
Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 26, 2019
10:30 a.m.

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. Adam Hearlson, Pastor
Lay Leader: Trudy Sheau; Acolyte: OPC Youth
Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music
Molly McDonald, mezzo-soprano
The Overbrook Choir

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God
By Emily Amerman and Jim Vagnoni in loving memory of
Synngton Phillips Landreth Amerman

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:

**Phil Sheau, Tyrone Frisby, Ron Homer, Jane Krumrine, Jim McDaniel,
Carol Tulba and Sean Whalen**

Deacons Delivering Flowers:
Brad Biedermann and Carol Tulba

Following worship today, please join us for refreshments in the Wistar Morris Room. We would like to thank the Wong family for today's refreshments. All are welcome!

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

❖=Stand as you are able.

GATHERING IN

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Land of Rest"

Leo Sowerby
(1895-1968)

INTROIT

Praise the Lord!

Ann Ker
(b. 1937)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God, our Creator,
From nothing you made our world

People: **You formed us, love us,
And give us all we need.**

Leader: God, our Redeemer,
You are the source of freedom.

People: **You have released us from shame and guilt,
And give us new life.**

Leader: God, our Comforter,
You are with us always.

People: **You comfort us, renew us,
And guide us into your truth.**

Leader: Loving God, for your gracious love for us,
We praise you

All: **Amen.**

❖HYMN No. 374

MORNING SONG

O Holy City, Seen of John

WELCOME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Merciful God,
For the things we have done that we regret,

People: **Forgive us;**

Leader: For the things we have failed to do that we regret,

People: Forgive us;
Leader: For all the times we acted without love,
People: Forgive us;
Leader: For all the times we acted without thought,
People: Forgive us;
Leader: For all the times we have withdrawn care,
People: Forgive us;
Leader: For all the times we failed to forgive,
People: Forgive us;
Leader: For the words said and helpful words unsaid,
For unfinished tasks and unfulfilled hopes,
People: God of all time,
Forgive us and help us
To lay down the burden of regret. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖GLORIA PATRI

HYMN No. 581

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM 67

Page 500/pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SOLO

C. H. H. Parry

“The Lord is long-suffering and merciful” from *Judith* (1848-1918)

Molly McDonald, mezzo-soprano

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Adam Hearlson

(All Children are welcome to remain in worship, should parents so wish; children in Pre-K through Grade 2 may gather in the nursery following Time with Children.)

SERMON

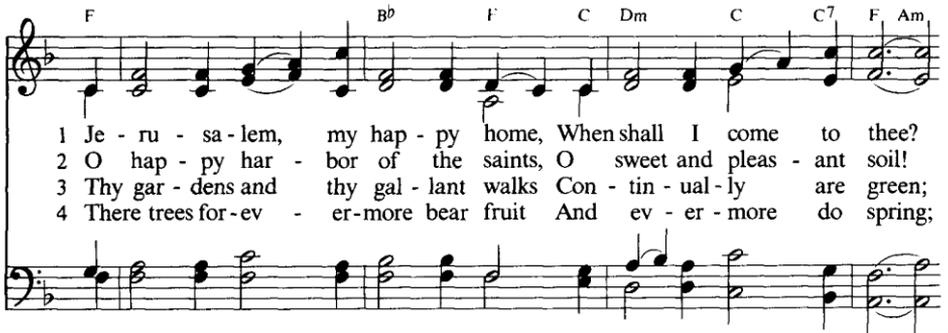
Adam Hearlson

“Tree Rings”

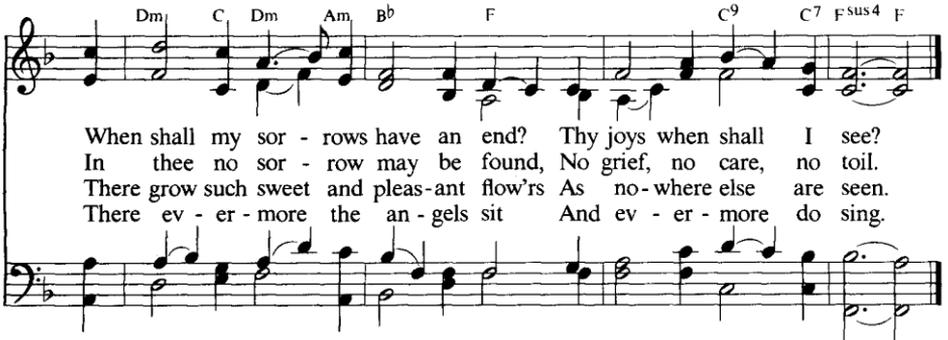
❖HYMN

LAND OF REST

Jerusalem, My Happy Home



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, When shall I come to thee?
2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas - ant soil!
3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks Con - tin - ual - ly are green;
4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit And ev - er - more do spring;



When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
In thee no sor - row may be found, No grief, no care, no toil.
There grow such sweet and pleas - ant flow'rs As no - where else are seen.
There ev - er - more the an - gels sit And ev - er - more do sing.

5 Jerusalem, my happy home,
Would God I were in thee!
Would God my woes were at an end,
Thy joys that I might see!

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Summary of the Law* | *Matthew 22:37-40*)

Leader: Church, what does Christ ask of you:

All: To love the lord your God with all of your heart,
And with all of your soul,
And with all of your mind.

This is the greatest and first commandment.

And the second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Adam Hearlson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (*using Debts/Debtors*)

Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*

SHARING OF PEACE (*"The peace of Christ be with you," "And also with you"*)

OFFERING

John Ireland
(1879-1962)

Greater Love Hath No Man

The Overbrook Choir

Iris Fairfax, soprano, and Matthew Lulofs, baritone

Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can the floods drown it.

Love is strong as death.

Greater love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree,
That we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.

Ye are washed, ye are sanctified,

ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation;

That ye should show forth the praises of him

who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God,
that you present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy,
acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

❖DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

❖PRAYER OF DEDICATION

❖HYMN No. 81

AUSTRIA

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

SENDING FORTH

❖BENEDICTION

❖CHORAL RESPONSE

Eric Thiman
(1900-1975)

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place

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

POSTLUDE

Postlude in A minor

George Calkin
(1829-1911)



☞ This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church ☞

Sunday, May 26	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Mission/Outreach Committee-Chapel
Wednesday, May 29	10:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study - Chapel
	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship - Will Schick's house
Thursday, May 30	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Friday, May 31	6:00 p.m.	Youth Lock In
Saturday, June 1	8:00 a.m.	Men's Group - Chapel
	9:00 a.m.	Youth Group Car Wash
Sunday, June 2	9:15 a.m.	Arrival for Education (Ages 3-103)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour

The cover artwork, *Tree of Life*, is a sculpture created in 2004 by Adelino Serafim Maté, Fiel dos Santos, Hilario Nhatugueja, and Christavao Canhavato (Kester) in Maputo, Mozambique. Made out of decommissioned weapons, it is part of the Transforming Arms Into Tools project, which encourages Mozambicans to turn in guns and other weapons from that country's civil war in exchange for items like plows, bicycles, and sewing machines.

☞ Looking Ahead: Christian Education (Ages 3-103) ☞

Wednesday, May 29

Adult Bible Study - Adult Bible Study with Pastor Adam on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. The study will be on The Beginning-Genesis 6.

Sunday, June 2

Christian Education (Ages 3-103), 9:15 a.m.

-Adults are welcome in McMillan Chapel at 9:15 AM to have coffee and conversation.

-Children and Youth will meet in Fellowship Hall starting at 9:15 AM and then will go to their respective classrooms to begin Sunday School at 9:30.

Sunday School will be in session until June 9. The Christian Education Committee offers prayers of gratitude for all teachers, helpers and for all our wonderful students.

Looking Ahead: OPC Happenings

Saturday, June 1

Here comes the OPC Youth Car Wash! It's time to wash that pollen off the hood of your car...and our youth will do it. Stop by the church parking lot on Saturday, June 1 10:00-1:00 PM. The car wash is "pay what you think it's worth." All proceeds will go to support the Youth Mission Trip. And...we will have food...the hot dogs will be ready and waiting! Best car wash in town...best hot dogs ever!

Sunday, June 2

During worship on June 2, we will install The Rev. Dr. Adam Hearlson as Designated Pastor of Overbrook Presbyterian Church. All are welcome to remain with us after worship for a light reception to celebrate Adam's installation.

Monday, June 3

The OPC book club will meet Monday, June 3 at 7:30 p.m. at Laurie Geers' house, 105 Cornell Road, Bala Cynwyd, to discuss Gail Honeyman's novel *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine*. All are welcome; please RSVP to Laurie at lgeersgr@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Wednesday, June 5

Safety and Security Team: an opportunity for volunteerism! The Safety and Security Team will meet in the Williamson Room on at 7:00 PM. We welcome those who have already joined the effort and encourage all who are interested to come and bring your church safety ideas and expertise. We are your team of welcoming greeters, openers/closers, safety monitors, and emergency responders...and we look forward to growing in numbers.

Thursday, June 6

The RPM Cafe will be open for business on Thursday, June 6...and our business is good food and fellowship! All members and friends are welcome regardless of age. We'll gather in the Chapel from 11:30-1:00 PM for a very special program...*"Lunch with the Pastor!"* Adam will join us for fellowship and conversation. BYO sandwich or salad. The cafe menu will include choice of soups, desserts, and beverages. The RPM Cafe is a ministry of the Congregational Life Committee; there is no charge to participate. Sign-ups are appreciated; please look for the sign-up sheet in the Wistar Morris Room following worship.

☞ General Announcements ☞

—CLASS OF—
2019

If anyone has a member of their family graduating from high school, college, graduate school or vocational programs this year, please send the names and where they are graduating from so that we can recognize their accomplishments in our newsletter and at the Deacon's Congregational picnic.. Please contact Artia Benjamin (newlife5125@aol.com) or email the church office at office@overbrookpresb.org.

OPC Youth...the time is now! Get ready for the Youth Lock-in at OPC. The adventure begins at 6:00 PM on Friday and continues into Saturday with the Car Wash! Our "adventure" includes Friday dinner, endless snacks, and Saturday breakfast and lunch. It also includes (the almost famous) flashlight tour of the church, a film and great fun. Bring your sleeping bag and a sense of humor.

Coffee Hour Hosts are needed for the following Sundays: June 23 and 30 and July 7 and 14. Are you wondering which ministry you can get involved with at OPC that can fit into your schedule? Volunteering to host a coffee hour after worship is an ideal activity. Instructions for this easily accomplished ministry are available on the OPC web site. **All ages** can participate. Remember to keep it simple. There are always folks present to lend a hand. Coffee hour is a cherished tradition at OPC and hosts are heaped with gratitude by this congregation. For more information please contact Peggy Kaercher at 610-642-2906 or Pat Ogundele at 610-668-1309. Thank you.

Prayer List

- ◆ Paul Biletz was recently diagnosed with small-cell lung cancer and has begun treatment.
- ◆ Bruce, the brother of Nancy Elmore's dear friend, Carol Anthony, passed away on Tuesday.
- ◆ Ana, a friend of Amy Behrman and Rob Wilson, is improving and has been taken off the ventilator.
- ◆ Ed Harvey is experiencing continued health concerns.
- ◆ Don Carver is continuing to recover at home.
- ◆ Nell Ezequelle, friend of Mary Lou Ryce, has recently been diagnosed with cancer.
- ◆ Artia Benjamin's cousin, Dolores Harrison, is showing signs of improvement after suffering a stroke. .
- ◆ John Nathaniel continues to recover from a stroke.
- ◆ Ellen Burr is experiencing ongoing medical concerns.

Please contact Mike Rottinger to add names to the prayer list.

Mike can be reached by email (mike.rottinger@comcast.net).

You can also leave a message with the Church Office.

OPC SESSION MEMBERS:

Adam Hearlson, Moderator

Sara Davis, Clerk of Session; Stephanie Morris, Treasurer

** indicates second consecutive term

Class of 2019

Jeffrey Bowker**

Raelyn Harman**

Larry McGhee

Deborah Rottinger

Eileen Wiggins

Class of 2020

Rachel Carnahan**

Kevin Davis

Becky Lazo

Will Schick**

Karen Wong**

Class of 2021

Elaine Blodgett

Herbert Brabham

Elizabeth Mendoza

Richard Owens

Aimerie Scherluebbe**

OPC DEACONS:

Mike Rottinger, Moderator, Board of Deacons

Brad Biedermann, Treasurer; Jill Van Rawley, Secretary

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Artia Benjamin

Suchita Fiorillo

Angie Goodall**

Michael Rottinger**

Nickie Stokes

Class of 2020

Peju Adebajo

Brad Biedermann**

Sabrina Johnson**

Alan Sigler

Jill Van Rawley

Class of 2021

Nancy Elmore

Nancy Gilhool

Terri Hunter**

Mary Lou Ryce

Carol Tulba**

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The Rev. Dr. Adam Hearlson - *Designated Pastor*

The Rev. David McMillan - *Pastor Emeritus*

Dr. Christopher Gage - *Director of Music*

Sharon Parker - *Director of Christian Education & Church Administration*

Lisa Faso - *Office Manager*

Carol Rozmiarek - *Financial Secretary*

Leonard Robbins - *Church Custodian*

The Overbrook Quartet:

Iris Fairfax, *soprano*; Molly McDonald, *alto*;

Toffer Mihalka, *tenor*; Matthew Lulofs, *bass*

Overbrook Presbyterian Church is a welcoming and diverse
Christian community that actively seeks to love and serve
God, each other, and the world.
