

# OVERBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## **The Fourth Sunday in Lent Sacrament of Communion**

**March 6, 2016**

**10:30 AM**

# Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church

## Notes on Today's Service

### **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.

**Leading worship today:** The Rev. Dr. Andrew H. Mann, Jr., Interim Minister; Amos Paul, lay leader; Lucy Duckworth, Acolyte; The Overbrook Choir; Toffer Mihalka, Tenor; and Dennis Elwell, Minister of Music.

**Communion Servers:** Amos Paul, Artia Benjamin, Liz Shah, Kevin Trindade, Davorka Sabljak, Elienne Sainthilaire, Edelene Carroll, Rev. Drew Mann.

**The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God** by Rachel Carnahan & Jeremy Blatchley.

**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.

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

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

**Ushers:** Robert Harden, Jr., Davorka Sabljak, Aimerie Scherluebbe, Will Schick, Trudy Sheau, and Kevin Trindade

**Deacons delivering flowers:** Elienne Paul and Tyrone Frisby

**Please be sure to silence all cell phones** before the service.

❖ = All who are able, please stand.

*Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare for worship.*

## GATHERING

**PRELUDE**

*Adagio for Strings*  
Remembering West Chester Native,  
Samuel Barber's Birthday, March 9, 1910

Samuel Barber

**INTROIT**

*I Am the Light of the World*

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. 771

*What Is the World Like*

NEW WORLD

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 the 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 ELEISON

## 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.

## PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

WONDRIOUS LOVE

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the heavy cross for my soul.

## WORD

### FIRST NEW TESTAMENT READING

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 15:1-10  
pew Bible, p. 73

**ANTHEM**

*The Penitent*      Beardsley Van de Water  
Toffer Mihalka, Tenor

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

Dr. Mann

*Following the Time with Children, children and youth (grades 2-12)  
may return to their families and worship with the congregation.  
Preschoolers through grade 1 are welcome in the Nursery.*

**SECOND NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Luke 15:11-32

The Word of the Lord.

pew Bible, p. 73

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

“Coming Home”

Dr. Mann

❖ **HYMN, NO. 533**

*In the Singing*

BREAD OF PEACE

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes 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.**

# RESPONSE

## CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

debts/debtors

## EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## OFFERTORY

*We Adore You, O Christ*  
The Overbrook Choir

Richard Proulx

## ❖ DOXOLOGY, NO. 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

## ❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

# THE LORD'S SUPPER

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

## **SANCTUS**

William Mathias

The Overbrook Choir

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He took upon himself the weight of our sin and carried the burden of our guilt. He shared our life in every way, and though tempted, was sinless to the end.

Baptized as your own, he went willingly to his death and by your power was raised to new life. In his dying and rising, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE AND THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*Communion will be received by intinction. Please come forward, as directed by the ushers, to one of the four serving stations. Take the bread, dip it into the cup, and partake. Gluten-free communion wafers are offered on each plate in a separate paper cup, as an option for those who need them.*

*The choir will be served first. Those in the center and side sections of the church may come forward as directed by the ushers.*

*Those physically unable to come forward should notify an usher, and will be served in the pew.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENDING

#### ❖ HYMN, NO. 536

SURGE ECCLESIA

*Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen*

#### ❖ BENEDICTION

#### ❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

*The Lord Bless You*

Ann Ker

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

#### POSTLUDE

*Fugue in D*

*Carl Philipp Emmanuel Bach*

*Remembering C. P. E. Bach's Birthday, March 8, 1714*

# This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Sunday, Mar. 6	11:30 am 12:00 pm	Coffee Hour Mission Study Meeting
Tuesday, Mar. 8	7:00 pm	Session
Wednesday, Mar. 9	10:00 am 7:30 pm	Bible Study NCT Benefit Performance
Thursday, Mar.10	6:30 pm 8:00 pm	Bell Choir Overbrook Choir
Sunday, Mar. 13	9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Adult Forum Junior Choir Worship

**Following worship today, please join us for Coffee Hour** in the Wistar Morris Room hosted by the Van Rawley family. **If you would like to host an upcoming coffee hour**, please sign up now on the sign-up board in the Wistar-Morris. Contact Amarilis Stricker with any coffee hour questions, 484-343-0679.

**Bible Study Group.** Adult Bible Study will be meeting this **Wednesday, March 9 at 10:00 am**, in the Chapel. Rev. Mann will be leading us in our continuing discussion of the Gospel of Luke.

**The Narberth Community Theatre benefit performance** of “The Wedding Singer” will be held on **Wednesday, March 9 at 7:30 pm** preceded by a dessert reception at **6:30 pm**. Tickets are \$20 and will be sold after worship. All proceeds go to Overbrook Presbyterian Church. We need baked goods for complimentary refreshments for the benefit performance night and staffers to work the concession run for NCT’s shows this season. Please speak to Janet Bowker or Trudy Sheau if you can help out with either.

**Heavenly Harvest Meals at Calvin's Kitchen.** Every **Thursday**, 10:30 am, at Calvin Presbyterian Church, 60<sup>th</sup> and Master Streets. OPC volunteers prepare and serve a healthy and nutritious meal for our neighbors in West Philadelphia. Contact Elizabeth Cosgriff at [elizabethcosgriff@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethcosgriff@gmail.com) for more info.

**Conversations at the Crossroads.** Be a part of our Congregational Study Process in preparation for finding our next pastor. Sign up today for one of the small groups being held in homes and at church. Come prepared to dream of the Overbrook of the future and share your ideas with us. Meetings take about 1½ hours, refreshments are served. For more information contact Rachel Carnahan at [jbrc117@verizon.net](mailto:jbrc117@verizon.net) or 610-348-4659. Rides can be arranged.

**New Directories Available.** The 2016 directory for Overbrook Presbyterian Church is now available. You may pick up your copy in the Wistar Morris Room after worship today.

**Lenten Worship at Overbrook.** The Lenten season brings us diverse opportunities to gather in worship and prayerful fellowship. These opportunities include the formal services on Maundy Thursday and Palm Sunday, as well as compline, which according to Christian tradition is the final worship of the day. Please keep this schedule of services in your hearts and in your homes.

March 16	6:30 pm	Soup & Bread Supper followed by Compline
March 19	9:30 am	The Journey of Christ: An Intergenerational Event
March 20	10:30 am	Palm Sunday Worship
March 24	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Tenebrae & Communion
March 25	12:00 pm	Good Friday Worship
March 27	10:30 am	Easter – Resurrection Sunday Celebration

**Easter Flowers.** If you would like to donate Easter flowers in memory of a loved one, there are sign-up sheets at Coffee Hour or contact the church office at [office@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:office@overbrookpresb.org) or 215-877-2744.

# Coming up at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

**Next Sunday March 13, 2016:** The Fifth Sunday in Lent. Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Andrew H. Mann, Jr.; Lay Leader: Sarah Stephens; Acolyte: Joanna Scherluebbe; Flowers given by Tom Williamson; Coffee Hour: Edelene Carroll, Alyce Marsh, Davorka Sabljak, Lois Ann Furgess-Oler, Keedra Carroll.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME RETURNS.** Next Saturday night don't forget to turn your clocks AHEAD one hour before retiring, lest you be late to church next Sunday. (Of course, you would be exactly on time for coffee hour.)

**Adult Forum.** The Adult Forum theme for March is *This is My Story; This is My Song: Overbrook Believes!* Please join us as we welcome newer members of our congregation as they share their faith journeys. Trudy Sheau is the Adult Forum Convener for March. Adult Forum meets each Sunday morning in the Chapel from 9:15-10:15. The welcome is warm; the coffee is hot.

**A NEW BIBLE STUDY!** Due to congregant requests, an evening "edition" of Adult Bible Study will be offered on **Wednesday, March 16**. Please join Dr. Mann from 8:00 to 9:00 PM in the Chapel. Child care will be provided on request. Please contact Sharon Parker.

**Journey with Jesus: An Intergenerational Event.** On Saturday morning, March 19, all are invited to prepare for Holy Week by participating in this special activity. Join us at 9:30 AM for a sampling of foods from the Holy Land followed by small group "journeys" through scenes from the life of Jesus. Please sign-up in the Wistar Morris Room following worship.

**ORAL HISTORY PROJECT UPDATE.** The goal is to capture a snapshot of OPC in this era and how it has changed. We are interested in people who have been involved with OPC for short and long periods of time. If you are interested in joining us to conduct interviews we would be happy to add you to our ranks. We help in every way we can with guidelines and "tech support." If you are interested in sharing your OPC story, please let me know. I can be contacted via email at [raelynkay@aol.com](mailto:raelynkay@aol.com) or by phone at 610-331-8972.

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# THE OVERBROOK QUARTET

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