan'
I heard de voice of Jesus.
Thank God He's in dis lan'.

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

Janie Martin

Holy Spirit, open our eyes to the needs of the world. May we hear your voice and follow it. When we are sent may we have the courage to go. And when we give, may we have the imagination to see your gifts surrounding us. Amen..

SENDING FORTH

❖ HYMN (on next page)

AURELIA

The Church's One Foundation



1 The chur - ch's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord.
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One,



She is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more:
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won:



From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride.
One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,



With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.



❖BENEDICTION

Lars Peterson

❖CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN No. 541, vs. 1

God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE

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

Music Spotlight: Solo at the Offering



Roland Hayes first encountered the spiritual at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Curryville, Ga., where he would learn songs from the elders and teach them to the congregation. After studying music at Fisk University, he concertized throughout the United States and Europe. In this spiritual, listen to how the simplicity of the rhythms contrasts with the complexity of the chords, emphasizing the need for prayer and repentance.

ABOUT TODAY'S GUEST PREACHER

Today, we welcome Lars Peterson to the pulpit. Lars earned his Master of Divinity with a focus on Adaptive Leadership from Palmer Theological Seminary in 2023, where he had been studying part-time since 2017; he is now a candidate for ordination with the PCUSA. His interests are in Liberation Theology and the Social Gospel. Lars believes that the Church has a responsibility to work to create more diverse, equitable, and inclusive cultures, both secularly and spiritually.

He has previously served as a deacon and as a ruling elder with local congregations and currently worships with Old Pine Presbyterian Church in Center City Philadelphia. He is also interning as a campus minister with the Christian Association at the University of Pennsylvania. Lars has preached at Arch Street Presbyterian Church, Beacon Church, First Presbyterian Church of King of Prussia, Middletown Presbyterian Church, University Lutheran Church, and St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Lars also works full time as the manager of the Patient Advocacy Office at a regional acute care hospital.

He enjoys running, bicycling, dinner parties, and family outings. Lars is married to Gabriela and together they are raising their 4-year-old son, Abraham, and their 2-year-old daughter, Edith.

MISSION AND OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Life Center of Eastern Delaware County—Tuesday, July 30. OPC will provide a delicious meal of chili, cornbread, beverage, and dessert to the 42 residents of the Life Center. One or two vegetable choppers and cheese baggers are needed. If you are able to help, please contact Nancy Gilhool (gilhoolfam@verizon.net) or Janet Bowker (jabowker1001@gmail.com) for details.

Backpack Collection for Gemma Kids—Now through July 31. Gemma (formerly known as the Village and The Presbyterian Children's Village) serves over 3,000 youth and families who are experiencing emotional and behavioral challenges. Gemma provides residential treatment, a special school and community services to people in the Greater Philadelphia area. Its mission is to make sure every individual knows that *they matter*. We can help Gemma carry out their mission by providing backpacks and school supplies to equip the young folks as they return to school. If you wish to participate, go to Gemma's Amazon Wish List (<https://a.co/21JnH0j>) to choose items, and they will be sent directly to Gemma. Please complete your shopping indicate on the message line that you are part of Overbrook's backpack collection. If you have any questions, see **Jeff or Janet Bowker**.

Norristown Hospitality Center Donations—Monday, August 19. Some changes have been made to the next meal at Norristown Hospitality Center.. To better serve the 80+ people who come for breakfast each day, we have been asked to bring the following:

- turkey sausage
- turkey bacon
- Quaker 5-Minute grits
- Quaker 1-Minute oatmeal (not instant)
- eggs
- water
- fruit

Check Realm for a link to the sign-up sheet, where you will see these changes reflected. Many thanks to our very generous contributors and to Ann Elise and Earl Lindgren who faithfully make the monthly delivery.

Books Through Bars—Saturday, August 3, 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. Our next visit to Baltimore Avenue will be this Saturday. Come join the faithful pickers and packers as they fulfill requests for reading material for the incarcerated. To carpool, we will meet in the OPC parking lot. For more information, please contact **Janet Bowker** (jabowker1001@gmail.com).

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

OPC's National Night Out Cookout—Tuesday, August 6, 5:30 to 7:30 P.M.

It's time for the Second Annual OPC National Night Out Cookout! In a spirit of camaraderie and community, OPC will celebrate by inviting Overbrook and Penn Wynne neighbors and friends to a Community Cookout on the lawn of Penn Wynne Presbyterian Church. Let's mark our calendars and gather up friends for an old-fashioned, family-friendly barbecue; all are welcome. There will be an abundance of good food (including vegetarian and gluten-free dishes), lively music, lawn games, and great community spirit! Although there is no cost to participate, contributions of salads, desserts, and volunteer power will be gratefully accepted. To RSVP or volunteer, please scan the QR code or contact Sharon Parker (sharon@overbrookpresb.org).



RPM Art in the Park: "Photography and Poetry"—Friday, August 2,

10:00 A.M. to noon. We will gather at Stoneleigh Natural Gardens (1829 County Line Road in Villanova) for creative expression, fellowship, and appreciation for the blessings of nature. Inspiration and supplies will be provided. Your response will assure that we have sufficient materials for all. To RSVP, ask for more information, or share programming ideas, please contact Sharon Parker (sharon@overbrookpresb.org) or Pat Dillon (psdillon1@earthlink.net).

WORSHIP AND MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Overbrook Summer Choir—Sunday, August 18, 9:45 A.M. Were you not able to sing on July 14 but would like another opportunity this summer? The pickup choir will sing again in August! To participate, all you have to do is...

1. Show up at 9:45 on Sunday morning.
2. Rehearse a short, simple anthem.
3. Sing that anthem during the service, and enjoy!

Feel free to direct any questions to Chris Gage (music@overbrookpresb.org).

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fellowship Hour. Thank you to everyone that has volunteered to host a this summer; all the slots are full! If you did not get a chance, there are plenty of slots open for the fall. CLC can help if you would like to host but think you need a hand, you are able to help set up and clean up but need assistance with food, or you need help with supplies. (Note that the coffee service is a separate ministry.) Please scan the QR code to sign up. If you would like more information or have any questions, reach out to clc@overbrookpresb.org.



Chancel Flowers—Donations needed. Please consider donating the Sunday morning chancel flowers in honor/memory of a loved or simply in a celebration of or thanksgiving for the many blessings we receive every day. The cost of the flowers are **\$60.00**, but you way contribute what you wish. To sign up, follow the link to the sign up genius: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8ecsur>. 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa (manager@overbrookpresb.org) or Carol (carol@overbrookpresb.org).

CFM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leaders Needed for Fall. We need your support for the CFM's new Big Kids' Sunday School for 9-11-year-olds this fall! Whether you can lead, assist, or prepare materials, your contribution will make a significant difference. Even one Sunday counts! Sign up at tinyurl.com/CFMVolunteerSignUpForm (or scan the QR code) and commence the clearance process today.



Prayer List

- Prayers for compassionate care and peace for Olga Hoggard who is in home hospice care.
- Prayers of healing for Laurie Geers following a recent surgical procedure.
- Prayers for comfort and peace for Mary Scott, as she receives compassionate home hospice care.
- Prayers of healing for Davorka Sabljak who is receiving medical treatment following an accident.
- Prayers for comfort and restoration of health for Bob and Jane Bevan.
- Prayers for comfort and compassionate care for Joyce, friend of Bette Homer, as Joyce receives hospice care.
- Prayers for compassionate care and comfort for Doris McDaniel, mother of Jim McDaniel.
- Prayers for comfort and peace for Colleen Granata, mother of Brad Biedermann. .
- Prayers for restoration of health for Michele Whipple's sister, Valerie Craig, who is receiving medical care for uveal melanoma.
- Prayers for compassionate care and comfort for Hannah Baukert's mother Mary, who is receiving hospice care.
- Prayers for all who are facing health challenges, especially Margaret Young, Jane Bevan, Bob Bevan, John Shackelford, Scott Long, Caroline Skinner, Gwen Harden, Ed Harvey, Aqueelah Folwell, Stephanie Stokes, Milton Stokes, and Natalie DeShields.
- Prayers for hope and peace for families in crisis.
- Prayers of gratitude for all who have supported and continue to support Overbrook during our time of relocation.
- Travelling mercies for the Hearlson family, and for all who are enjoying their summer journeys.

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

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OPC SESSION MEMBERS:

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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.”
