

Overbrook
Presbyterian Church



25th Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, November 6, 2016
10:30 a.m.

Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare for worship.

GATHERING

PRELUDE: Autumn Song Robert Elmore
Benedictus: I bring refreshment...I bring ease and calm (C.Rosetti)
(Blessed Is the One That Comes in the Name of the Lord)

INTROIT Behold, God Is My Salvation Donald Cashmore

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying:

MANY: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

ALL: Let us worship our God.

❖HYMN No. 366 Love Divine, All Love's Excelling HYFRYDOL

GREETING *Dr. Mann*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sin, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us, we beseech you, from all our offenses and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires; that with lowliness and meekness, we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and our strength, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE (*See Insert*) Malcom Archer

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn No. 387, Alleluia! Fintan O'Carroll

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 146 Page 549, Bible

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH CHILDREN *Dr. Mann*

(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 are welcome in the Nursery).

ANTHEM

Thy Matchless Love

Alfred V. Fedak

The Overbrook Choir

Let thy Blood in mercy poured, let thy gracious Body broken,
be to me, O gracious Lord, of thy boundless love the token.

Thou didst give thyself for me, Now I give myself to thee.

Thou didst die that I might live; blessed Lord, thou cam'st to save me;
all that love of God could give Jesus by his sorrows gave me.

Thou didst give thyself for me, now I give myself to thee.

By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound and the nailing,
by the pain and death, I now claim, O Christ, thy love unfailing.

Thou didst give thyself for me, now I give myself to thee.

Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my penitence I give thee;
thou art my exalted King, of thy matchless love forgive me.

Thou didst give thyself for me, now I give myself to thee

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 12:28-34

Page 46 Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Covenant of Love”

Dr. Mann

❖ HYMN No. 833

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

ST. MARGARET

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *-from the Confession of 1967*

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of our minds. 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 people. 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

RESPONSE

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Dr. Mann

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

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EXCHANGE OF PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Eye Hath Not Seen

Alfred R. Gaul

Lois Randel, Mezzo-Soprano

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choir of creation and all the saints of all times and places who forever sing to the glory of your name:

SANCTUS - HYMN #572

SANCTUS (Pavlechko)

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He took upon himself the weight of our sin and carried the burden of our guilt. He shared our life in every way, and though tempted, was sinless to the end.

Baptized as your own, he went willingly to his death and by your power was raised to new life. In his dying and rising, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE AND THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion will be received by intinction.. Please come forward as directed by the ushers to one of the four stations, take the bread, dip it into the cup, and partake. Those physically unable to come forward should notify an usher, and may be served in the pew.

Gluten-free communion wafers are offered on each plate in a separate paper cup, as an option for those who need them.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

❖ HYMN 703 **Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me** ST. CATHERINE

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE ThreeFold Amen AMEN (Pavlechko)

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

POSTLUDE: Postlude on 'HYRFYDOL'
(Hymn #366, Love Divine, All Love's Excelling) Healy Willan



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. Andrew H. Mann, Jr. - Interim Minister

Lay Leader: Emily Amerman, Acolyte: Tarah Paul

Lois Randel, Mezzo-Soprano

Minister of Music: Dennis Elwell

Communion Servers:

Sabrina Johnson, Nicole Stokes-Robinson, Terri Hunter,

Jonathan Kopcsik, Jason Sheau, and Edelene Carroll

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

by The Subramanian family in memory of our parents, aunts and uncles.

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.

Kyrie Malcolm Archer

This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 6	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
Sunday, November 13	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:15 am	Youth Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour

☞ Worship and Music Committee requests that you wear your name tags! Please keep them on during Coffee Hour, so that new and old members can get to know each other. You may drop name tags in basket on table by the office as you exit, and we will put them back for you on the boards outside the sanctuary.

☞ Worship and Music Committee would like to hear from you.

On one issue only at this time: *The Bulletin* - comments of any nature will be accepted today only.

Place your remarks in Suggestion Box on table outside the office. We will evaluate the results of this snap survey and let you know the outcome soon

☞ Bible Study - Will meet on Wednesday, November 9th at 10:30 in the Chapel.

☞ Pledge Dedication Sunday – November 13

Friends, it is the season of Stewardship again, an annual fall event in which together a congregation decides both the shape and the reach of their ministry. That decision is made by the resolve of the individual members of the congregation when they pledge towards the work and worship of their congregation.

Here at OPC that resolve has always been extraordinary. Here at OPC the individual members of the congregation have elected always to reach for the heavens with their vision of ministry, displaying that resolve by increasingly generous, sacrificial giving.

You will be receiving a letter with a pledge card enclosed in the mail. The Session asks you to prayerfully consider how far into the heavens and out into the world OPC should be reaching in 2017. Be mindful that sometime in early 2017 OPC will find itself under the leadership of its new minister. As you decide what to give in 2017 imagine what can be accomplished with your generosity married to the energy and fresh leadership of your new pastor. The sky really is the limit. Dream big!

Be ready to bring your completed pledge card to church with you on Sunday, November 13. We will be dedicating our pledges to God during the service of worship on that day. Come that day ready to be an even larger part of the vision that is OPC.

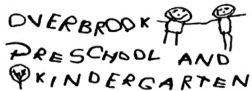


Sunday November 27, 3:00 p.m. -

The 22nd Annual *Messiah Sing*, followed by a Reception in the Wistar Morris Room.

Plan to sing in and enjoy this inspiring first Sunday of Advent tradition at Overbrook Church.

☞ **Youth Sunday School** The Youth Sunday School class is discussing current events and what the stories in the Bible tell us about issues such race, poverty, crime, punishment, justice, immigration and many other topics that are in today's headlines. A service project is included in our study and the youth decided to collect books and/or funds for postage costs for an organization called Books Through Bars (BooksThroughBars.org) which fills requests for books from inmates. The most requested titles are: paperback dictionaries, thesauri and books on how to draw. The Youth will be collecting these particular books and financial contributions from the congregation, friends, family and local stores through Sunday, Nov. 20th. In the weeks to come, we will have books on hand for people to "buy" and donate on site during coffee hour (much like the dry goods Mike Rottinger "sells" for a local food pantry once/month). Check out BooksThroughBars.org to see the organization's wish list on Amazon and to learn more about the work it does. If you have any questions please contact Raelyn Harman, raelynkay@aol.com or one of OPC's middle and/or high school students. Thank you!



Please join us for an Open House on November 16 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Tour the school, meet with parents, and learn about our programs. We are currently welcoming children ages one through five for the 2017-2018 school year. For more information about our school, visit our website: www.overbrookpreschool.org.

☞ **FORUM: Climate Change – inevitable and its impact.** We are in a continuum of learning and studying how climate changes do impact the world in which we live – and how we might prevent further erosions caused by the habits of our daily lives. Nov. 13th and 20th gives us more time to delve further on this issue – your voice is important.

These conversations are the beginning of a long-term efforts and attention to be given to, not just a dip into something interesting or worrisome, how OPC might be a part of its journey in helping to preserve the quality of life for all. Jim Stephens will be our facilitator. And yes, we can make a difference in helping to preserve the wonderful world that God has endowed us with.

Coffee is on – a warm welcome for all to join in this discussion and dialogue about a very important issue that envelops all ages and all aspects of our daily living.

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.

Ushers:

Phil Sheau, Tyrone Frisby, Ron Homer, Jane Krumrine,
Jim McDaniel, Carol Tulba and Sean Whalen.

Deacons Delivering Flowers:

Vince Gilhool & Larry McGhee

Please be sure to silence all cell phones before the service.

❖ Stand as you are able.

Following worship today - please join us for Coffee Hour in the Wistar Morris Room. We thank Joan, Vamila, Raelyn for hosting today. 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
Soprano

Lois Randel
Mezzo-Soprano

Toffer Mihalka
Tenor

Matthew Lulofs
Bass

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