

OVERBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2016

10:30 AM

Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church Notes on Today's Service

We are glad you are worshiping 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; Sarah Stephens, lay leader; Sharon Parker, Director of Christian Education; Acolyte: Joanna Scherluebbe; The Overbrook Choir; Iris Fairfax, Soprano; and Dennis Elwell, Minister of Music.

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by Tom Williamson in memory of Bob and Sally Williamson from their children and grandchildren.

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: Dick Williamson, Susy Brandt, Bob Kaercher, Jonathan Kopcsik, Lori Mason, Peter Seidel, Laura Toy, Judy Williamson

Deacons delivering flowers: Ellen Valudes and John Baker

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 in G minor

Tomaso Albinoni, Remo Giazotto

INTROIT

I Am the Resurrection and the Life

John Rutter

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

MANY: **Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord, and where I am, there will my servant be also.**

ALL: Let us worship our God.

❖ HYMN, No. 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

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 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.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system shows the vocal line and piano accompaniment for the phrase "Lord have mercy upon us." The second system shows the vocal line and piano accompaniment for the phrase "Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us." The piano part features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the left hand and a more melodic line in the right hand.

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

WONDROUS 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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126
pew Bible, p. 541

ANTHEM

Mary Magdalen
Iris Fairfax, Soprano

Jules Massenet

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Sharon Parker
Following the Time with Children, children Pre-K through Grade 1 may depart to Sunday School. Older children and youth will depart during the hymn immediately following the sermon.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 12:1-8
pew Bible, p. 100

SERMON

“The Nature of Love”

Dr. Mann

❖ HYMN, No. 693

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM THE BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" AMEN.

RESPONSE

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Jeff Bowker

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

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Leo Nestor

The Overbrook Choir

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.

I hear the clear though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.

Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.

It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.

Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.

What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.

Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!

All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.

Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

❖ **DOXOLOGY, No. 606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

❖ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SENDING

❖ **HYMN, No. 316** *Where Charity and Love Prevail* TWENTY-FOURTH

❖ **BENEDICTION**

❖ **CHORAL RESPONSE** *Threefold Amen* Anonymous

*Please depart quietly in consideration of those
who wish to listen to the postlude.*

❖ **POSTLUDE** *Chaconne* Louis Couperin

This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Sunday, Mar. 13	11:30 am 12:00 pm	Coffee Hour Deacons Meeting
Wednesday, Mar. 16	10:00 am 6:30 pm 8:00 pm	Bible Study Soup & Bread Supper/Compline Evening Bible Study
Thursday, Mar. 17	6:30 pm 8:00 pm	Bell Choir Overbrook Choir
Saturday, Mar. 19	9:30 am	The Journey of Christ: An Intergenerational Event
Sunday, Mar. 20	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 Edelene Carroll, Alyce Marsh, Davorka Sabljak, LoisAnn Furgess-Oler, Keedra Carroll. **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 with any coffee hour questions, 484-343-0679.

Bible Study Group. Adult Bible Study will be meeting this **Wednesday, March 16 at 10:00 am**, in the Chapel. Rev. Mann will be leading us in our continuing discussion of the Gospel of Luke.

A NEW BIBLE STUDY! Due to congregant requests, an evening “edition” of Adult Bible Study will be offered and will be held 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.

Heavenly Harvest Meals at Calvin's Kitchen. Every **Thursday, 10:30 am**, at Calvin Presbyterian Church, 60th 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 for more info.

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.

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 or 610-348-4659. Rides can be arranged.

Lenten Worship at Overbrook. The Lenten season brings us diverse opportunities to gather in worship and prayerful fellowship. 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 or 215-877-2744.

Coming up at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Next Sunday March 20, 2016: Palm Sunday. Overbrook Choir will present Handel's Messiah, Part II. Lay Leader: Elizabeth Cosgriff; Acolyte: Johnny May; Flowers given by Jim Stephens and Cindy Gray; Coffee Hour: TBA.

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.

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 or by phone at 610-331-8972.

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