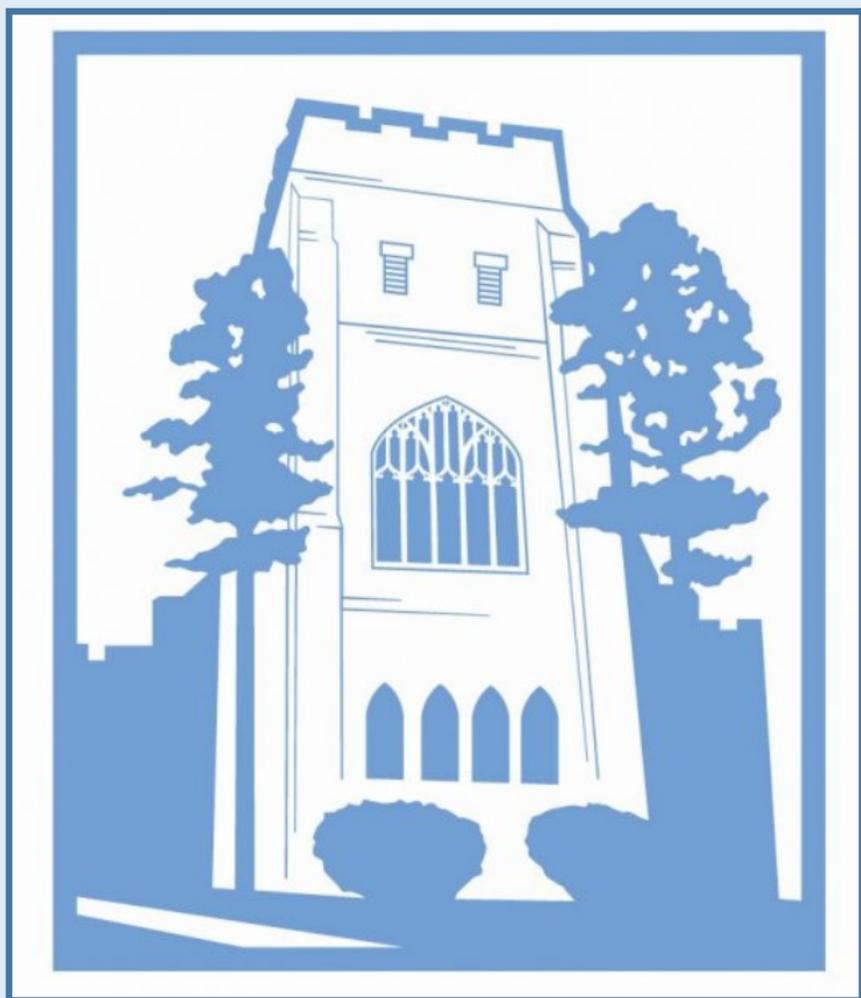


Overbrook
Presbyterian Church



Fourth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 26, 2017
10:30 a.m.

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

GATHERING IN

PRELUDE: Suite "Laudate Dominum" Peter Hurford

I. Processional (Psalm 93: 1-3) II. Rondo Da Chiesa (Psalm 100: 1)

III. Meditation (Psalm 42: 1) IV. Scherzo (Psalm 149: 2-3)

V. French Carol (Psalm 128: 1-4)

INTROIT God Is Light George Thalben-Ball

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

ALL: Jesus said: I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life. Let us worship our God.

HYMN No. 662 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies RATISBON

GREETING Dr. Mann

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great and merciful God, keeping covenant and steadfast love from generation to generation, we confess that we have sinned and done wrong, turning aside from your commandments. Righteousness is on your side; shame falls on us, for we have rebelled against you. Incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and look upon your servants. We present our supplications before you, not on the ground of our righteousness, but with assurance of your great mercy. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, listen and act and do not delay! For the sake of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE (*See Insert*) John Weaver

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

HEARING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 23

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Pew Bible

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Abide With Me
The Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir
Geneva Van Rawley, Flutist

arr. Cathy Moglebust

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Dr. Mann

(Following Time With Children, students in Pre-K through Grade 2 will depart for Sunday School)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 3: 14-21

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The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Having Life Abundantly”

Dr. Mann

❖ HYMN No. 754

Help Us Accept Each Other

BARONITA

(During the Sermon Hymn, students in Grades 3-12 will depart for Sunday School)

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *-from The Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and made everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator, ignoring God's commandments. We violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Dr. Mann

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

debts/debtors

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Laudate Dominum (Psalm 117-Sung in Latin)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

The Overbrook Choir

(Solemn Vespers)

Iris Fairfax, Soprano

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes, laudate eum omnes populi. Quoniam firmata est supernos misericordia ejus, et veritas Domini manet in aeternum. Gloria patri et filio et spiritui sancto, sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Praise the Lord, all nations; Praise Him, all people.

For He has bestowed His mercy upon us,

And the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning, is now and forever,

and for generations of generations. Amen.

❖DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

❖HYMN NO. 377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light HOUSTON

❖BENEDICTION

❖CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

Sir John Stainer

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

POSTLUDE:

Trumpet Tune in A

David N. Johnson

Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church

We are glad you are worshiping with us this morning!

❖ Stand as you are able.

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. Andrew H. Mann, Jr. - Interim Minister
Lay Leader: Amarilis Stricker, Acolyte: Lucy Duckworth
The Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir
The Overbrook Choir
Iris Fairfax, Soprano
Geneva Van Rawley, Flutist
Minister of Music: Dennis Elwell

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God...

By Bette Homer in memory of the Beverly Bear, her mother.

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.

Worship Kits For Children-

Are available at the front entrance to the Sanctuary.

Large Print Bulletins and Hymns are Available -

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

Ushers:

Dick Williamson, Susy Brandt, Bob Kaercher, Jonathan Kopcsik,
Lori Mason, Peter Seidel and Judy Williamson.

Deacons Delivering Flowers:

Elienne Paul and Mike Rottinger

Following worship today - please join us for Coffee Hour in the Wistar Morris Room. We would like to thank Mary Scott for today's coffee hour. If you would like to host an upcoming coffee hour, please sign up now on the sign-up board in the Wistar-Morris Room. Contact Amarilis Stricker at 484-343-0679 with questions.



OVERBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Session Members

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Sean Whalen - *Class of 2018*

Jeff Bowker, Raelyn Harman, Deborah Rottinger, Kate Shackelford,

Eileen Wiggins - *Class of 2019*

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The Overbrook Quartet

Iris Fairfax - *Soprano*

Lois Randel - *Mezzo-Soprano*

Toffer Mihalka - *Tenor*

Matthew Lulofs - *Bass*

Kyrie

John Weaver

mp. Lord have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ have mer - cy up - on us. Lord have mer - cy up - on us.

This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

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| Sunday, March 26 | 11:30 a.m. | Coffee Hour |
| | 12:00 p.m. | M&O Meeting - Williamson Rm |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Inquirers Class - Chapel |
| | 12:00 p.m. | OPC Youth "Think Tank" - Youth Room |
| Wednesday, March 29 | 10:30 a.m. | Bible Study |
| | 6:30 pm. | Lenten Supper/Communion Worship |
| Friday, March 31 | 11:00 a.m. | RPM Cafe |
| Sunday, April 2 | 9:15 a.m. | Adult Forum |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Worship |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Coffee Hour |
| | 2:30 p.m. | OPC Junior Youth Bowling @Wynnewood Lanes |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Overbrook Choir Concert @ Ardmore Presbyterian |

☞ **Wednesday Morning Bible Stud:** Anyone with a yen to pry in God's Word, please join us in the Chapel on Wednesday's morning from 10:30-12:00 pm. The Topic is "Everything You Ever Wanted to Ask but Never Could". Biblical topics, theological concepts, the Reformed take on social issues...you name it, we have it, all set in the context of the Scripture from whence those concepts arise.

☞ **Adult Forum:** What Did I Miss? Adult Forum will continue the exploration of missing chapters of history as they pertain to underrepresented peoples and social justice. Please join us as we search for the truth of the past and the hope for the future. Adult Forum meets each Sunday at 9:15 am in the Chapel.

☞ **Sunday, April 2, 2017 at 4:00 pm:** Next Sunday, the Overbrook Choir and the choirs from Ardmore Presbyterian Church and St. Paul's Lutheran Church will be joining together to present W.A. Mozart's *Solemn Vespers* and Maurice Duruflé's *Requiem* at Ardmore Presbyterian Church.

☛ **Memorial Service:** Mary Vandenberg's memorial service will be held here at OPC on Saturday, April 8 at 10:00 am. A light reception will follow.

☛ **LENTEN EVENING COMMUNION WORSHIP:** Come join us on Wednesday, March 29 for a simple, mid-week moment of fellowship and worship as we move through Lent towards Resurrection Day. A light Supper at 6:30 pm will be followed by Worship at 7:00 pm.



This is the last week, if you haven't done so yet, please make sure to submit a photo for our new pastors. We are making a quickie photo directory for them. Members/friend are asked to submit a hard copy or email the office at office@overbrookpreb.org a photo in jpeg format. Please include your name(s) spelled correctly. Please, too, include your email and/or phone number if you would like that information to be included. We're sure that our new pastors will appreciate an up-to-date directory, so please consider submitting your photo today. Blessing to all ~Will Schick



The time is now! The volunteer sign-up is on the FMSC website. Go to <https://goo.gl/syL7rJ> to reserve your spot (or look on the OPC website for the link). Any questions on how to sign up please contact Becky Lazo or the church office for help. It is also not too late to make a donation, and no amount is too small. Remember, 22 cents pays for one meal. We are grateful for your ongoing support and are really excited for the MobilePack on April 22!

~Becky Lazo, Janet Bowker & Jim Vagnoni

☛ **INQUIRER'S CLASS: Today at Noon,** if you have been visiting with us and are curious about what it might mean to unite with Overbrook Presbyterian Church as a member, then this class is for you. While it commits you to nothing, the class will open to you the "stuff" that makes OPC what it is. We will talk about the way we are organized and we will introduce you to key folks here at OPC, but we will also talk about the core values here at OPC. And we would love to hear your story about how you came to worship with us.

☛ **Calling all retirees! The R.P.M. (Retired Persons' Ministry) Cafe** will be open for business in the Chapel on Friday, March 31, from 11:30-1:00 PM. Come join us for lunch, great fellowship, and a lively discussion. Soup and beverages will be provided...BYO sandwich. The discussion topic of the day will be "The Impact of Exciting Times on Personal Health and Spirit." Friends are welcome. Sign up in the Wistar Morris Room following worship.

☛ **OPC Junior Youth Bowling: April 2, 2:30-4:30 PM, Wynnewood Lanes:** Don't forget all OPC children in grades 1-5, and their parents, are invited to go bowling in April! Come and enjoy the fellowship, bowling, and pizza...\$5.00 per person. Sign-up in advance in the Wistar Morris Room following worship or by emailing sparker614@gmail.com.

☛ **Mark your calendars!** April 23rd will be the last Sunday for our Interim Pastor, Drew Mann. Make plans to stay after church for a special coffee hour (yes, that means lunch!) and join us as we say farewell and thank you to Pastor Drew. If you would to help plan/carry out this event please contact Raelyn Harman, (raelynKay@aol.com).