

# OVERBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Seventh Sunday in Easter

May 8, 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: Jonathan Kopcsik, Acolyte: Tarah Paul,  
The Overbrook Junior Choir, Margene Biedermann, Director  
Victor Fiorillo, Accompanist  
The Overbrook Choir, Dennis Elwell, Minister of Music.

**The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by  
Gail Kaercher in memory of her sister Virginia Biddle.**

### **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, and Judy Williamson.**

### **Deacons delivering flowers:**

**John Baker and Nicole Stokes-Robinson**

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: Chant de May Op. 53, No. 1 Joseph Jongen  
O God Beyond All Praising (THAXTED) arr. Lyle K. Neff

INTROIT George Thalben-Ball  
Ye Know the Grace of Our Lord, Jesus Christ

### ❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God,

MANY: let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

ALL: Let us worship our God!

### ❖ HYMN NO. 755

WEISSE FLAGGEN

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.

### 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

Jacques Berthier

## WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 97

Page 521, Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Bwana Asifiwe

Pedro Infante

*The Overbrook Junior Choir*

*Margene Biedermann, Director; Victor Fiorillo, Accompanist*

*Soloists, Mikaya Keys, Amiya Topping, Emma Biedermann, Maya Stricker*

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 will depart for Sunday School.*

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 15: 9-17

Page 103, Bible

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

“Is Love a Four Letter Word?”

Dr. Mann

## ❖ HYMN NO. 754

BARONITA

Help Us Accept Each Other

*(Students in Grades 2-12 will depart for Sunday School at the beginning of the Hymn)*

## ❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* The Confession of 1967

God's Sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of man's mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love. 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

Gustav Holst; arr. Hal H. Hopson

O God, Beyond All Praising

*The Overbrook Choir*

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing  
the love amazing that songs cannot repay;

for we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end;  
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Alleluia.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favor may serve you as our king;  
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

## OFFERING

❖ DOXOLOGY, NO. 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING

❖ HYMN NO. 546

SICILIAN MARINERS

Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

John Yarrington

The Grace of Our Lord Jesus

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

## POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary (Suite in D)

John Stanley

# This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 8	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
Tuesday, May 10	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday, May 11	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Thursday, May 12	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
Sunday, May 15	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum
	9:15 a.m.	Junior Choir
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour

Following worship today, please join us for Coffee Hour in the Wistar Morris Room hosted by the Men of Overbrook. **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 Groups** - Adult Bible Study will be meeting this **Wednesday, May 11 at 11:00 a.m.**, in the Chapel. Rev. Mann will be leading us in our continuing discussion of the Gospel of Luke.

**Heavenly Harvest Meals at Calvin's Kitchen** - Every **Thursday**, 10:30 a.m., 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 information.



## 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. And 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 contact Dr. Mann by email if you are interested: [drew@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:drew@overbrookpresb.org) or by calling the office at 215-877-2744 ext. 11





# Coming up at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

**Next Sunday May 15:** The Fifth Sunday in Easter. Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Andrew H. Mann, Jr., Lay Leader: Confirmands, Acolyte: Dan Biedermann, Flowers: TBA; Coffee Hour: Friends of the Confirmands.

**The Confirmation Class of 2016** - will be presented to the congregation during worship on May 15. Please join us as we welcome eleven of the youth of Overbrook into the fellowship of adult believers.

**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).







# CHURCH STAFF

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Interim Minister

Dennis Elwell  
Minister of Music

Margene Biedermann  
Junior Choir Director

Earlene Ford  
Financial Secretary

The Rev. David K. McMillan  
Pastor Emeritus

Sharon Parker  
Director of Christian Education

Roseann Christian  
Office Manager

Leonard Robbins  
Custodian

## THE OVERBROOK QUARTET

Iris Fairfax  
Soprano

Lois Babbitt  
Mezzo-Soprano

Toffer T. Mihalka  
Tenor

Daniel Lickteig  
Baritone



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