



# Overbrook

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 19, 2024 | 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church (on the Road)  
We are glad you are worshiping with us this morning!

## Notes on Today's Service

### Leadership:

The Rev. Dr. Adam Hearlson, Pastor  
Cindi Landmesser, Liturgist  
Sharon Parker, Parish Care Associate  
Anthony M. Carrella, Director of Children and Family Ministry  
Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music  
The Overbrook Choir  
Toffer Mihalka, tenor  
Jane Martin, piano

Today's chancel flowers are given by Summit Presbyterian Church.

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, please join us for Fellowship Hour, hosted by Amanda Scherbenske and Stephanie Morris. All are welcome!

❖=Stand as you are able

## GATHERING IN

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Come, Holy Ghost

Martin Luther  
(1483-1546)

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

*Adapted from the Community of Aidan and Hilda*

*Cindi Landmesser*

Leader: Flame of purity:

People: **light us up.**

Leader: Flame of beauty:

People: **open our eyes.**

Leader: Flame of wisdom:

People: **broaden our minds.**

Leader: Flame of friendship:

People: **tighten our bonds.**

Leader: Flame of true speech:

People: **amplify our voice.**

Leader: Flame of true seeing:

People: **shine a light on your world.**

Leader: Flame of winging:

People: **prepare and send us.**

Leader: Flame of kindling:

All: **light us up.**

❖HYMN (*on next page*)

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

1 Come down, O Love Di - vine; seek out this soul of mine,  
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing.  
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing.  
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing.

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear,  
 And let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
 For none can guess God's grace, till Love cre - ates a place

and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

WELCOME

*Adam Hearlson*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COURAGE (*unison*)

*Cindi Landmesser*

Amazing God,  
you call us together this day,  
just as you called the disciples  
on the Day of Pentecost.  
You challenge and support us,  
revealing the brokenness of our communities;  
giving us the peace that our world needs.  
You point us to the pain of the cross,  
and then remind us of the joy of the resurrection.  
Heal us, forgive us, and transform us, O God,  
through the power of your Holy Spirit.

Help us breathe deeply  
of the Breath of Life.  
Blow through our worship  
and change our lives forever. Amen.

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

NEW TESTAMENT  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Acts 2:1-21

*Cindi Landmesser*

BIBLICAL STORYTELLING

*Anthony Carrella*

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

SOLO

arr. Lloyd Larson  
(b. 1954)

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God  
*Toffer Mihalka, tenor*

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Holy Spirit, living breath of God,  
Breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Let the presence of the risen Lord,  
Come renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;  
Give me faith for what I cannot see,  
Give me passion for Your purity;  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,  
May Your joy be seen in all I do.  
Love enough to cover every sin,  
In each thought and deed and attitude.  
Kindness to the greatest and the least,  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my strivings into works of grace;  
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,  
Giving life to all that God has made,  
Show Your power once again on earth,  
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,  
That in unity the face of Christ  
May be clear for all the world to see.

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*Keith Getty and Stuart Townend*

OLD TESTAMENT

Ezekiel 37:1-14

*Adam Hearlson*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“What Will I Look Like?”

*Adam Hearlson*

*(Following the sermon, youth Grades 6 through Grade 12  
are encouraged to recess to Sunday School.)*

## As the Wind Song



1 As the wind song through the trees, as the  
 2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the



stir - ring of the breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of  
 hope that's born a - gain, so it is with the Spir - it of



God, as the heart made strange-ly warm, as the  
 God, as the green in the spring, as a



voice with - in the storm, so it is with the Spir - it of  
 kite on a string, so it is with the Spir - it of



God. Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has  
 God, mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come



blown bring - ing life, bring - ing power to the world,  
 true, bring - ing gifts, bring - ing love to the world,



as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -  
 as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the



sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.  
 feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.

## ❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

### *Apostles' Creed*

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

*Adam Hearlson*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Sharon Parker*

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

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

*Adam Hearlson*

## MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

arr. Rollo Dilworth  
(b. 1970)

Every Time I Feel the Spirit  
*The Overbrook Choir*  
*Jane Martin, piano*

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Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit  
moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain when my Lord spoke,  
out of His mouth came fire and smoke.  
And all around me, all looked so fine,  
I asked the Lord if all was mine.

The Jordan River is chilly and cold,  
it chills the body, but not the soul.  
There ain't but one train that runs this track,  
runs up to heaven and right back.

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*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

*Cindi Landmesser*

God, you have gathered your church together so that we might be a blessing to this world. May these gifts bless those in need. God, you have gathered your church so that they might be sent into the world. May we not just offer gifts here in this place, but may we also go out into the world speaking the words the world needs to hear: words of care, compassion, and love. Amen

## SENDING FORTH

## ❖ HYMN (*on next page*)

NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWENA  
Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing;  
 2 Come to teach us; come to nour - ish  
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing  
 4 Not mere knowl - edge, but dis - cern - ment,  
 5 Keep us fer - vent in our wit - ness,

fash - ion us all a - new. It's your lead - ing  
 those who be - lieve in Christ. Bless the faith - ful;  
 done in your ho - ly name. Mo - ti - vate all  
 nor root - less lib - er - ty; turn dis - qui - et  
 un - swayed by earth's al - lure. Ev - er grant us

that we're need - ing; help us to fol - low you.  
 may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.  
 in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.  
 to con - tent - ment, doubt in - to cer - tain - ty.  
 zeal - ous fit - ness, which you a - lone as - sure.

Refrain

Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.  
 Njo - o, njo - o, nj - oo, Ro - ho mwe - ma.

❖BENEDICTION

Adam Hearlson

❖CHORAL RESPONSE

Peace I Leave With You

Eleanor Daley  
(b. 1955)

POSTLUDE

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

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Centering Prayer and Bible Study—Wednesday, 9:30 A.M and 10:30 A.M. We will meet at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El for prayer and study.

Fellowship Hour Hosts Needed! During these past months, we have been able to continue our tradition of after worship refreshments, thanks to those who have volunteered to host. We at CLC are so grateful for your assistance! Over the next few months, we will still need your help; just scan the QR to sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Artia Benjamin by email at [clc@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:clc@overbrookpresb.org). Please provide your email and phone number when you sign up: we will send you the tips and guidelines document, and you will receive a reminder email from the Signup Genius website when it is your turn.



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 ([newlife5125@gmail.com](mailto:newlife5125@gmail.com)) or Lisa Faso ([office@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:office@overbrookpresb.org)) no later than Wednesday, May 22.

Adult Forum Returns!—May 21 and 28, 7:00 P.M. OPC's Adult Forum is returning to a new time and place! "Conversation on Israel and Gaza Pastor Adam will convene two Zoom conversations about the role of Christian witness amid war and violence in Gaza and Israel. Recognizing this is a complicated topic; the initial meeting will provide a brief history of the region and identify some of the challenging questions that hinder the peace process. The second meeting will then discuss how Christians can live out their call to love their neighbors near and far. These initial conversations will be designed for our internal church community. Due to the subject's sensitivity, we want to maintain a space of care and honesty where people can ask their questions as we work toward faithful action.

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83793064432>

**Greet the Light—Sunday, May 26, 8:17 to 9:17 P.M.** Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting invites the public to join them for the viewing of *Greet the Light*, a permanent Skyspace installation by acclaimed artist James Turrell. The presentations are timed to coincide with the rising and setting of the sun. A block of tickets has been reserved for OPC members and friends later this month. Tickets and carpooling can be arranged through Parish Care; there will be no charge to participate. To learn more about this extraordinary experience, visit their web site ([chestnuthillskyspace.org](http://chestnuthillskyspace.org)) or contact Sharon Parker ([sharon@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:sharon@overbrookpresb.org)).

**Spring Inquirers Class—May 26 and June 2, 9:30 A.M.** Have you been attending OPC and want to know more about our church? Bring your questions and come for good conversation with others on their faith journey. Childcare will be available upon request. Please RSVP to Elizabeth Mendoza [egmendoza@comcast.net](mailto:egmendoza@comcast.net).

**“Bring Your Own Picnic”—Sunday, June 9, 1:00 to 5:00 P.M.** OPC has a tradition of gatherings for food and community. The Deacons decided that continuing this tradition is important, perhaps even more important at this time. So, we will gather for the annual Deacons’ picnic at **General Wayne Park, 305 Maplewood Ave., Merion Station**. This year, we suggest that congregants bring their own picnic lunch. The Deacons will provide beverages and desserts. There are picnic tables and benches, but some may like to bring blankets for a picnic on the grass. Amenities include two large playgrounds, a basketball court, a baseball field, and tennis and pickleball courts. Some of you might like to bring sports gear to take advantage of this opportunity for a match or game. Nearby parking is available. For purposes of planning, please RSVP during coffee hour with Sharon Elwell, or watch your email for a Signup Genius link, by **June 2**.

## YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Youth Summer Mission Trip—July 14-19.** All youth 14 (by October 31) to 18 years of age are invited to join us for a youth mission trip to Urban Promise, Camden, NJ. Thanks to our congregation’s wonderful generosity, the youth mission trip cost is now only \$50 per participant. Please register by June 7 by emailing [youth@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:youth@overbrookpresb.org). Scan the QR code for access to the travel and medical consent forms needed for each participant.



## YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT'D)

**End-of-School Celebration—Friday, May 31, 5:30 P.M.** Calling all middle and high school students! You are invited to join us for an end-of-the-school-year celebration hosted by Sunanda and Phillip Brown, parents of Solly and Anya. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Dinner and s'mores will be provided. RSVP to [youth@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:youth@overbrookpresb.org) by Sunday, May 26. We hope to see you there!

## CFM ANNOUNCEMENTS

**May Children's Schedule.** Leaders are delighted to announce that our Sunday School teachers will hold sessions today and May 26, culminating a successful program year! The CFM invites families to join us every Sunday in May for Prayerground, Biblical Storytelling, and Nursery.

**Treetop Quest Adventure—Sunday, June 2, 12:00 to 3:30 P.M.** Good news! Our Treetop Quest outing for 9-11-year-olds has been confirmed. This thrilling adventure promises a fantastic opportunity for fun and fellowship in nature at Fairmount Park. After church, we will share pizza together before heading over to the venue, and we will wrap up our time at 3:30 PM. Families are kindly requested to complete the participation waiver in advance at [tinyurl.com/Waiver-Treetop](http://tinyurl.com/Waiver-Treetop). The Children and Family Ministry has reduced family admission costs by 50%. Please plan to submit payments (\$20.50 per child and \$27.50 per adult) to Carol Rozmiarek at [carol@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:carol@overbrookpresb.org) by the day of the event. If you have any questions or haven't registered yet, please connect with Anthony, Molly, and Emily at [cfm@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:cfm@overbrookpresb.org).

**Register for Vacation Bible School!** Mark your calendars for CFM's upcoming Vacation Bible School, "Less is More," from June 25 to 27. Location details are forthcoming, so stay tuned! Register now as a camper, counselor, or volunteer at [tinyurl.com/VBSParticipation-24](http://tinyurl.com/VBSParticipation-24) (or scan the QR code) and experience an unforgettable summer!



**Leaders Needed for Fall.** We need your support for the CFM's new Big Kids' Sunday School for 9-11-year-olds this fall! Whether you can lead, assist, or prepare materials, your contribution will make a significant difference. Even one Sunday counts! Sign up at [tinyurl.com/CFMVolunteerSignUpForm](http://tinyurl.com/CFMVolunteerSignUpForm) (or scan the QR code) and commence the clearance process today.



## Prayer List

- Prayers for restoration of Pastor Adam's health.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Gloria, sister of Marlin Newsome, following her recent back surgery.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Kait, sister-in-law of Katie Kupstas.
- Prayers for comfort and compassionate care for John Nelson, cousin of Rachel Carnahan, as he receives medical care for cancer.
- Prayers for comfort and compassionate care for Joyce, friend of Bette Homer, as Joyce receives hospice care.
- Prayers for comfort and healing for Larry Arata who remains under medical care.
- Prayers for compassionate care and comfort for Doris McDaniel, mother of Jim McDaniel.
- Prayers for comfort and peace for Colleen Granata, mother of Brad Biedermann.
- Prayers for comfort and peace for Barbara Lappen, mother of Mary Bear Shannon.
- Prayers for compassionate care and comfort for Hannah Baukert's mother Mary, who is receiving hospice care.
- Prayers for compassionate care and comfort for John Shackelford, brother of Kate, as he receives medical treatment following brain surgery.
- Prayers for all who are facing health challenges, especially Scott Long, Caroline Skinner, Sonya Smith, Gwen Harden, Ed Harvey, Aqueelah Folwell, Stephanie Stokes, Milton Stokes, Natalie DeShields, Bill Long, and Jean Long.
- Prayers of gratitude for all who have supported, and continue to support, Overbrook during our time of relocation.
- Prayers of thanksgiving for the young adults of Overbrook who are graduating from college this month. May their lives be blessed with hope and promise.

*Please contact Bill Baker ([wbaklava@aol.com](mailto:wbaklava@aol.com)) or Sharon Parker ([sharon@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:sharon@overbrookpresb.org)) to add names to the prayer list.*

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## OPC SESSION MEMBERS:

Adam Hearlson, Moderator

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\*\* indicates second consecutive term

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
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The Overbrook Quartet:

**Iris Fairfax**, *soprano*; **Allison Chang**, *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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