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# Overbrook Presbyterian Church

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Worship Service  
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 10, 2021  
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.

#### Leading Worship Today:

The Rev. Dr. Adam Hearlson, Pastor

Lay Leader: Eileen Wiggins

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

The Overbrook Choir

Amanda Staub, mezzo-soprano

Ushers: **Robert Harden, Jr.**, Davorka Sabljak, Aimerie Scherluebbe, Will Schick  
Trudy Sheau and Kevin Davis

Deacon Delivering Flowers: Bob Kaercher

**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 Fellowship Hour in the parking lot. 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 John W. Work III  
(1901-1967)  
A Little More Faith in Jesus

INTROIT Donald Cashmore  
(1926-2013)  
Behold, God is my salvation

BLESSING *Adam Hearlson*  
“A Blessing for a Turning of a Season”

❖CALL TO WORSHIP *Eileen Wiggins*

One: Gather us in, O three person God.

**All: Knit us together in your image.**

One: Hold us close, O Savior of the Nations,

**All: Secure us for this moment.**

One: Calm our hearts, O merciful Spirit,

**All: That we might know that you are with us.**

One: Come, O living God, be among us and in us.

**All: Be our very breath as we sing your praises.**

❖HYMN No. 262 ALL SAINTS  
Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus

WELCOME *Adam Hearlson*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COURAGE *Eileen Wiggins*

O Merciful Savior, we confess that too often we have seen those in peril and have averted our eyes. O Gracious God, we confess that too often our neighbors live insecure lives and we have failed to help. God, may your saving work become our saving work. May your grace, pave the path to a life lived in sacrifice to those in need. May your mercy, open our hearts to your mission of salvation. May we be empowered to live as those being saved. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

EMBRACING GOD'S GRACE

*Adam Hearlson*

❖ SONG OF PRAISE

Andraé Crouch

Bless the Lord



Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is with-

**Fine**



-in me, Bless His ho - ly name.



He has done great things, He has done great things,

**D.C. al Fine**



He has done great things, Bless His ho - ly name!

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Eileen Wiggins*

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 62:1-9

*Eileen Wiggins*

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*Trans. Robert Alter*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Fill My Cup  
(sung twice as children come forward)



Fill my cup; let it o-ver-flow;      fill my cup; let it o-ver-flow;



fill my cup; let it o-ver-flow; let it o - ver - flow with love.

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

Anthony Carrella

Following *Time with Children*, learners in Pre-K through Grade 6 are welcome and encouraged to recess with Anthony and volunteer teachers to our gated playground for Outdoor Sunday School. COVID-19 prevention measures are firmly in place, including masking, distancing, and vaccinated instructors.

## SOLO

Antonín Dvořák  
(1841-1904)

“Slyš o Bože!”

from 8 Biblical Songs

Amanda Staub, mezzo-soprano

Slyš o Bože! slyš modlitbu mou,	Give ear to my prayer, O God;
Neskrývej se před prosbou mou.	and hide not from my supplication.
Pozoruj a vyslyš mne;	Attend unto me, and hear me:
Nebot' nařikám v úpění svém,	I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise;
A kormoutím se.	My heart is sore pained within me:
Srdce mé tesklí ve mně,	and the terrors of death are fallen upon me.
A strachové smrti přišli na mne,	Fearfulness and trembling are come upon
A hrůza přikvačila mne.	me, and horror hath overwhelmed me.
I řekl jsem: Ó bych měl křídla	And I said, Oh, that I had
Jako holubice,	wings like a dove!
Zaletěl bych a podpočinul.	for then would I fly away, and be at rest.
Aj, daleko bych se vzdálil,	Lo, then would I wander far off,
A přebýval bych na poušti.	and remain in the wilderness.
Pospíšil bych újiti větru	I would hasten my escape from the
Prudkému a vichřici.	windy storm and tempest.

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

Luke 18:35-43

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SERMON

“Vocabulary of Faith: Salvation”

*Adam Hearlson*

❖ HYMN No. 833

ST. MARGARET

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The 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

*Adam Hearlson*

SHARING OF PEACE

*Adam Hearlson*

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

*Adam Hearlson*

*(Offering boxes/baskets/plates are by the door.  
We encourage you to use these in this time.)*

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Charles Villiers Stanford

Hymn (after a song of Wisdom)

(1852-1924)

*The Overbrook Choir*

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O for a closer walk with God,  
A calm and heavenly frame;  
A light to shine upon the road  
That leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy dove, return,  
Sweet messenger of rest;  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,  
And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,  
Calm and serene my frame;  
So purer light shall mark the road  
That leads me to the Lamb.

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*William Cowper (1731-1800)*



Praise to God the Fa - ther; praise to God the Son;



praise to God the Spir - it; praise to the Three-in - One.



Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.



Praise to God Al - might - y; praise to the Ho - ly one.

## ❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Eileen Wiggins*

Holy and Gracious God, we have received more than we deserve, so open our hearts to give abundantly to those in need. Bless the ministry funded by these gifts, may it spread your saving work..

## SENDING FORTH

## ❖ HYMN No. 456

NENO LAKE MUNGU

Listen, God Is Calling

## ❖ BENEDICTION

*from St. Augustine*

All shall be Amen and Alleluia.  
 We shall see rest and we shall see,  
 We shall see and we shall know,  
 We shall know and we shall love,  
 We shall love and we shall praise.  
 Behold our end which is no end.



❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

Herein is Love

George Thalben-Ball  
(1896-1987)

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

POSTLUDE

Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux  
("In thee is gladness")

François Couperin  
(1668-1733)

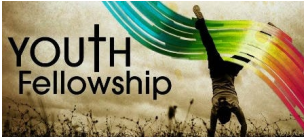


Music Spotlight: Prelude

John W. Work III (1901-1967) was born to a family of professional musicians, including his father and grandfather, both professors at Fisk University in Nashville, and his mother, a singer. He began composing in high school, and his output includes over one hundred compositions in many genres, including orchestral music, organ pieces, and choral works. He also collaborated with colleagues from Fisk to document the folk culture of African-Americans in the Mississippi Delta region.

This setting of the spiritual "A Little More Faith in Jesus" complements the melody, which is presented in a fairly straightforward fashion, with several repeating ideas in other voices. Listen for how these ideas return and transform at different points in the piece.

## Happenings at Overbrook Presbyterian Church



### Youth Lunch and Fellowship-12:00pm after the service

Reminder any youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to join Pastor Adam for a kick-off lunch at the playground immediately after service. Time will be spent talking about events and service opportunities for the year. Come and join us as begin another program year!



Just a reminder that nominations for elders, deacons, and the 2022 Congregational Nominating Committee are due by Sunday, October 17. Nominations can be put in the offering plate, mailed to the church office or email to Elizabeth Mendoza, [egmendoza@comcast.net](mailto:egmendoza@comcast.net).



### Tunes of Overbrook!

Come one come all to this year's Tunes of Overbrook! It will be held on Saturday, October 23 at 7:00 via Zoom. We will showcase the many musical talents of the congregation. If you'd like to share your talent, please contact Keedra Carroll via e-mail ([keedracarroll@gmail.com](mailto:keedracarroll@gmail.com)) or via cell (215.356.3224). This year we are not going to do a traditional fundraiser instead we will come together and enjoy and celebrate each other as a church and a community. There will be some special announcements during the program so make sure you mark your calendars. You won't want to miss this special event! If you are interested in hosting a watch party please contact Janet Bowker via e-mail ([jabowker1001@gmail.com](mailto:jabowker1001@gmail.com)) or via home (215.477.0379).



### RPM (Virtual) Cafe: October 15, 1:00-2:00 PM

RPM, Overbrook's Retired Person's Ministry, will zoom together at 1:00 PM on October 15, for "What's Next: Exploring the "Adventures of Aging." Promising to present a wild, yet good-humored, blend of optimism and realism, a panel of OPC's card carrying seniors will share their personal experiences and offer guidance to enhance personal well-being. This is an exciting time in our lives...and many adventures are still well within our grasps. Please join us for this hour of spirited discussion and fellowship. You can connect to the program through the following zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/kfryn3k>



**Youth Fellowship High Ropes Adventure!**  
October 24, 2021 at 12:00pm leaving from the church.  
Return at 4:00 pm.

The Youth Fellowship of OPC will engage in some awesome aerial adventures as they climb, traverse, and zipline across the treetops of Fairmount Park.

**Suggested donation:** \$25 – It is the church’s policy that the price of an event would not prevent someone from participating. The church subsidizes all events and relies on the generosity of others to make sure that everyone can participate, no matter the financial circumstance. Please do not let financial means prevent participation.

**Clothing:** Please wear comfortable clothing that allows for free movement. Closed-toe shoes are also required.

**Willing to Drive?** We are always looking for drivers and adult chaperones for Youth events. Chaperones must have their child protection clearances.

More info and sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/yvt2r78a>



### **Confirmation Class Begins on October 17<sup>th</sup>**

Adam and Anthony are excited to announce that they will offer young people aged 12 and above the opportunity to discern confirmation this Fall! Confirmation class begins on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 AM and is held twice per month. Confirmation is scheduled to occur in May of 2022. We are finalizing plans for rising confirmands and their previously-confirmed peers to embark on a Civil Right Pilgrimage across the Southern US. Please reach out to Adam or Anthony with thoughts or questions. We can’t wait to be with you.

Confirmation Class Dates in 2021:

10/17-9:15 AM, Adam’s Office at OPC    11/14, 9:15 AM, TBD  
10/31-9:15 AM, Adam’s Office at OPC    11/28, 9:15 AM, TBD

No Class in Advent  
Class resumes in January

## Children and Family Ministry (Cont'd)



October 31st

### Trunk or Treat at OPC

October 31st, 2021, from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. for Friends and Families of OPC

Families, friends, and volunteers are invited to start their Halloween day at Overbrook on Sunday, October 31st, with our Trunk or Treat celebration! Come dressed in your favorite costume and spend an hour safely trick or treating with family and friends. Throughout our church parking lot, you can:

- Trick or treat at the decked-out trunks of our church family.
- Sip on hot and cold apple cider at our *Cider Station*.
- Jam out to live music.
- Snap cute photos in our spooky photo booth.
- Stick around for our Jack-O-Lantern contest!
- Everyone is invited to bring a carved jack-o-lantern with them to church and enter our Jack-o- lantern contest! Judges will award prizes to the best jack-o-lanterns in the following categories:
  - Kids up to 12 years: Most creative pumpkin. Silliest pumpkin.
  - 13 to 17 years: Most creative pumpkin. Creepiest pumpkin.
  - Adults 18 years and older: Best use of the entire pumpkin.

We are seeking up to twenty volunteers who would like to decorate their trunks and provide treats for the kids. Volunteers can sign up by going to <https://tinyurl.com/OPC-Trunk>

Masks and distancing are required. Trunk or Treat is a family event, and parent supervision is required at all times. Get your cars, costumes, and jack-o-lanterns ready!

## Weekly Opportunities

The Work of the Church continues, and we continue to create programming for our community.

Please note that all hyperlinks can also be found in our weekly e-news, “This Week at OPC” that is published every Friday.

- Tuesday Women’s Prayer & Support Group—7:30 am  
Join <https://bit.ly/3yxD2F4> or call 646-558-8656,  
Meeting ID: 932 4865 5338
- Wednesday Bible Study—10:30 am  
Masks are required regardless of vaccination status.  
To Join via zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/46n54thm>
- Thursday Vigil for Racial Justice—4:00 pm-6:30 pm
- Saturday Morning Men’s’ Group—9:00 am  
Join <https://bit.ly/3hOXg6H> or call 646-558-8656,  
Meeting ID: 920 1485 0418
- Sunday School for Children-PreK-Grade 6  
Join us on the second, third and last Sunday of the month.
  - **Indoor -> Outdoor:** Learners may arrive at 10:30 for indoor worship, stay to the children’s message, and then walk with their teachers and leaders to the outdoor learning space.
  - **Outdoor Only:** Learners arrive at 10:45 in the OPC playground. Indoor participants will meet the outdoor participants.
  - **Inclement Weather:** Should inclement weather remain in the forecast after 9:30 AM on any given Sunday, all learning will most likely occur in an indoor, ventilated space.

## Ways to Give

Many people have asked how they can continue to give to the church during this time. We currently have five ways you can give online to the church.

- 1. To donate by credit card (with PayPal account):** We have a Donate button on our website that will take you to the PayPal Giving Fund where you can make donations to the church using a credit card. When giving this way, the church is not charged any processing fees. You will have to either log in with your PayPal account or create one to donate this way.
- 2. To donate with a credit card (without PayPal account):** If you'd prefer not to use a PayPal account, you can donate through PayPal but using a credit card only. Go to this link: <https://tinyurl.com/3d9dt6dw>. Pick "Donate with a Debit or Credit Card" and follow the directions or simply scan the QR code at the bottom of the page.
- 3. To set up a recurring credit card donation (with PayPal account):** If you'd like to set up a monthly credit card donation, you can use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/3d9dt6dw> or simply scan the QR code at the bottom of the page. Enter the amount of your donation and check the box to make it a monthly donation. You will have to have (or create) a PayPal account to set it up this way.
- 4. To set up a recurring donation by check:** Most banks offer the option to set up recurring payments by check. You can set it up so that the church is mailed a check on whatever schedule you choose. You'd need to check your bank's website or call them to set that up. The church mailing address is 6376 City Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19151.

As with all online giving, most companies take a cut of whatever you give (PayPal takes 3% and texting takes 1% plus the 3% of PayPal), so, if you are searching for the way for the church to receive the whole amount of your gift, automatic deduction from your bank is the most efficient.



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donation with a  
PayPal account

## Prayer List

- Prayers of healing and comfort for Marjorie Wright, cousin of Rev. LoisAnn Furgess-Oler as she battles Leukemia.
- Prayers for restoration of health and comfort for Caroline Skinner following successful kidney transplant surgery.
- Prayers for comfort for the Davis-Hotek family on the loss of Carl Davis, loving brother-in-law and uncle.
- Prayers for healing, hope and comfort for Judy Williamson as she prepares for breast cancer surgery.
- Prayers of comfort for the family of Amy Joy, cousin of Kim McDaniel.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Lincoln Hollowell, father of Aimerie Scherluebbe.
- Prayers for healing, hope, and comfort for Keith Young as he continues to receive medical treatment for cancer.
- Prayers for healing, hope, and comfort for Wendy Fraser, sister of Jeremy Blatchley, as she continues medical treatment for cancer.
- Prayers for those who face on-going health challenges, especially Flossye Johnson, Susan Leach, Aqueelah Folwell, Stephanie Stokes, Judy Swartz, Ed Harvey, Ellen Burr, Patrick O'Healey and Terri Carter.
- Prayers for Stephanie Morris and her family.
- Prayers for restoration of health and comfort for Bill Long, father of Eric Long.

*Please contact Terri Hunter (teresahunter42@gmail.com)  
or Sharon Parker (sharon@overbrookpresb.org) add names to the prayer list.*

## OPC SESSION MEMBERS:

Adam Hearlson, Moderator

Sara Davis, Clerk of Session; Stephanie Morris, Treasurer

\*\* indicates second consecutive term

Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Elaine Blodgett	Elizabeth Cosgriff	Keedra Carroll
Herbert Brabham	Bob Harden, Jr.	Kevin Davis**
Elizabeth Mendoza	Larry McGhee	Solomon Hunter
Richard Owens	Deborah Rottinger**	Becky Lazo**
Aimerie Scherluebbe**	Eileen Wiggins**	Nathalie May

## OPC DEACONS:

Teresa Hunter, Moderator, Board of Deacons

Jason Sheau, Treasurer; Mary Lou Ryce, Secretary

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Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Nancy Gilhool	Artia Benjamin**	Peju Adebajo**
Terri Hunter**	Suchita Fiorillo**	Joan Beck
Mary Lou Ryce	Bill Baker	Ginny Leagans
Carol Tulba**	Bob Kaercher	Leah Mayne
Zachary Wong	Nickie Stokes**	Jason Sheau

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*The Rev. Dr. Adam Hearlson - Designated Pastor*

*The Rev. David McMillan - Pastor Emeritus*

*Dr. Christopher Gage - Director of Music*

*Anthony 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; Amanda Staub, alto;*

*Toffer Mihalka, tenor; Matthew Lulofs, bass*

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***Overbrook Presbyterian Church is a welcoming and diverse  
Christian community that actively seeks to love and serve  
God, each other, and the world.***

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