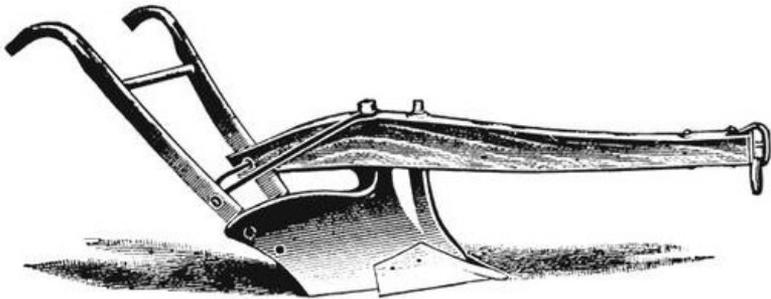

Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022
10:30 A.M.

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.

The Rev. Dr. Adam Hearlson, Pastor
Bob Harden, Jr., Liturgist
Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music
The Overbrook Choir
Matthew Lulofs, baritone

Today's chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Vimala Johnson by Jaik and Daisy Jayakaran.

Ushers: Herb Brabham, Ron Homer, Jim McDaniel, and Sean Whalen.

Childcare is available during the worship service. Worship is for all ages, but, should your infant or preschooler become restless during worship, excellent childcare is provided in our 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 Pie Sunday hosted by the Worship and Music Committee in the Wistar Morris room.
All are welcome!

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

❖=*Stand as you are able*

GATHERING IN

PRELUDE

CWG

Improvisation on “Veni Emmanuel”

INTROIT

Healey Willan

“O Sapientia” from *The Great O Antiphons of Advent* (1880-1968)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

MaryAnn and Joe Blair

Beloved,

On the first Sunday in advent, we light the candle of hope. May God bless us with the courage to hope even as the shadows grow around us. May we hold fast to hope even in the face of cruelty and suffering, we dare to hope.

In a world that loves division,

We hold fast to hope.

With the saints and ancestors,

We hold fast to hope

In anticipation of God’s coming

We hold fast to hope.

❖HYMN No. 88

VENI EMMANUEL

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

WELCOME

Adam Hearlson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COURAGE (*unison*)

Bob Harden, Jr.

From Feasting on the Word

Lord, have mercy upon us.

We are not ready for your coming.

We live in sin, as though there were no justice.

We live in fear, as though there were no grace.

Forgive us, Lord.

Show us your mercy and steadfast love.

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Lead us in your truth and teach us your paths,
For you are the God of our salvation. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

Andrew Senn
(b. 1978)

Organ



mp



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

mf



Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

SILENT CONFESSION

EMBRACING GOD'S GRACE

AMEN (*seated*)

Thomas Pavlechko



A - men, a - men, a - men.

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Christological portion of The Nicene Creed*)

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

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

*(If you wish to leave an offering, we encourage you to use
the offering plate by the lectern as you depart the Sanctuary.)*

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come
The Overbrook Choir

Paul Manz
(1919-2009)

Peace be to you and grace from Him
Who freed us from our sin.
Who loved us all, and shed his blood,
That we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord,
The Lord almighty God,
Who was and is, and is to come,
Sing holy, holy Lord.

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below.
For Christ is coming,
Is coming soon,
For Christ is coming soon.

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,
And night shall be no more.
They need no light, no lamp, nor sun,
For Christ will be their All!

Ruth Manz

❖DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 102, vs. 4



Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, Praise to God the Son, our King,



Praise to God the Spi-rit be ev - er and e - ter-nal-ly. A-men.

❖PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bob Harden, Jr.

O Gracious savior, these gifts are not ours. We have only held them until they can again find their way back to you. May they lift the head of one downcast, and save the one in danger of falling. Amen

SENDING FORTH

❖HYMN No. 348

HELMSLEY

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

❖BENEDICTION

Adam Hearlson

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

Bless the Lord, O my soul

Eric Thiman
(1900-1975)

POSTLUDE

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Paul Manz
(1922-2009)

*Please depart quietly for those who wish to listen to the postlude.
If you have a child or children who attended Sunday School,
you may meet them in Fellowship Hall.*

THIS WEEK AT OPC: 11/27-12/03

Sun	27	9:15 A.M. Adult Forum	Williamson Room
		10:30 A.M. Worship	Sanctuary
		10:45 A.M. Children's Sunday School	Wistar Morris Room
		11:15 A.M. Youth Sunday School	Adam's Office
		11:30 A.M. Fellowship Hour	Wistar Morris Room
Tue	29	7:30 A.M. Women's Prayer/Support	Online—see email
		3:15 P.M. Mission and Outreach	Samuel Gompers Sch.
		6:00 P.M. Shelter Meal	Delaware County
Wed	30	10:30pm Bible Study	Online/In-person
Sat	03	10:00 A.M. Advent Labyrinth Walkthrough	Swarthmore Presb.
Sun	04	9:15 A.M. Adult Forum	Williamson Room
		10:30 A.M. Worship	Sanctuary
		11:30 A.M. Fellowship Hour	Wistar Morris Room
		3:00 P.M. Messiah Sing/Advent Workshop	Sanctuary

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

“Walking with Spirit” Photography Exhibit—November 27. Throughout October, participants in OPC’s “Walking With Spirit” photographed the awe-inspiring glory of God’s creation. Today is the last chance to view the photographs from these contemplative nature walks in the **Wistar Morris Room**. We hope that all will have the opportunity to view these visual prayers. Thanks be to God for the beauty of our earth!

Advent Devotional Resources. As we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child, Advent daily devotionals and inspirational readings will be available to all members of the OPC community. Presbyterian Outlook’s daily devotional, *Attending to Advent: Poetry, Prose, and Prayer*, can be accessed online by following the link: <https://tinyurl.com/28ut35nf> or hard copies are available at each entrance greeting table.

Advent Contemplative Walk—Saturday, December 3, 10:00 A.M. With hearts open in preparation for the coming of our Lord, all are invited to participate in a morning of contemplation and community. Weather permitting, we will be walking the Prayer Labyrinth on the grounds of **Swarthmore Presbyterian Church**. Following our contemplative prayer walk, we will gather for a shared meal at the Inn at Swarthmore. To facilitate carpools and meal reservations, RSVP to Sharon Parker (sharon@overbrookpresb.org) by November 30.

28th Annual Messiah Sing and Advent Workshop—Sunday, December 4, 3:00 P.M. A beloved tradition at Overbrook expands this year with two components:

- In the Sanctuary, a unique performance of Handel's *Messiah* will feature members of the Overbrook Quartet singing the arias, with the audience—this means you!—filling the room with music for the choruses.
- **Advent Workshop** | This year, children and families can participate in an all-ages Advent Workshop during the Messiah Sing! Participants will explore the season's symbols and make creations for our church services and homes. More details are to come.

Don't have a score? Don't worry we will have plenty available. Don't want to sing? No problem: just come and enjoy the music! A free-will offering will be taken with a reception to follow.

The annual OPC Holiday Fair Trade, Saturday, December 10-Sunday, 11 from 10:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Wistar Morris Room. Come shop food items from Equal Exchange, Divine Chocolate and Women's Bean Project. Look for beautiful nativities and ornaments from around the globe. Support local Fair-Trade stores, like Earth and State. Enjoy low stress, good parking holiday shopping at Overbrook Presbyterian.

In addition to shoppers, volunteers are needed for set-up, cashiering and clean up. Follow the link to the sign-up genius to volunteer: <https://tinyurl.com/44yedcdh>

Question, contact Janet Bowker: jabowker1001@gmail.com



Congregational Meeting—Sunday, December 11, after worship. The purpose of this meeting will be to receive the report of the Nominating Committee posting their slate of nominees for Elder, Deacon, and the At-Large Members of the 2023 Nominating Committee. A list of the nominees and their bios will be listed in the December newsletter.

Since it is a Special Congregational Meeting, no other business may be conducted except the business at hand.

Christmastime in the City: An RPM Holiday Adventure December 9, 10:00-2:00 PM On Friday, December 9, RPM and friends are invited into Center City Philadelphia to enjoy the sights and sounds of the holidays. We'll be leaving Overbrook, either by carpool, train, or bus, to experience the seasonal festivities and enjoy lunch with friends. Participants will have the opportunity to choose their own adventures. Within a three block walk from Suburban Station, travelers will find the following activities: Comcast Center's Christmas Multi-Media Display, The Christmas Market at Love Park, Macy's Light Show and Holiday Organ Concert, Ice Skating at the Rothman Rink at City Hall, and the Made in Philadelphia Market at Dilworth Plaza. All can dine at their convenience, A "rolling lunch" buffet will be served from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM at Sharon's home. (1 block from Suburban Station) All are warmly welcome. The only cost for the day will be for transportation...or skate rental! Information regarding group transportation/carpooling will be forthcoming. The RPM Crew looks forward to welcoming you! RSVP to Sharon Parker (sharon@overbrookpresb.org) by December 6.

The Adult Forum—Every Sunday, 9:15 A.M. Please join us in the Williamson Room for an opportunity to explore and converse about issues that intersect our faith journey and our belief of God's calling us to action. For more information, contact Trudy Sheau (tsheau@yahoo.com).

Fellowship Hour. We are in need for hosts for Fellowship Hour. Just as all are invited to participate in Fellowship Hour each Sunday following worship, all are encouraged to consider serving as a Fellowship Hour Host. If you feel called to this *ministry of welcome*, please see Artia Benjamin during Sunday's Fellowship Hour, or contact her by email (clc@overbrookpresb.org).

Poinsettia Flowers will be on sale starting next Sunday, December 4-16. A sign-up genius will be available starting next Sunday, 12/4 for orders of flowers in honor or memory of a loved one or in celebration of the season. Those who wish to take their poinsettias with them, may do so after the Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve or Sunday, December 25th after worship. The cost of the flowers is a suggested donation of \$25 per flower.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT OVERBROOK

Advent Contemplative Walk—Saturday, December 3, 10:00 A.M. See above.

28th Annual Messiah Sing and Advent Workshop—Sunday, December 4, 3:00 P.M. See above.

Hanging of the Greens—Sunday, December 11, 10:30 A.M. Overbrook will celebrate this tradition with a special jazz worship service of readings, reflections, and hymn arrangements old and new.

Service of the Longest Night—Wednesday, December 21, 7:30 P.M. Many people have trouble feeling “in the spirit” of Christmas because of the recent (or anticipated) death of a family member or friend, the end of a marriage, the loss of work, or other trying changes. This service helps us to remember that for us a savior is born, to lift the burden from our shoulders, to wipe away the tears from our eyes. We are not alone, for Christ is with us.

Joy to the World: An RPM Christmas Zoom Gathering Friday, December 23, 1:00-2:00 PM From the comfort of our homes, the RPM community will be sharing the stories, music and memories of Christmas. Come join us and begin Christmas weekend with this special gathering of friends.

Family Christmas Eve Service—Saturday, December 24, 5:00 P.M. We will follow Mary, Joseph, and the Christ Child to the manger in word, song, and drama, including the annual Christmas pageant and music by the Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir. Dinner and a gingerbread house decorating party will follow the service.

Festive Preludes on Christmas Eve at 7:30 P.M. - Festive Preludes before the candlelight service beginning at 7:30 when Iris, Amanda, Toffer, and Matthew each will sing a solo and Chris will play special music. It is a special gift to sit in the peace of the sanctuary on the last night of Advent and listen to the music of Christmas offered by these very special friends

Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols—Saturday, December 24, 8:00 P.M. This service, modeled on the annual King’s College “Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols,” presents readings and music to celebrate the birth of Christ. The Overbrook Choir and Quartet, along with organist Christopher Gage and guest musicians, will offer Festive Preludes starting at 7:30.

Sunday Service, December 25, 9:30 A.M.

The church will gather on Christmas morning for a worship service of music, readings, and prayer. The service will begin at 9:30 A.M. Join us as we celebrate Christ’s arrival!

YOUTH MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth First Sunday—Sunday, December 4, 12:00 P.M. Youth and their parents are invited to a conversation with Madelyn Morrison of The Attic Youth Center about their work among LGBTQIA+ youth in Philadelphia. We will gather in the Chapel (God willing!) and hear how we might support their work. Lunch provided. All are welcome! Contact Adam (adam@overbrookpresb.org) with any questions.

Winter Ice Skating—Sunday, December 18, 1:00 P.M. OPC youth will be going ice skating at Dilworth Park Ice Rink near City Hall. We will meet in the church parking lot and start skating at 1:30 p.m., returning by 4:15. We will also have the opportunity to visit the Christmas Village German Christmas market. Pay what you will. Chaperones and drivers are needed. Feel free to contact Adam (adam@overbrookpresb.org) with any questions. To register, scan the QR code:



CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Workshop during Messiah Sing – Sunday, December 3-3:00 P.M. This year, children and families can participate in an all-ages Advent Workshop during the Messiah Sing! Participants will explore the season's symbols and make creations for our church services and homes. More details are to come

CFM QUESTIONS?

Please contact:

Anthony (anthony@overbrookpresb.org) or (cfm@overbrookpresb.org)

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Committee Name	Monthly or Next Meeting	Chair or Co-Chairs
Worship and Music worship@overbrookpresb.org	3 rd Monday, 7:30 P.M.*	Eileen Wiggins
Deacons (deacons@overbrookpresb.org)	TBD	Bill Baker
Mission and Outreach mission@overbrookpresb.org	Sunday 12/18, 12:15 P.M.	Jeff Bowker
Finance finance@overbrookpresb.org	1 st Tuesday, 7:00 P.M.*	Lainie Blodgett
Children and Family (CFM) cfm@overbrookpresb.org	TBD (quarterly)	Christy Lang-Hearlson
Property property@overbrookpresb.org	3 rd Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.*	Bill Baker, Ted Dillon, and Jeff Bowker
Stewardship stewardship@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Keedra Carroll and Will Schick
Congregational Life clc@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Artia Benjamin
Welcoming welcoming@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Elizabeth Mendoza
Youth and Family pastor@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Adam Hearlson

An asterisk (*) indicates that the committee meets virtually.

For more information about any of the committees, please contact the chair or co-chairs using the email address above.

Prayer List

- Prayers of thanksgiving for God's presence in our lives, and for the abundant blessings God has bestowed upon us.
- Prayers for comfort and restoration of health for Anthony Benjamin, father of Amanda and Alexa Benjamin, who is hospitalized for the treatment of lymphoma.
- Prayers for comfort and restoration of health for Patrick O'Healy, Adam Hearlson's step-father, as he undergoes medical treatment for cancer.
- Prayers for comfort and strength for Aimerie Scherluebbe as she continues under medical care.
- Prayers of comfort and healing for Christy Lang Hearlson's mother, Judy, as she continues to recover from a serious fall.
- Prayers for comfort and restoration of health for Margaret Young's great-grandson, Yusuuf, who is undergoing chemotherapy at Children's Hospital
- Prayers for comfort and restoration of health for Ed Harvey.
- Prayers for all who face health challenges, especially Don Carver, Ernestine Harris, Caroline Skinner, Aqueelah Folwell, Stephanie Stokes, Terri Carter, Judy Swartz, Ellen Burr, Bill and Jean Long, and Martha Brown.
- Prayers for restoration of health for all who have been diagnosed with cancer.
- Prayers for peace in our city and throughout the world.
- Prayers for Stephanie Morris and her family.
- Prayers of hope and strength for all who are experiencing challenges and transitions in their personal lives

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

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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.”

88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, thou Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heavenly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
 our spirits by thine advent here;
 disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadows put to flight.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
 all peoples in one heart and mind;
 bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
 fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:

Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)

Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)

Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)

Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3)

Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)

Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4)

Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.

348 Lo, He Comes with Clouds

Descending

1 Lo, he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Now re - demp - tion, long ex - pect - ed,
 3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,

once for our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand,
 comes in sol - emn splen - dor near; all the
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne; Sav - ior,

thou - sand saints at - tend - ing join to
 saints this world re - ject - ed thrill the
 take the power and glo - ry; claim the

Despite unclear musical origins, the result here is a characteristic early Methodist hymn tune, notable for its breadth and range. It effectively sets a text of similarly mixed sources, one that Charles Wesley regarded as related to "Thy kingdom come" in the Lord's Prayer.

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

sing the glad re - frain: Al - le -
 trum - pet sound to hear: Al - le -
 king - dom as thine own. Come, Lord

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Je - sus; come, Lord Je - sus; come, Lord

lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!
 Je - sus. Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

103 Come Now, O Prince of Peace

오소서

1 Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one bod - y.
2 Come now, O God of love; make us one bod - y.
3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
4 Come, hope of u - ni - ty; make us one bod - y.

Come, O Lord Je - sus; rec-on-cile all peo - ple.

KOREAN

- 1 오소서 오소서 평화의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서
- 2 오소서 오소서 사랑의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서
- 3 오소서 오소서 자유의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서
- 4 오소서 오소서 통일의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서

Originally created for a 1988 world conference for the peace and reunification of the Korean peninsula, these four stanzas centering on peace, love, freedom, and unity demonstrate how texts for particular situations can become hymns that speak deeply to shared human longings.