

OVERBROOK  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sixth Sunday in Easter  
Sacrament of Communion

May 1, 2016  
10:30 AM

# **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. Andrew H. Mann, Jr., Interim Minister  
Lay Leader; Lori Mason, Acolyte; Audrey Sigler, The Overbrook  
Choir; Iris Fairfax, Soprano, Toffer Mihalka, Tenor and Dennis  
Elwell, Minister of Music.

### **Communion Servers:**

Lori Mason, Carol Tulba, Nicki Stokes, Jason Sheau, Ken Carroll,  
Nicole Stokes-Robinson, Davorka Sabljak, Rev. Drew Mann.

### **The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God**

by Jill Van Rowley in memory of Malin Van Antwerp, Jill's father.

### **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:**

Tyrone Frisby and Ellen Valudes

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

### PRELUDES

Two Preludes by Ralph Vaughan Williams  
“THE NEW COMMONWEALTH”  
“RHOSYMEDRE”

### INTROIT

If Anyone Love Me      George Thalben-Ball

### ❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE:    Jesus said: Those who love me will keep my word, and my  
          Father will love them.

MANY: We will come to them and make our home with them.

ALL:    Let us worship our God.

### ❖ HYMN NO. 239

GELOBT SEI GOTT

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear Lord, undaunted you seek the lost; exultant you bring home the found. Touch our hearts with grateful wonder at the tenderness of your forbearing love. Grant us delight in the mercy that has found us, and bring all to rejoice at the feast of forgiveness. We ask this through him who laid down his life for the lost and in whose name 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

Alleluia

HYMN NO. 586

Jaques Berthier

## WORD

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 67

Page 500, Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### ANTHEM

The Greatest of These Is Love

René Clausen

Toffer Mihalka, Tenor

(A New Creation)

### TIME WITH CHILDREN

Sharon Parker

*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.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 5: 1-16

Page 90, Bible

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“A New Commandment - Part II”

Dr. Mann

❖ HYMN NO. 521

RED

In Remembrance of Me

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from The Confession of 1967*

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with humankind. Jesus is the eternal Son of the Father, who became a man and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humankind, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another. 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

O Taste and See      Ralph Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is; blest is the one that  
trusteth in him.

*The Overbrook Choir - Iris Fairfax, Soprano*

## 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                      Sung by The Overbrook Choir      Malcolm Archer

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

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 his 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 to one of the four serving stations, as directed by the ushers. Take the bread, dip it into the cup, and partake. The Choir and those in the center sections of the church will be served first. You may come forward down the center aisle, then return to your seat by the side aisles, then those in the side sections of the church will be served. You may come forward down the side aisles, then return to your seat by the aisles closest to the front. Those unable to come forward, please notify an usher so that you can receive communion in the pew. Gluten-free communion wafers are offered on each plate in a separate paper cup, as an option for those who need them.*

## CONCLUDING COMMUNION PRAYER

## SENDING

- ❖ HYMN NO. 240    Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks    ALLELUIA NO. 1
- ❖ BENEDICTION
- ❖ CHORAL RESPONSE    Twofold Amen    Anonymous

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

- POSTLUDE    Trumpet Tune in E    David N. Johnson



# This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 1	11:30 am 12:00 pm	Coffee Hour Confirmation Class
Tuesday, May 3	1:00 pm 7:00 pm	Worship & Music Committee Finance Committee
Wednesday, May 4	11:00 am 4:30 pm 8:00 pm	Bible Study Property Committee Evening Bible Study
Thursday, May 5	6:30 pm 8:00 pm	Bell Choir Overbrook Choir
Sunday, May 8	9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 11:30 am 12:00 pm 12:00 pm	Adult Forum Junior Choir Worship Coffee Hour Deacon's Meeting Confirmation Class

Following worship today, please join us for Coffee Hour in the Wistar Morris Room hosted by the Whalen and Clifford Families. 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, May 4 at 11:00 am, in the Chapel. Rev. Mann will be leading us in our continuing discussion of the Gospel of Luke. Evening Bible Study Group will meet this Wednesday, May 4, at 8:00 p.m. in the Williamson Room.

**Please Note** - The Overbrook Talks...and Walks event, featuring missionaries from Thailand, previously announced for Monday, May 9 and co-hosted by the Mission & Outreach and Christian Education Committees has been cancelled.



**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.

#### **NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION & RECEPTION IS APPROACHING**

1. Orientation: Sunday, May 22 at Noon following worship.
2. Reception of New Members: Sunday, June 5 (Communion)
  - a. Meet with Session at 9:15 a.m. in Dr. Mann's office
  - b. Public recognition in worship at 10:30

Orientation - After worship on May 22, we will gather in the Chapel to meet and greet prospective members with the staff and various lay leaders. There will be a brief orientation to Overbrook - how it operates and where it believes itself to be going. There will be time for a Q&A from prospective members.

Reception - For those prospective members who choose to unite officially with the Overbrook congregation, there will be time to meet in Dr. Mann's office on Sunday, June 5 at 9:15 a.m. before worship. The Session will formally receive new members then, and during worship that morning we will publically celebrate our new members in our monthly communion service.

3. Please let Dr. Mann know if you are interested by email: [drew@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:drew@overbrookpresb.org) or by calling the office at 215-877-2744 x11.

## **Coming up at Overbrook Presbyterian Church**

**Next Sunday May 8:** The Seventh Sunday in Easter. Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Andrew H. Mann, Jr.; Lay Leader: Jonathan Kopcsik; Acolyte: Tarah Paul; Flowers given by Gail Kaercher; Coffee Hour: Men of Overbrook.

**May's Adult Forum** – "Stewardship of the Earth: A Discussion on Environmental Change". Sunday morning at 9:15-10:15 in the Chapel. All are welcome.

**Pan - Asian Heritage Festival, May 7** - All OPC youth and friends are invited to hop on the train and head to the Pan-Asian Heritage Festival at Washington Square Park. We'll be leaving the Overbrook Station on the 10:55 a.m. train to Philadelphia and arriving back at the Overbrook Station at 4:18 p.m. Information flyers are available in the Wistar Morris Room and at the entrance greeting tables.

**OPC Youth Retreat, May 27-28** - OPC Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to start the Memorial Day weekend by camping out and cooking out overnight at OPC. From 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 27 until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 28, we'll explore our church, serve the broader community, cook our own meals...and have fun! Come be part of this adventure. Although there is no charge for the retreat, reservations and signed parental permission slips are required. Contact Sharon Parker at [Sharon@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:Sharon@overbrookpresb.org).





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## THE OVERBROOK QUARTET

Iris Fairfax  
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