



Overbrook

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship Service
May 17, 2026
11:00 A.M.

Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church
We are glad you are worshiping with us this morning!

Notes on Today's Service

Leadership:

The Rev. Dr. Adam Hearlson, Pastor
Wanda Harris-Cooper, Pastor of Care and Youth Ministry
Calvin Marshall, Liturgist
Anthony M. Carrella, Director of Children and Family Ministry
Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music
The Overbrook Choir
The Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir
Brad and Margene Biedermann, percussion

Today's chancel flowers are given by Susy Brandt
in loving memory of Jane Krumrine and her parents, Jane and Charles Krumrine.

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 are Available.

Please speak to one of the ushers if you have special needs.

Following worship today, please join us for Fellowship Hour.
All are welcome!

Ways to Give:

Text "GIVEOPC" 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. You may also scan the QR code for giving options.

GIVING



❖=Stand as you are able

GATHERING IN

PRELUDE

arr. Cathy Moglebust

Crown Him with Many Crowns

(b. 1958)

INTROIT

G. T. Thalben-Ball

Blessed is his glorious name forever

(1896-1987)

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Calvin Marshall

Leader: The God who made us in love calls us into relationship.

People: We come, carrying both our joy and our brokenness.

Leader: The God who formed us in the divine image still calls us “very good.”

People: We come, trusting that, even now, God is not finished with us.

Leader: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

All: Let us worship God together.

❖HYMN (*on next page*)

EIN FESTE BURG

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

WELCOME

Adam Hearlson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COURAGE (*unison*)

Calvin Marshall

Merciful God,

you created us in your image

to live in communion with you, with one another, and with creation.

Yet we confess that we have distorted this gift.

Like Cain, we have asked, “Am I my brother’s keeper?”

We have failed to see our neighbor as gift.

We have let anger, envy, fear, and indifference

fracture the relationships to which you call us.

We have walked in darkness

and called it light.

We have hidden instead of healed.

Forgive us.

Cover us in the power of your grace.

Restore in us the image we bear.

Teach us to love as you love. Amen.

1. A might-y for-ress is our God, a bul-wark nev-er fail-ing;
 2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, our striv-ing would be los-ing,
 3. And tho' this world with dev-ils filled should threat-en to un-do us,
 4. That word a-bove all earth-ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a-bid-eth;

our Help-er He, a-mid the flood of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing.
 were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choos-ing.
 we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri-umph through us.
 the Spir-it and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sid-eth.

For still our an-cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus, it is He; Lord Sab-a-oth His
 The prince of dark-ness grim, we trem-ble not for him; his rage we can en-
 Let goods and kin-dred go, this mor-tal life al-so; the bod-y they may

great, and, armed with cru-el hate; on earth is not his e-qual.
 name, from age to age the same, and He must win the bat-tle.
 dure, for lo, his doom is sure; one lit-tle word shall fell him.
 kill: God's truth a-bid-eth still—His king-dom is for-ev-er!

The service continues on the previous page.

SILENT CONFESSION

EMBRACING GOD'S GRACE

❖ GLORIA PATRI

HYMN No. 581

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 1:7-9 *Calvin Marshall*

If you would like to follow along with today's Scripture reading, Bibles are available at the back of Fellowship Hall. Kindly return them to the cart following worship.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

BIBLICAL STORYTELLING

Anthony Carrella

(Following the storytelling, learners are encouraged to process to Children's Sunday School on the ground floor. Before heading to the fellowship hour, parents and caregivers are asked to check in with their children.)

ANTHEM

Patricia Hurlbutt

Honduras Alleluia

(b. 1948)

*The Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir
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Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!



Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!



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Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 4:1-10

Adam Hearlson

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Adam Hearlson

“I probably should know this, but... what is sin?”

❖ HYMN (*on opposite page*)

TRUST AND OBEY

As a Chalice Cast of Gold



1 As a chal - ice cast of gold, bur-nished, bright and
2 Save me from the sooth - ing sin of the emp - ty
3 When I bend up - on my knees, clasp my hands, or
4 When I dance or chant your praise, when I sing a



brimmed with wine, make me, Lord, as fit to hold grace and
cul - tic deed and the pi - ous, bab-bling din of the
bow my head, let my spo - ken, pub - lic pleas be di -
psalm or hymn, when I preach your lov - ing ways, let my



truth and love di - vine. Let my praise and
claimed but un - lived creed. Let my ac - tions,
rect - ly, sim - ply said, free of tan - gled
heart add its A - men. Let each cher - ished



wor - ship start with the cleans - ing of my heart.
Lord, ex - press what my tongue and lips pro - fess.
words that mask what my soul would plain - ly ask.
out - ward rite thus re - flect your in - ward light.

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From The Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.

Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

LIFE AT THE CROSSROADS

Adam Hearlson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Wanda Harris-Cooper

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

Wanda Harris-Cooper

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Wanda Harris-Cooper

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Spiritual, arr. Lee Cloud

My Good Lord's Done Been Here

(1950-1995)

The Overbrook Choir

My Good Lord's done been here,
blessed my soul and gone,
and I thank him for my living every day.

Lord, I would not be a back slider,
I tell you the reason why,
'cause if my Lord were to call on me,
oh, I wouldn't be ready to die.

Lord, I would not be a liar,
I tell you the reason why,
'cause if my Lord were to call on me,
I wouldn't be ready to die.

African-American Spiritual

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

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

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Calvin Marshall

Gracious God, you have formed us in your image and called us into relationship with you and your world. Receive now these gifts we offer—our time, our work, our resources, and our very lives. Use them for your purposes of healing and reconciliation in the world. Where there is fracture, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is estrangement, make us bearers of your reconciling love. Where there is shadow, make us reflections of your light in Christ. We dedicate all that we are and all that we have to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

❖ HYMN (*on opposite page*)

LANCASHIRE

Lead On, O King Eternal!

❖ BENEDICTION

Adam Hearlson

CHORAL RESPONSE

John Yarrington

The Grace of the Lord Jesus

(b. 1943)

POSTLUDE

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

<u>Happenings: Week of May 17 to May 24</u> <i>All events take place at OPC unless otherwise specified.</i>	
Sunday, May 17	9:30 A.M. – Confirmation Class 11:00 A.M. – Worship Service 12:00 P.M. – Fellowship Hour
Tuesday, May 19	7:30 A.M. – Morning Prayer (online) 7:00 P.M. – Session (online)
Wednesday, May 20	9:30 A.M. – Centering Prayer 10:30 A.M. – Bible Study
Thursday, May 21	7:30 P.M. – Overbrook Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, May 23	10:30 A.M. – Gospel Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, May 24	9:30 A.M. – Confirmation Class 11:00 A.M. – Worship Service 12:00 P.M. – Fellowship Hour

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents shall be our home.
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
 for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears;

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong,
 for not with swords' loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums;
 your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light.

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 with deeds of love and mer - cy the heav - en - ly king - dom comes.
 The crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Not everything that looks like a battle ends up being one. This text, written for a seminary graduation, works well with its martial tune in the first stanza; but later stanzas turn from such imagery and focus on "deeds of love and mercy" and courage for life's journey.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Centering Prayer and Bible Study. Join us for these two midweek programs, which take place in the OPC Conference Room. Centering Prayer begins at 9:30 A.M., and Bible Study begins at 10:30 A.M.

Honoring Our Graduates. A list of the names of our high school and college graduates will be published in our June newsletter. If you know of any graduates in high school or college, please email the name of the graduate and their achievement to either Artia Benjamin (youth@overbrookpresb.org) or Lisa Faso (office@overbrookpresb.org) no later than Monday, May 25.

“Crescendo for Justice: Breaking the Silence for Immigrant Rights”—Monday, June 1, 7:30 P.M. HIAS Pennsylvania, which supports immigrant rights, will hold a benefit concert at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. This event will feature musicians from the Philadelphia Orchestra, Philly Pops, Opera Philadelphia, Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, Delaware Symphony, and Harrisburg Symphony, conducted by Lina Gonzalez-Granados. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required, and donations to HIAS are encouraged. You can register at this link: <https://hiaspa.org/event/crescendo-for-justice/>.

Teachers’ Teammates—Donations accepted. A collection bin is now stationed outside the office entrance. There is a pocket hanging from its front with copies of the Accepted Donation List (and what we don’t accept), or you can scan the QR code to see it. If you have any questions, please contact Raelyn Harman at 610-331-8972 or Raelyn.Harman@TeachersTeammates.org. Thank you for your support!

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Chancel Flowers—Donations needed. Please consider donating the Sunday morning chancel flowers in honor or 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/2p8secsur>. 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.

Each Sunday, the chancel flowers are delivered by the deacons to OPC members.

Fellowship Hour—Volunteers and Donations Needed. Every week after worship, we gather as share something to eat and drink, welcome new people, and check in with friends. For many at Overbrook, this time feels like an extension of worship. As we transition home, we will adapt a few of our traditions while the building remains under construction. Since the kitchen will be in renovation, there will be no cooking space, refrigerator space, or running water for dishes. Each week, we will need a Fellowship Coordinator and donations from OPC members and friends:



- **Fellowship Hour Coordinator.** A coordinator greets and receives donations for the sharing table, sets up the donations, and organizes cleanup after Fellowship Hour.
- **Sharing Table Donations.** The Fellowship Hour table will welcome any assorted finger food contributions each Sunday. Please keep the treats simple—nothing that requires utensils or refrigeration. We will reserve a space to label foods that are vegan, nut-free or gluten-free.

To sign up, scan the QR code above. We hope that this will be an opportunity for all to participate in our shared Fellowship experience while we adapt to the restrictions of being under construction. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Artia Benjamin and the Congregational Life Committee (clc@overbrookpresb.org).

MUSIC MINISTRY

Gospel Choir Workshop—Saturday, May 23, 10:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. As our program year nears its conclusion, we have one more opportunity for you to participate in the Overbrook Gospel Choir before the summer. We will gather in Fellowship Hall to sing together and learn a couple of gospel songs; then, we will sing those songs in worship the next day. You do not have to have sung for previous Gospel Choir Sundays to participate in this one; all are invited, regardless of experience. Help us continue this wonderful new ensemble!

Concert: The Angel Choir of First Presbyterian Church (Granville, Ohio)—Tuesday, June 2, 7:00 P.M. Join us in Fellowship Hall for this concert, which will feature middle- and high-school singers performing a wide variety of sacred and secular music. We are also excited because this group has a special Overbrook connection: Wallace Bubar, former pastor of OPC, now serves this church! We hope that you can attend and support this group of talented musicians and their mission.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Choir – The next performance will be on Sunday, June 28. Our next song we have on tap is True Colors by Cyndi Lauper. **Today is the first rehearsal after worship.** Any youth that is interested in participating or learning more about the choir, please go to the choir room in the basement after grabbing a snack from Fellowship Hour. Any youth that is interested in participating but is unable to attend today's rehearsal, please RSVP to Suchita – youth@overbrookpresb.org.

Below are the future rehearsal dates:

- **June 5**, we will rehearse at the monthly youth group meeting. Come have dinner and fun, and we'll sing it a couple of times. Quick and easy.
- **June 14**, rehearsal right after church.
- **June 28th** - This is the performance date. Please be at church **no later than 10:30am** for rehearsal. After church, we will have a pizza party for the choir as a way of saying thank you!

Youth Sunday. Our next Youth Sunday will be May 31. 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. Here are some ways in which youth can participate:

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

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

A Special Evening of Music & Poetry—Tuesday, May 26, 6:30 P.M. Save the date for this special presentation at OPC! Details are coming soon.

Annual Pool Party—Friday, June 12, 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. Save the date and find your swim gear for this event at the **Belmont Hills Pool!** A signup will be offered as the event gets closer; this party will be entirely funded by CFM. (Our rain date is June 19.)

MISSION AND OUTREACH

H-Can Donations - Today Mission and Outreach are collecting much needed items for HCan during Fellowship Hour. H-CAN is The Havertown-Area Community Action Network. It is a grassroots community effort bringing together and serving residents of Havertown and surrounding neighborhoods to promote justice, equity, and inclusion, and democracy. The all-volunteer organization strives to create a sense of community where everyone is heard, valued, and able to thrive." All food received will directly serve those in need in our area. This will be a monthly donation collection on the third Sunday of each month.

In your weekly food shopping trip please include some (or all!) of the following items:

- Long grain rice (3 lb. Bag or smaller)
- Dry black beans (2 lb. Bag or smaller)
- Kid-friendly cereal
- Mac and cheese (the orange kind)
- Dry pasta
- Diapers (only size 5-7)
- Instant coffee
- Reusable grocery bags

Contact [Janet Bowker](#) if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks for your support!

Donations of Gently Used Books. We are continuing to collect calendars, gently used paperback books, and magazines for **Books Through Bars**. Look for the plastic bins on the Mission table in Fellowship Hour.

DEACONS

Transportation Assistance. If you face challenges in getting to Overbrook for services or challenges in transport for other important needs, or if you know someone in our extended church family who does, we encourage you to speak to one of the Deacons. We are working to improve our transportation ministry, and we may be able to help. Email deacons@overbrook.org for additional information.

Immigration-Related Support. If you or anyone in your circle of family or friends is facing immigration-related challenges, OPC would like to help. Please consider contacting one of the deacons or pastoral staff. We may be able to assist with daily needs or connect you with outside experts if necessary. We promise all requests will be kept confidential. A list of deacons is available on the back page of the bulletin.

CARING FOR OUR SPACE

Sunday Worship Space Care. Would you be willing to offer a few minutes one Sunday each month to tidy the worship space following the service? This includes collecting leftover materials and, on the first Sunday of the month, disposing of Communion cups. This simple task could be a meaningful way for a family (including children) or an individual to serve. Volunteers would commit to the same Sunday each month.

Closing the Building. We are also seeking volunteers to close the building one Sunday per month after worship and activities conclude. This includes ensuring the playground and office doors are locked and that lights are turned off. A checklist will be provided to guide you. If you interested in being part of either of the above opportunities, scan the QR code. When signing up, please indicate which Sunday of the month (1st through 5th) you prefer. The purpose of this signup is to have people responsible just one Sunday a month. Once we have enough coverage, a schedule will be made and emailed to all that signed up.

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These are small but important ways to support our shared life and ministry. Thank you for caring for our church home. If you have questions, please email Lisa Faso (office@overbrookpresb.org) or Pat Dillon (psdillon1@earthlink.net)

PRAYER LIST

- Prayers for strength and healing for Ed Harvey as he is facing some medical/dental issues.
- Prayers for Laurie Geers daughter, Emma and their family, as they mourn the death of Emma's father in law, John Kenealy.
- Prayers for Dornell Guthrie and her family as they mourn the recent death of Dornell's beloved husband, Douglas Guthrie.
- Prayers of comfort and support for Lisa Cosgriff as she faces a serious new medical diagnosis.
- Prayers for strength and healing for Susan Leach, Becky Lazo's mom, as she continues her health recovery.
- Prayers for successful treatment and recovery of Kari McDevitt, friend of the Lazo's, as she faces her 9th cancer diagnosis.
- Prayers of healing for Syrena Torres, who is recovering from surgery.
- Prayers for Scott Long's friend, Ammar in Pakistan, who is facing cancer.
- Prayers of healing and comfort for Nancy Gilhool, as she recovers from a broken ankle and finger.
- Prayers for peace and restoration in the Middle East, and that the hearts of world leaders are turned away from violence.
- Prayers for dignity and resilience of the people of Cuba as they suffer under the US blockade.
- Prayers of support for those embarking on new ventures and for all undergoing the uncertainty of transitions.
- Prayers for dignity, stability, and comfort for all those navigating changes in government assistance programs.
- Prayers for all who are facing health concerns, especially Roz Benton, Peggy Boatwright, Gary Fairfax, Brian Henderson, Gwen Anthony, Gail Kaercher, Vince Gilhool, Gwen Harden, Bette Homer, Beth Leach, Valerie Craig, Patricia MacCausland, Joan Moylan, Jim Moylan, Davorka Sabljak, Carolyn Summers, Nathan Tullio and Natalie DeShields.

Please contact Mads at (deacons@overbrookpresb.org) or Adam Hearlson (adam@overbrookpresb.org) to add names to the prayer list.

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OPC SESSION MEMBERS:

Adam Hearlson, Moderator, Stephanie Morris, Treasurer

** indicates second consecutive term

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Artia Benjamin	Brian Burke	Shanae Bryan
Joseph Blair	Karen Testa	Corinna Bowser**
Keedra Carroll**	Brian Taussig-Lux**	Cheryl Davis **
Solomon Hunter**	Christoph Von Andreae**	Claire Fay
Nathalie May**	Mimi Winkler**	Janie Martin

OPC DEACONS:

Mads Piatt Cosgriff and Denise Stewart, Co-Moderators, Board of Deacons

Jason Sheau, Treasurer; Zee Ann Mason, Secretary

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Denise Stewart	Margene Biedermann	Chris Bryan
Miriam Harden**	Mads Piatt Cosgriff	Laurie Geers
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Artia Benjamin and Suchita Fiorillo - *Co-Directors of Youth Ministry*

Lisa Faso - *Office Manager*

Carol Rozmiarek - *Financial Secretary and Director of Programming*

Leonard Robbins - *Church Custodian*

The Overbrook Quartet:

Iris Fairfax, *soprano*; Syrena Torres, *alto*;

Toffer Mihalka, *tenor*; Matthew Zimnoch, *bass (guest)*

“Overbrook Presbyterian Church actively seeks to worship God, serving each other and the world through a welcoming, loving, and inclusive ministry.”
