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# Overbrook Presbyterian Church

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Worship Service  
June 26, 2022  
10:30 a.m.

**Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church**  
We are glad you are worshiping 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:

The Rev. Dr. Adam Hearlson, Pastor  
Ron Homer, Liturgist  
Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music  
Allison Chang, mezzo-soprano  
Elizabeth Mendoza, cello

Today's chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Cedric Harding,  
Sharon Elwell's father.

**Ushers:** Laurie Geers, Bob Kaercher, Jonathan Kopcsik, Peter Seidel,  
Dick and Judy Williamson

**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 Deacons' Picnic  
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

Spiritual, arr. Marques L. A. Garrett  
Give Me Jesus (b. 1984)

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

*Ron Homer*

*From Psalm 16*

Leader: O God, in you we take refuge,

People: **for you are our secure stronghold.**

Leader: O God, you are my chosen portion and my cup,

People: **for you sate our thirst for redemption.**

Leader: O God, you show me the path of life;

People: **in your presence is the fullness of joy.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

People: **Together let us delight in the Lord, our God.**

❖ HYMN No. 408

SWEET SWEET SPIRIT

**There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit**

WELCOME

*Adam Hearlson*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COURAGE (*unison*)

*Ron Homer*

God of justice and steadfast love,

we confess that we doubt

your call to live out the Good News

in our time and in this place.

We remember heroes from ages past

who spoke up for others in Jesus' name,

but we fail to imagine that you call us to do the same.

Forgive us when we doubt your promises, God.

Help us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you.

We ask that your Holy Spirit would awaken new life in us

to love you and our neighbors in Christ's name. 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.

## HEARING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

2 Corinthians 3:12-18

*Ron Homer*  
Pew Bible, p. 169

### BIBLICAL STORYTELLING

*Anthony Carrella*

*(All children are welcome to remain in worship after Biblical Storytelling,  
should parents so wish; childcare is also available in the Nursery.)*

### SOLO

J. S. Bach  
Sicilienne from Flute Sonata in E-flat major (1685-1750)  
*Elizabeth Mendoza, cello*

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

Exodus 34:29-35

*Adam Hearlson*  
Pew Bible, p 78

### SERMON

“Of Horns and Veils”

*Adam Hearlson*

### ❖HYMN No. 683

SLANE

Lord of All Hopefulness

❖ 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

*Adam Hearlson*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

UNISON PRAYER FOR THOSE IN OUR PRAYERS

*from Celtic Christianity and the Edge of Glory: Prayers in the Celtic Tradition*

Circle them, Lord.

Keep comfort near and discouragement afar.

Keep peace within and turmoil without.

Circle them, Lord.

Keep protection near and danger afar.

Circle them, Lord.

Keep hope within and despair without.

Circle them, Lord.

Keep peace within and anxiety without.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

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.

## PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING (*unison*)

*from Celtic Christianity*

May God's grace be upon this shawl,  
warming, enfolding, and embracing.  
May this mantle be a safe haven,  
a sacred place of security and well-being,  
sustaining and embracing in good times  
as well as in difficult ones.  
May the one who receives this shawl  
be cradled in hope,  
kept in joy,  
wrapped in love.  
Blessed be!

## SHARING OF PEACE

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

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

*(If you wish to leave an offering, we encourage you to use  
the offering plate by the lectern as you depart the Sanctuary.)*

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Spiritual, arr. Duane Funderburk

Give Me Jesus

(b. 1954)

*Allison Chang, mezzo-soprano*

*Elizabeth Mendoza, cello*

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When I am alone,  
O when I am alone,  
O when I am alone,  
give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus,  
give me Jesus.  
You may have all the rest,  
give me Jesus.

O when I come to die...

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And when I want to sing...

*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

*Ron Homer*

God, may these gifts reveal your world in its splendor and beauty. May they open our eyes to the many blessings that surround us. May we become ever more ourselves as a result of our giving. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

❖ HYMN No. 837

SCHOWALTER

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

❖BENEDICTION (*unison*)

*from Celtic Christianity*

Teach us, dear Lord, to number our days,  
that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.  
Oh, satisfy us early with Thy mercy,  
that we may rejoice and be glad all of our days.  
And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us,  
And establish Thou the work of our hands.  
And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us,  
And establish Thou the work of our hands.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.

❖CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN No. 541, stanza 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

Toccata in E minor

Johann Pachelbel  
(1653-1706)

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

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

**Prayer Shawl Dedication.** Today during worship, there will be a blessing for OPC's prayer shawl ministry. This ministry started pre-pandemic and to date has given 100 handmade Overbrook prayer shawls and lap rugs. The gifts are to provide comfort or joy to those for whom we are praying. If you have brought your prayer shawl to worship today, we ask that you lay it over the back of your pews.

**Deacons Picnic—Today.** Following worship, all are welcome to join in food and fellowship. In keeping with tradition, the Deacons would like to congratulate the following graduates on their achievements:

- **Annabelle M. Van Rawley** graduated from Vassar College with a BA in Studio Art and a minor in Spanish.
- **Auriane Geraldo** is graduating from Mastery Charter Shoemaker Campus as valedictorian; she will attend Bryn Mawr College in the fall.
- **Kendi Long** is graduating from Monsignor Bonner & Archbishop Prendergast Catholic High School. She will attend Wilson College in August and plans to major in Equine Studies with a concentration in Equine Management and minor in Small Business Management and Entrepreneurship.
- **Isabel Bowser** is graduating from Lower Merion High School and was accepted at the University of Pittsburgh in the Honors program. She has declared a major of Biology on the Pre-Med track.

**Save the Date—Summer Pickup Choir!** Have you ever wondered what it's like to sing in worship? Do you like to sing with others and have some fun? If so, consider joining our **Pickup Choir**. We will meet on Sunday morning, rehearse a simple anthem, and then lead worship that day. No experience or RSVP required—just show up! This year, the pickup choir will meet on **July 17** and **August 14**.

**Mission and Outreach—volunteers needed.** Today is the last day that the Mission and Outreach committee will be collecting books for *Books Through Bars*, an organization which distributes reading material for those incarcerated in facilities in six mid-Atlantic states.

We still need extra hands to travel with Deb, Jill, and Janet to 4722 Baltimore Avenue, the BTB office, where we will “pick and pack”—simply put, going around the library and selecting what a person is asking for; we may also be asked to write out a packing slip and get the books ready to ship.

What better way to spend two hours on a Saturday afternoon? If you can help, please contact Janet at 215-913-8766.

**Fellowship Hour.** If you would like to host a Fellowship Hour, please see the sign-up sheet in the Wistar Morris Room or contact Artia Benjamin for more information. We are currently in need of hosts for the following dates: **July 3 and 24; August 14, 21 and 28.**

### YOUTH MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **Fall Youth Sunday School—Teachers Needed!**

In the fall, the church will begin offering Sunday School for our youth grades 6-12 on each Sunday except for communion Sundays. After the sermon, the youth will depart for Sunday School until 12:30 p.m. We will continue to hold our First Sunday gatherings on communion Sundays. To support this important ministry, we are looking for regular Youth Sunday School teachers. Do you like teenagers? Do you find them funny and inspiring? Would you like to talk with some of the most interesting and passionate people in this church? Would you like to teach and learn alongside our youth? Then come and be a Youth Sunday School teacher. If you have interest in serving in this ministry, please reach out to Adam Hearlson (adam@overbrookpresb.org).

**First Sunday Fellowship.** On July 3, the youth ministry will gather after church at 12:00p.m. in Adam's office for lunch, fellowship and Bible Study. All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome!

### RETIRED PERSONS MINISTRY (RPM) ANNOUNCEMENTS

RPM will be on vacation during the month of July. Although our regular RPM Plus and RPM Cafe events will not be offered during this time, please watch your email and the website for news of a fair-weather picnic or field trip. We look forward to resuming our regular Friday schedule of events in August

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vacation Bible School—July 25-28, 5:00-7:30 p.m.. *It's that time of year!* The Children and Family Ministry will offer four days of **Vacation Bible School** to children grades K-5. VBS is an offering of the Children and Family Ministry, and there is **no charge to participate**. The program will be held indoors and outdoors. Parents and caregivers can register their children via Realm by going to [tinyurl.com/OPC-VBS-22](http://tinyurl.com/OPC-VBS-22). Registrations are due by July 1.

The CFM seeks **youth and adult volunteers** to lead groups, activity stations, and assist with set up and clean up. A volunteer training luncheon will be held on Sunday, July 24th, from 12:00-1:00 PM. Please contact Anthony, Sabrina, or Christy if you want to get involved!

Rotating Playground Hangouts. Get ready to play! On select Thursdays this summer, kids, friends, parents, and neighbors will gather together for Rotating Playground Hangouts at top-rated parks chosen by our OPC families. At each site, we will bring a cooler of water, ice pops, games, and a first aid kit. Families bring themselves and things to make them comfortable, such as lawn chairs and blankets. On the next page is a list of the scheduled Playground Hangouts; all will take place from **5:00 to 7:30 p.m.** In the event of rain, the hangout will take place on the next day (Friday).

Thursday, June 30	<b>Narberth Park</b> 80 Windsor Ave., Narberth
Thursday, July 14	<b>Clem Macrone Park</b> 810 Conestoga Rd., Bryn Mawr
Thursday, August 11	<b>Wynnewood Valley Park</b> 1505 Remington Rd., Penn Wynne
Thursday, September 1	<b>Freedom Playground</b> 9000 Parkview Dr., Haverford

## ONGOING WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

The Work of the Church continues, and we continue to create programming for our community.

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

Join <https://bit.ly/3yxD2F4> or call 646-558-8656,

Meeting ID: 932 4865 5338

### Wednesday Bible Study—10:30 a.m. (both in person and online)

Join <https://tinyurl.com/46n54thm> or call 646-558-8656,

Meeting ID: 894 5497 9360

## Prayer List

- Prayers of joy and well wishes for the members of the graduating Class of 2022.
- Prayers of gratitude for the OPC Prayer Shawl Ministry and it's loving service to our members.
- Prayers for all who face health challenges, especially Judy Williamson, Susan Leach, Ernestine Harris, Caroline Skinner, Aqueelah Folwell, Stephanie Stokes, Judy Swartz, Ed Harvey, Alyce Marsh, Ellen Burr, Bill and Jean Long, Terri Carter and Martha.
- Prayers for Stephanie Morris and her family.
- Prayers of gratitude and strength for family members who care for multiple generations of loved ones.
- Prayers of hope and strength for all who are experiencing challenges and transitions in their personal and professional lives.

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

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## OPC SESSION MEMBERS:

Adam Hearlson, Moderator

Raelyn Harman, Clerk of Session; Stephanie Morris, Treasurer

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### Class of 2022

Elizabeth Cosgriff

Bob Harden, Jr.

Linda Huff-Paul

Deborah Rottinger\*\*

Eileen Wiggins\*\*

### Class of 2023

Keedra Carroll

Kevin Davis\*\*

Solomon Hunter

Becky Lazo\*\*

Nathalie May

### Class of 2024

Herb Brabham\*\*

Elizabeth Mendoza\*\*

Brian Taussig-Lux

Christoph Von Andreae

Mimi Winkler

## OPC DEACONS:

Bill Baker, Moderator, Board of Deacons

Jason Sheau, Treasurer; Mary Lou Ryce, Secretary

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### Class of 2022

Artia Benjamin\*\*

Suchita Fiorillo\*\*

Bill Baker

Bob Kaercher

Nickie Stokes\*\*

### Class of 2023

Peju Adebajo\*\*

Miriam Harden

Ginny Leagans

Leah Mayne

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### Class of 2024

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*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.”*

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## 408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I  
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are  
know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I  
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.  
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

This gospel hymn grew out of this African American author and composer's intense experience of prayer with her interracial choir in Los Angeles one Sunday morning before worship. She recalled that sense of "a sweet, sweet Spirit" when she sat down at her piano the next day.

## Refrain

Sweet Ho-ly Spir-it, sweet heav-en-ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill-ing us with your love; and for these bless-ings we

lift our hearts in praise; with-out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re-vived when we shall leave this place.

# 683

# Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope-ful-ness, Lord of all joy, whose  
 2 Lord of all ea-ger-ness, Lord of all faith, whose  
 3 Lord of all kind-li-ness, Lord of all grace, your  
 4 Lord of all gen-tle-ness, Lord of all calm, whose



trust, ev-er child-like, no cares could de-stroy: be  
 strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: be  
 hands swift to wel-come, your arms to em-brace: be  
 voice is con-tent-ment, whose pres-ence is balm: be



there at our wak-ing and give us, we pray, your  
 there at our la-bors and give us, we pray, your  
 there at our hom-ing and give us, we pray, your  
 there at our sleep-ing and give us, we pray, your



bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
 strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
 love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
 peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

When first published in 1931, this "All-Day Hymn" (as it was titled) seemed very daring for not using traditional archaic pronouns to address Christ. Current pronouns no longer disturb, but the comforting Jesus portrayed here needs to be balanced by his call to discipleship.

# What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine 837

## Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
 2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-



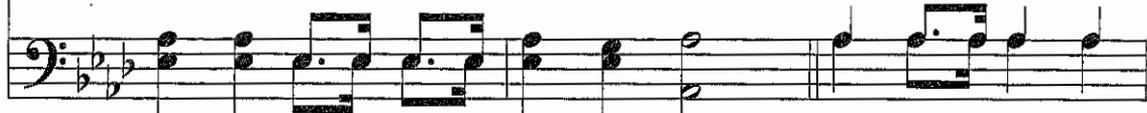
last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,  
 last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,



*Refrain*

lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

Lean-ing,  
 Lean-ing on Je-sus,



lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on  
 lean-ing on Je-sus,



ing, lean-ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
 Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus,



The composer of the tune (and creator of the refrain) asked the author of the stanzas to write a hymn based on the latter part of Deuteronomy 33:27 (as worded in the King James Version): "Underneath are the everlasting arms." Their joint effort has proved very popular.