

## 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: Eileen Wiggins, Acolyte: TBA  
The Overbrook Choir  
Minister of Music: Dennis Elwell  
Tenor: Toffer Mihalka

### The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God...

by Laurie Geers in memory of Jonathan Greene, her husband.

### Childcare -

Is available during the worship service. Worship is for all ages, but should your infant or preschooler become restless during worship, excellent child-care is provided in our nursery.

### Ushers:

Dick Williamson, Susy Brandt, Bob Kaercher, Jonathan Kopcsik,  
Lori Mason, Peter Seidel and Judy Williamson.

### Deacons Delivering Flowers:

Tyrone Frisby & Ellen Valudes

❖ Stand as you are able.

### 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.

Following worship today - please join us for Coffee Hour in the Wistar Morris Room. If you would like to host an upcoming coffee hour, please sign up now on the sign-up board in the Wistar-Morris Room. Contact Amarilis Stricker at 484-343-0679 with questions.



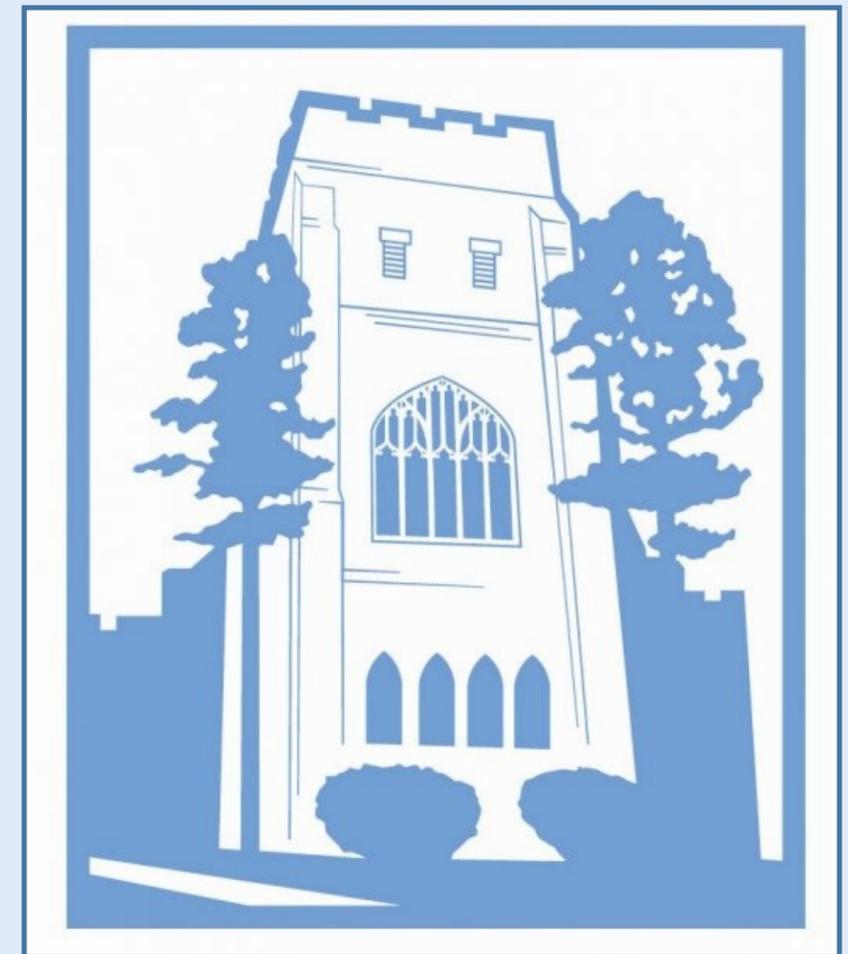
### The Overbrook Quartet

Iris Fairfax	Lois Randel	Toffer Mihalka	Matthew Lulofs
<i>Soprano</i>	<i>Mezzo-Soprano</i>	<i>Tenor</i>	<i>Bass</i>

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The Rev. Dr. Andrew H. Mann, Jr. - *Interim Minister*  
The Rev. David McMillan - *Pastor Emeritus*  
Dennis Elwell - *Minister of Music*  
Margene Biedermann - *Jr. Choir Director*  
Earlene Ford - *Financial Secretary*  
Lisa Faso - *Office Manager*  
Leonard Robbins - *Church Custodian*

## Overbrook Presbyterian Church



**1st Sunday of Advent**  
**Sunday, November 27, 2016**  
**10:30 a.m.**

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

## GATHERING IN

PRELUDE: Wachtet auf, ruf uns die Stimme BWV 645  
(Sleepers Wake, A Voice is Calling) Johann Sebastian Bach

Nun komm', der Heiden Heiland BWV 659  
(Come, Savior of the Nations) Johann Sebastian Bach

INTROIT Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus Eleanor Daley

### ❖CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: This day is like no other.

MANY: **It is the beginning of the season of preparation for the coming Light**

ONE: Let us not be casual observers of the flow of God's time and plan.

MANY: **We would be eager and expectant about the time we have been given this season. We yearn to live in the warmth and comfort of the gentle rays of the coming Light.**

ALL: Let us worship our God.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Chery Davis & Adam Hotek

❖HYMN No. 41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above! LYONS

GREETING Dr. Mann

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgement. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.

### SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE (See Insert) Malcom Archer

### PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn No. 587, Alleluia! Fintan O'Carroll

## HEARING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 2:1-5 Page 594  
Pew Bible

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

ANTHEM **The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns** Alistar Coleman  
*The Overbrook Choir*

The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks, when beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes. Not, as of old, a little child, to bear and fight and die, but crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky. The King shall come when morning dawns and Earth's dark night is past; Oh, haste the rising of that morn, the day that o'er shall last; and let the endless bliss begin, by weary saints foretold, when right shall triumph over wrong and truth shall be extolled. The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings. Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray: come quickly, King of kings.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Dr. Mann  
(Following Time With Children, students in Pre-K through Grade 2 will depart for Sunday School)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 24:36-44 Page 26  
Pew Bible

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

SERMON "The End of the World" Dr. Mann

❖HYMN No. 39 Great is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS  
(During the Sermon Hymn, students in Grades 3-12 will depart for Sunday School)

❖AFFIRMATION OF FAITH-*from the Scots Confession*

When the fullness of time came God sent his Son, his eternal wisdom, the substance of his own glory, into this world, who took the nature of humankind from the substance of a woman, a virgin, by means of the Holy Spirit. And so was born the "just seed of David", the "Angel of the great counsel of God," the very Messiah promised, whom we confess and acknowledge to be Emmanuel, true God and true humanity, two perfect natures united and joined in one person.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS Dr. Mann

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER *debtors/debtors*

### EXCHANGE OF PEACE

OFFERING  
OFFERTORY Every Valley Shall Be Exalted George Frideric Handel  
*Toffer Mihalka, Tenor*

Mr. Mihalka, the members of the Overbrook Quartet, and the attending congregation, will be singing Parts I and III of *Messiah* this afternoon at 3:00pm here in the Sanctuary. You're cordially invited to be a part of this unique opportunity as we begin the Advent season.

❖DOXOLOGY HYMN No. 607

❖PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING FORTH

❖HYMN NO. 82 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

❖BENEDICTION

❖CHORAL RESPONSE ThreeFold Amen Danish

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

POSTLUDE: Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland BWV 559  
(Come, Savior of the Nations) Johann Sebastian Bach

Kyrie Malcolm Archer

## This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 27	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	3:00 p.m.	Messiah Sing
	5:00 p.m.	Messiah Sing Reception
Sunday, December 4	9:00 am	Fair Trade Market
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:15 a.m.	Youth Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour

☞ Bible Study - Come join us on Wednesday, November 30th @ 10:30a.m.

☞ Christmas poinsettia sign up is now in the Wistar Morris Room, sign up any time for your Christmas plant donation. Pay what you wish.

☞ Annual College Student Luncheon—December 18, 2016

We are having the annual College Student Luncheon on December 18th in the Chapel at noon. This year we are inviting high school seniors to come eat and fellowship with the college students.

Please contact Artia Benjamin for more information. RSVP at [newlife5125@gmail.com](mailto:newlife5125@gmail.com) or text at 215-266-8758 by December 12th.

☞ **Special Congregational Meeting:** Immediately after worship on Sunday December 11, there will be a Special Congregational Meeting to receive the report of the Nominating Committee posting their slate of nominees for Elder, Deacon and the At-Large Members of the 2017 Nominating Committee. Since, this meeting is a Special Congregational Meeting, no other business may be conducted except the business at hand.

☞ **What is Fair Trade? Quality Products, Improving Lives, Protecting the Planet**



"Fair Trade Certified™ products were made with respect to people and planet. Our rigorous social, environmental and economic standards work to promote safe, healthy working conditions, protect the environment, enable transparency, and empower communities to build strong, thriving businesses. When you choose products with the Fair Trade label, your day-to-day purchases can improve an entire community's day-to-day lives." - ([Fair Trade Website](#))

On Saturday, December 3 and Sunday, December 4, Overbrook Presbyterian will host a Fair Trade Market where you can purchase unique and distinct gift items from around the globe. Please consider doing your Holiday shopping with us! Cash and checks accepted, and possibly for the first time, credit card transactions. Hours are 9:00 to 3:00 (Saturday); 9:00 to 1:30 (Sunday)



**OPC Traditional Christmas Eve Dinner and Gingerbread House Decorating**

Everyone is invited to enjoy a simple meal served between the Family Service at 5:00 pm and Service of Lessons and Carols at 9:00 pm on Christmas Eve. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Wistar Morris Room so we can plan for an approximate number of attendees. This is one night during the hectic season that you don't have to cook dinner! There is no charge for the meal but we do take a free will offering to cover expenses. Volunteers are needed to set-up, serve, shop and clean-up and/or contribute cookies for dessert. An online sign-up sheet has been sent via OPC Listserve.

Gingerbread houses will be ready to be decorated after dinner. Please sign up by December 14th in the Wistar Morris Room or using the online sign up sheet that will be sent via OPC Listserve. We are asking families who sign up to give an \$8.00 donation to help defray the cost of the houses.

For questions on the meal, please contact Judy Williamson at [judymwill@gmail.com](mailto:judymwill@gmail.com) or 610-687-6761. For questions on the gingerbread houses, please contact Artia Benjamin at [newlife5125@aol.com](mailto:newlife5125@aol.com). Thank you

☞ **The Art of Advent:** Everyone is invited to come join Peter Seidel, art teacher and Overbrook member, to consider the reason for the season! If you've not experienced this tour (or take a second tour) hope you won't miss it. I've often found that art is a form, like reading at times, when revisited, illuminates greater depth into one's perception of old and known stories. What a wonderful opportunity to start the Advent Season.

**"The Art of Advent: Seven Centuries of Sacred Art at the Philadelphia"**

When: Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, Time: 1:30-3:00 pm Sunday afternoon

Place: Philadelphia Museum of Art, Gather on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor balcony in the Great Hall at 1:30

Cost: It is "Pay what you wish" Sunday at the museum Parking: There is plenty of parking at the museum

☞ **FORUM:** December 4<sup>th</sup>, Sunday at 9:15AM in the McMillan Chapel

***Debunking Christmas (a reality check)***

Coffee is on – warm welcome to all as we delve into the Advent Season with its spiritual and commercialistic tangents.