



# Overbrook

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 16, 2025 | 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church  
(on the Road)

We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning!

Notes on Today's Service

Leadership:

The Rev. Megan LeCluyse, Guest Preacher

Mary Bear Shannon, Liturgist

Anthony Carrella, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

The Overbrook Choir

The Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir

Today's chancel flowers are given to the glory of God.

**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, all are welcome to join us  
for Fellowship Hour hosted by Karen Testa.

*Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare for worship,  
and remember to silence all electronic devices before the service*

*❖=Stand as you are able*

## GATHERING IN

PRELUDE

INTROIT

O Savior of the World

Eleanor Daley  
(b. 1955)

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

*By Gill Le Fevre*

*Mary Bear Shannon*

Leader: As darkness gives way to light  
and winter sleep to fresh beginnings,

People: **We come today to be reminded of God's love for us.**

Leader: Like the green shoots of renewed life,  
stirring beneath the soil,

People: **We welcome an awakening of God's word in our lives.**

Leader: In this time of reflection and repentance,

All: **We affirm our identity, we claim our security,  
as children of God.**

❖HYMN (*on next page*)

**In the Cross of Christ I Glory**

RATHBUN

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing  
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the  
 5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing

o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred  
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -  
 love up - on my way, from the cross the ra - diance  
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no  
 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred

sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
 sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
 stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
 mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.  
 sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

Like Isaac Watts's "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (nos. 223, 224), this hymn is a reflection on Galatians 6:14, but this text is more abstract and devotes no attention to the person hanging on the cross. The tune is named for a soloist in the composer's Connecticut choir.

# WELCOME

Bob Harden, Jr.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COURAGE (unison)

Mary Bear Shannon

By John Birch

In the blazing light of your love  
our failings are illuminated  
our failure to give  
our failure to love  
our failure to follow  
our failure to serve  
our failure to be the people  
you would have us be.  
Forgive us and renew us.  
You know our nature  
know our failings  
Enfold us in your arms  
that we might daily know  
your forgiveness and healing love.

## AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have

(A<sup>b</sup>maj7) (Fm7) (Em7) (F<sup>#</sup>7)  
C<sup>b</sup>maj7 A<sup>b</sup>m7 Gm7 A7



mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

(Bm7) (Em7) (Fmaj7) (B<sup>b</sup>7)  
Dm7 Gm7 A<sup>b</sup>maj7 D<sup>b</sup>7



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:

(A<sup>b</sup>maj7) (Fm7) (G2)  
C<sup>b</sup>maj7 A<sup>b</sup>m7 B<sup>b</sup>2



grant us, O grant us your peace.

SILENT CONFESSION

EMBRACING GOD'S GRACE

AMEN (*seated*)

AMEN (Pavlechko)



HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 27

*Mary Bear Shannon*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

BIBLICAL STORYTELLING

*(Following the storytelling, learners in Pre-K through Grade 5 are encouraged to recess to Sunday School)*

ANTHEM

Traditional,

What Wondrous Love Is This arr. Susan E. Geschke

*The Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir*

NEW TESTAMENT

Philippians 3:17-4:1

*Megan LeCluyse*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Different”

*Megan LeCluyse*

*(Following the sermon, youth in Grades 6-12 are encouraged to recess for Sunday School.)*

❖HYMN (*begins two pages forward*)

SOMEBODY’S KNOCKING

**Somebody’s Knocking at Your Door**

*This page intentionally left blank to facilitate page turning.*

Some-bod - y's knock-ing at your door;      some - bod - y's

knock-ing at your door;      O      sin - ner, why don't you

an - swer? Some-bod - y's knock-ing at your door.

1 Knocks like Je - sus.  
 2 Can't you hear him? Some-bod - y's knock-ing at your  
 3 An - swer Je - sus.

The description of the Son of Man as standing at the door and knocking (Revelation 3:20) has given rise to many visual and verbal representations of that figure. This African American spiritual uses its repeated phrases to imitate knocking and to give immediacy to this encounter.



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an - swer? Some-bod - y's knock-ing at your door.

*The service continues on the next page.*

## ❖ APOSTLES' CREED

*Bob Harden, Jr.*

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

*Bob Harden, Jr.*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Brian Taussig-Lux*

### 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

Brian Taussig-Lux

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Brian Taussig-Lux

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

These are they which follow the Lamb

John Goss  
(1800-1880)

*The Overbrook Choir*

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These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth.

These were redeemed from among men,  
being the first-fruits unto God and to the Lamb.

And in their mouth was found no guile,  
for they are without fault before the throne of God.

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*Revelation 14:4-5*

❖ DOXOLOGY

ROCKINGHAM

Praise God through - out these for - ty days;

Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise;

And praise the Spi - rit who im - parts

God's love in Christ in - to our hearts.

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Mary Bear Shannon

In the name and in the spirit of Jesus,  
we bring our gifts to you, O God.

Help us to give with them  
a ready mind,  
a willing spirit,  
and a joyful heart. Amen

## SENDING FORTH

❖ HYMN

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

### My Life Flows On

1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.  
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.  
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

❖BENEDICTION

❖CHORAL RESPONSE

Keep us in thy footsteps

Ann Ker  
(b. 1938)

POSTLUDE

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

Music Spotlight: Anthem at the Offering



John Goss was an English organist and composer; he was especially prolific in his composition of vocal music, such as the tune we still use today for “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven.” Upon first hearing, today’s anthem might seem simple, but it reminds us that there is beauty in simplicity. Listen particularly to how, when the voices sing in pairs, the vocal lines rise and fall at different times before joining to ascend together, as if toward heaven.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Today we welcome **Rev. Megan LeCluyse** as guest preacher. She serves as the Campus Minister and Director of the Christian Association at the University of Pennsylvania. Since starting there in 2012, she has had the privilege of working with many undergraduate and graduate students in what she believes is a critical time of their lives. She is excited to have her first book published later this year, which is a book to help college students process the college experience through a faith lens. She lives near the Italian Market with her sister and their dog, Penny, and enjoys running, reading, and going on adventures big and small!

Fellowship Hour Hosts Needed. If you would like to host but think you need a hand, if you are able to help set up and clean up but need assistance with food, or if you need supplies, CLC can help! (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 about this ministry, feel free to reach out to [clc@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:clc@overbrookpresb.org).



**Chancel Flowers—Donations needed.** Please consider donating the Sunday morning chancel flowers in honor/memory of a loved one or simply in a celebration or thanksgiving for the many blessings we receive. The cost is **\$60.00**, but you may contribute what you wish. To sign up, follow this link: <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](mailto:manager@overbrookpresb.org)) or Carol ([carol@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:carol@overbrookpresb.org)).

**Centering Prayer and Bible Study—Wednesday, March 19.** Centering Prayer takes place every Wednesday morning at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El starting at 9:30 AM. Bible Study follows at 10:30 AM. All are welcome to join us at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El.

### LENT AND EASTER AT OPC

#### Special Worship Services and Events: Schedule

Palm Sunday—April 13, 11:00 A.M., Penn Wynne Presbyterian Church

Maundy Thursday—April 17, 6:00 P.M., Basement of OPC

Good Friday—April 18, 12:00 P.M., African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas

Holy Saturday Bonfire—April 19, 7:00 P.M., Parking Lot of OPC

Easter Sunday—April 20, 10:30 A.M., Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El

#### Lenten Devotional: A Gift of the Spirit for All

Throughout the years, Christians have sought ways to heighten their spiritual commitment during Lent. For some, it has led to the question, “What are you giving up for Lent?” At Overbrook, the focus is more often directed to the question, “What new practices are you adding?” For many, the answer is found in devotionals and through participation in special events and services. This Lent, we are using the devotional, *Lent: Coming Back to Life*.

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Produced by The SALT Project, *Coming Back to Life* invites us to explore, observe, and embrace God's gifts of renewal and rebirth during this holy season. Each reflection, beginning with Ash Wednesday and culminating on Easter Sunday, will combine personal reflections, scripture, and prayer. You may access your online copy by scanning the QR code at right. Print copies of this Lenten devotional are available on the greeting table at the front and rear doors of the Penn Wynne Sanctuary.



### YOUTH MINISTRY

**Youth Sunday—March 30.** Our next Youth Sunday will be at the end of this month. We need youth volunteers from ages 12 to mid-20s to participate in all aspects of our worship service. If you would like to be involved or have any ideas, contact **Artia or Suchita** at [youth@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:youth@overbrookpresb.org). Here are some ways in which you can participate:

<b>Liturgist/Lay Leader</b>	Assists with worship service and works with Pastor Adam.
<b>Scripture Readers (2)</b>	Reads the first or second scripture during service and works with Pastor Adam.
<b>Welcomer</b>	Gives welcome message to congregation at beginning of service and works with Pastor Adam.
<b>Usher</b>	Hands out bulletins; directs people before, during, and after service; and works with a member of Worship and Music.
<b>Greeter</b>	Stands at doors and welcomes people; also assists those who require help and work with a Deacon.
<b>Storyteller</b>	Reads biblical book to children during Time with Children (TWC) and works with Anthony, who will provide the book.
<b>TWC Second Person</b>	Leads the prayer with children and works with Anthony and Pastor Adam.
<b>Musician</b>	Plays instruments or sings and works with Chris.

### CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

**Evening Contemplative Caregiver Gathering—Tuesday, March 18, 5:30 P.M.** Join us on the lower level of Overbrook for a shared meal and a time of sacred quiet. We'll begin with a community-organized dinner, followed by contemplative practice from 6:00 to 6:45 P.M. A collaborative cleanup will occur in the last fifteen minutes of the session. Childcare will be available during the practice, from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M., allowing caregivers a moment of rest for body, mind, and soul in God's presence. Please RSVP by visiting [tinyurl.com/RSVP-CFM](https://tinyurl.com/RSVP-CFM). If you have any questions, you can get in touch with Anthony or Molly in person or by email: [cfm@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:cfm@overbrookpresb.org).

## RETIRED PERSON'S MINISTRY

RPM Plus—Friday, March 21, 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Join us for a continental breakfast and conversation in the Undercroft of the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas. Our topic for the day is “The Gospel According to Mr. Rogers” (March 20 is national Mr. Rogers Day). Cardigan sweaters, comfy sneakers, and unbridled demonstrations of kindness are welcome... as are all friends and neighbors.

## ADULT FORUM

Adult Forum—Tuesday, March 18, 7:00 P.M. Adult Forum will meet on Zoom to continue the series, “Courage of Our Convictions: A Christian Response to Global and National Crisis.” This month, we will read “The Power of the Powerless,” an acclaimed essay by Czech dissident, and former President, Vaclav Havel. Our discussion will build on the themes of civic and spiritual responsibility in a time of repression that we have already explored in Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s writing. Then, we will reflect on individual responsibility and care in the season of Lent. Adult Forum combines peer-led discussions with presentations from guest speakers. All are welcome! To join, you may follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/OPCForumZoom>.

## BOARD OF DEACONS

*“It is the duty of Deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who have been in distress both within and beyond the community of faith.”*

*—The Presbyterian Book of Order*

The OPC Deacons are here to support you and your loved ones through challenging times, such as sickness; family loss; instability of housing, food, or income; or other times of crisis. The Deacons will use the utmost discretion and provide personal support. Additionally, they are available to provide rides to and from church or appointments, run minor errands, deliver food, or just offer love and care. If you or someone you know might need additional support, please contact Adam Hearlson ([adam@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:adam@overbrookpresb.org)) or office manager Lisa Faso ([manager@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:manager@overbrookpresb.org)).



## MISSION AND OUTREACH

Norristown Hospitality Center—Monday, March 17. Items will be collected in the Penn Wynne parking lot today or by 9:00 A.M. on Monday, March 17, in the OPC parking lot. We are always grateful to Earl and Ann Elise Lindgren for their devotion to this effort.

## Prayer List

- Prayers of comfort and consolation for the loving family of Doris McDaniel as they mourn her passing.
- Prayers of comfort and consolation for all who mourn the tragic passing of Anthony Sharpe, Jr, age 19.
- Prayers for restoration of health and comfort for Susan Leach, mother of Becky Lazo.
- Prayers for healing and comfort for Meryth Piatt, Mads Piatt Cosgriff's aunt as she heals from an accident.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Karen Testa's father as he is receiving medical care for health challenges.
- Prayers for Laila Soueif, friend of Scott Long, and her family as she is currently hospitalized for health reasons.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Joe Blair as he receives ongoing medical care.
- Prayers of support for the Eastling family as they navigate challenging times.
- Prayers for Phil Sheau and his family as they mourn the death of his niece-in law, Sandi Mon.
- Prayers for compassionate care and comfort for Phil Sheau's nieces in law, Emma Mon, as she is receiving hospice care.
- Prayers for peace and comfort for Phil Sheau's cousin, Mark Der Bing, as he enters hospice care.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Gwen Anthony, as she remains under medical care.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Mary Lou Ryce, as she remains under cardiac care.
- Prayers for Janie Martin's cousin, Maureen Cook, who is undergoing medical care for pancreatic cancer.
- Prayers for all who are facing health concerns, especially Jane Bevan, Bob Bevan, Scott Long, Gwen Harden, Ed Harvey, Milton Stokes, Valerie Craig, Joan Moylan, Jim Moylan and Natalie DeShields.
- Prayers for strength, guidance and peace for all who are facing life transitions and confronted with challenging decisions.

*Please contact Lisa Faso ([manager@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:manager@overbrookpresb.org)) or Adam Hearlson ([adam@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:adam@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

\* indicates one-year term \*\* indicates second consecutive term

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Elizabeth Cosgriff**	Artia Benjamin	Brian Burke
Bob Harden, Jr.**	Joseph Blair	Karen Testa
Janie Martin*	Keedra Carroll**	Brian Taussig-Lux**
Corinna Bowser	Solomon Hunter**	Christoph Von Andreae**
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## OPC DEACONS:

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Dela Geraldo	Denise Stewart	Margene Biedermann
Sharon Elwell	Miriam Harden**	Mads Piatt Cosgriff
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Lisa Faso - *Office Manager*

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Leonard Robbins - *Church Custodian*

The Overbrook Quartet:

Iris Fairfax, *soprano*; Syrena Torres, *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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