



# Overbrook

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 5, 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. Lisa Farrell

Mary Lou Ryce, Liturgist

Sharon Parker, Parish Care Associate

Marc Alfonse, Seminary Intern

Anthony M. Carrella, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

The Overbrook Choir

Matthew Lulofs, baritone

Today's chancel flowers are given from Dr. Gordon Turk and the Chancel Choir of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Wayne with loving prayers for the Overbrook Presbyterian congregation.

**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 Mary Ann Blair.  
All are welcome!

❖=*Stand as you are able*

## GATHERING IN

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Donald Cashmore  
Be thou our strength and stay, O Lord (1926-2013)

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

*Mary Lou Ryce*

Leader: We are here

People: **In the name of Christ Jesus.**

Leader: So ask right now,

People: **And it shall be given to you.**

Leader: Seek right now

People: **And you will find.**

Leader: Knock right now

People: **And the door will be opened.**

Leader: Come Lord Jesus,

People: **Hear the voices of your people.**

Leader: Come Holy Spirit,

All: **Fill the hearts of the faithful**

❖HYMN (*on next page*)

LLANFAIR

**Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven**

1 Come, be - hold! the feast of heaven  
2 All is read - y, come at - tend Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 All who trust in God be - long  
4 As the Lord our God has willed,

has to mor - tal flesh been given.  
as the Lord's in - vit - ed friend; Al - le - lu - ia!  
at this ban - quet with this throng.  
here the hun - gry soul is filled;

Hear the Word of God de - clared:  
come from north, west, south, and east; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Share the mys - tic ho - ly food;  
here the wea - ry are re - freshed.

"Come! the ban - quet is pre - pared."  
cel - e - brate the joy - ful feast. Al - le - lu - ia!  
taste and see: the Lord is good.  
All who share God's feast are blessed.

WELCOME

*Sharon Parker*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COURAGE (*unison*)

*Mary Lou Ryce*

Most Merciful God, we confess that we are, by nature, sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, forgive us, and renew us; lead us so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the Glory of your Holy Name. 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

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 7:7-11

*Mary Lou Ryce*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

BIBLICAL STORYTELLING

*Christoph Von Andreae*

*(Following the storytelling, children may return to their pews or proceed to the Prayerground. The nursery is also open for childcare.)*

SOLO

Traditional Gospel,  
arr. Richard Walters  
Just a Closer Walk with Thee  
*Matthew Lulofs, baritone*

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I am weak but Thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, dear Lord, close to Thee.

Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares,  
If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

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*Anonymous*

❖ SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION

HYMN No. 591



OLD TESTAMENT  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Numbers 26:33, 27:1-11

*Sharon Parker*

SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION (*above*)

SERMON

“Women of the Old Testament: Tirzah”

*Sharon Parker*

❖ HYMN (*on next page*)

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN

**If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee**

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hope - ful  
 2 On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer - ful  
 3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine

heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what - e'er be -  
 hope, with heart con - tent, to take what - e'er thy Keep - er's  
 own part faith - ful - ly. Trust the rich prom - is - es of

tide thee, to bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in  
 plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our  
 grace; so shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er

God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that nought can move.  
 in - most wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways dear.  
 yet for - sook at need the soul se - cured by trust in - deed.



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

LIFE AT THE CROSSROADS

*Sharon Parker*

SHARING OF PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Jack Warren Burnam

An Open Door  
*The Overbrook Choir*

(b. 1946)

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Look, I have set before you an open door,  
which no one is able to shut.

Ask, and it will be given you;  
search, and you will find;  
knock, and the door will be opened for you.

For everyone who asks receives,  
and everyone who searches finds,  
and for everyone who knocks,  
the door will be opened.

Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking.  
If you hear my voice and open the door,  
I will come in to you and eat with you,  
and you with me.

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*Revelation 3:8, Matthew 7:7-8, Revelation 3:20*

❖ 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

*Mary Lou Ryce*

You are the source of every good and perfect gift, O God. Use these tithes and offerings for your glory. Let your church be a spring whose waters never fail; and let your people be repairers of the breach and restorers of streets to live in. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

# THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*Lisa Farrell*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

SANCTUS

HYMN No. 562



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, —



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, —



heav - en and earth are full, — full — of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blest is the one who comes — in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Lisa Farrell*

### FORETASTE OF THE HEAVENLY BANQUET

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom.  
May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in hope, peace, joy,  
and love.

People: Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to  
generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## SENDING FORTH

❖ HYMN (*on next page*)

FESTAL SONG

**Give to the Winds Thy Fears**

1 Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be  
 2 Through waves and clouds and storms God gent - ly  
 3 Leave to God's sov - ereign sway to choose and  
 4 Let us in life, in death, thy stead - fast

un - dis - mayed. God hears thy sighs and  
 clears the way. Wait pa - tient - ly; so  
 to com - mand. So shalt thou, won - dering,  
 truth de - clare, and pub - lish with our

counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.  
 shall this night soon end in joy - ous day.  
 own God's way, how wise, how strong God's hand!  
 fi - nal breath thy love and guard - ian care.

❖BENEDICTION

Sharon Parker

❖CHORAL RESPONSE

G. T. Thalben-Ball

Seek ye first God's Kingdom

(1896-1987)

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. We will meet at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El; Centering Prayer begins at 9:30 A.M., and Bible Study begins at 10:30 A.M.

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! 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). You will receive a reminder email from the Signup Genius website. Please provide your email and phone number when you sign up. We will send you the Fellowship Hour Tips and guidelines document. So, let's "offer hospitality to one another without grumbling" (1 Peter 4:9, NIV).



First Pride Month Task Force Meeting—today during Fellowship Hour. We are excited to extend an open invitation to join our new Overbrook's Multigenerational Pride Month Task Force! We are seeking a wide range of experiences and perspectives from all across our beautifully diverse community and encourage you to pass along our invitation to anyone who may be interested. If you are unavailable to attend but interested to meet at a later date, please provide your availability to Anthony Carrella ([anthony@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:anthony@overbrookpresb.org)).

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.

## YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Summer Mission Trip—July 14-19. All youth 14 (by October 31)-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 May 12 by emailing [youth@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:youth@overbrookpresb.org).

**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!

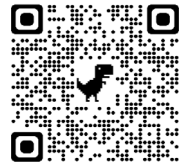
## CFM ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Confirmation Ceremony—Sunday, May 12, during worship.** It is with great joy that we announce the confirmation of our OPC's Confirmation Class members. We are also thrilled that some members of the class will receive Baptism. Everyone is welcome to join us for this special occasion.

**May Children's Schedule.** Leaders are delighted to announce that our Sunday School teachers will hold sessions on **May 19 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 for 9- to 11-Year-Olds—Sunday, June 2.** The CFM has planned a thrilling adventure for those aged 9-11! This outdoor event provides a fantastic opportunity for fun and fellowship in nature. The venue kindly requests that families complete a participation waiver in advance. If you have not 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](https://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](https://tinyurl.com/CFMVolunteerSignUpForm) (or scan the QR code), and commence the clearance process today.



## OPC HAS A NEW LOOK!

The Design Team (Molly Burke, Emily Stewart, Artia Benjamin, and Adam Hearlson) has been working with the firm **Visionary Collective** to create a refreshed OPC logo and brand identity that better reflects the vibrancy, welcome, and mission of the congregation. OPC's new glyph will now be incorporated into our written and digital materials and external facing communications.

A full display of the new branding elements and the thinking behind them will be shown at Fellowship Hour beginning today, and there will be free stickers for all to take home, as well as magnets for purchase for \$3 each.



### *What does the glyph mean?*

The glyph serves as a symbolic representation of a stained-glass window or doorway, combining abstract elements with recognizable features. It evokes a sense of familiarity for those who have admired the beautiful windows within the Overbrook Church building.

Take a close look and you'll see a heart, an anchor and a cross—an early set of Christian symbols. The heart represents love, the anchor represents hope, and the cross represents faith.

### *Why are the colors important?*

Visionary Collective explains that color plays a pivotal role in shaping a brand's identity. The Overbrook Brand Voice is split among three complementary tones: Love, Light and Welcome. These tones are communicated through words, voice, imagery, and interactions.

Maintaining a consistent application of brand colors ensures a uniform portrayal each time the public engages with it. Over time, this consistency fosters recognition, as people associate these colors with the distinctive Overbrook brand identity. Along with primary colors, complementary colors draw inspiration from nature. Beyond their individual significance, the arrangement of colors in relation to one another is equally crucial for crafting a signature OPC look.

## Prayer List

- Prayers for restoration of Pastor Adam's health.
- Prayers of joy and blessings for Marc, Valencia, and Joachim Alfonse.
- Prayers of consolation for Phil Sheau and the Sheau family on the death of Phil's sister, Pat.
- Prayers for comfort and compassionate care for Joyce, friend of Bette Homer.
- 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 Overbrook during our time of relocation.

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



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## OPC SESSION MEMBERS:

Adam Hearlson, Moderator

Raelyn Harman, Clerk of Session; Stephanie Morris, Treasurer

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Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Herb Brabham**	Elizabeth Cosgriff**	Artia Benjamin
Elizabeth Mendoza**	Bob Harden, Jr. **	Joseph Blair
Brian Taussig-Lux	Linda Huff-Paul**	Keedra Carroll**
Christoph Von Andreae	Corinna Bowser	Solomon Hunter**
Mimi Winkler	Cheryl Davis	Nathalie May**

## OPC DEACONS:

Bill Baker, Moderator, Board of Deacons

Jason Sheau, Treasurer; Mary Lou Ryce, Secretary

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Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Gloria Brabham	Dela Geraldo	Denise Stewart
Nancy Gilhool**	Sharon Elwell	Miriam Harden**
Mike Rottinger	Bill Baker**	Hannah Lazo*
Mary Lou Ryce**	Bob Kaercher**	Leah Mayne**
Sabrina Johnson	Philip Brown	Jason Sheau**

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*The Rev. Dr. Adam Hearlson - Pastor*

*The Rev. David McMillan - Pastor Emeritus*

*Dr. Christopher Gage - Director of Music*

*Anthony M. Carrella - Director of Children and Family Ministry*

*Sharon Parker - Parish Care Associate*

*Lisa Faso - Office Manager*

*Carol Rozmiarek - Financial Secretary*

*Leonard Robbins - Church Custodian*

*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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