
Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
October 17, 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

Guest Preacher: Karen Wong

Lay Leader: Amy Behrman

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

The Overbrook Choir

Iris Fairfax, soprano

Ushers: Laurie Geers, Bob Kaercher, Jonathan Kopcsik, and Peter Seidel

Deacon Delivering Flowers: Suchita Fiorillo

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

Méditation

Louis Vierne
(1870-1937)

INTROIT

O send out thy light and thy truth

G. T. Thalben-Ball
(1896-1987)

BLESSING

“A Blessing for Hands that Clean”

Adam Hearlson

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Amy Behrman

One: To see the life that teems around us,

All: To give thanks for the gift we have received;

One: To notice the beauty and promise of autumn,

All: To breathe deeply of the season;

One: To accept the gift of love, and to love in return:

All: This is to worship God.

One: Let us stand and join our voices together.

❖ HYMN No. 806

OLD 113TH

I'll Praise My Maker

WELCOME

Adam Hearlson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COURAGE

Amy Behrman

Adapted from the Worship Sourcebook

You asked for my hands,
that you might use them for your purpose.

I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them,
for the work was hard.

You asked for my mouth
to speak out against injustice.

I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.

You asked for my eyes
to see the pain of poverty.

I closed them, for I did not want to see.
 You asked for my life,
 that you might work through me.
 I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved.
 Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you—
 only when it is convenient for me to do so,
 only in those places where it is safe to do so,
 and only with those who make it easy to do so.
 Gracious one, forgive me,
 renew me, send me out
 as a disciple of Christ,
 that I might take seriously
 the meaning of your resurrection. 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!

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.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM

WELCOME

HYMN No. 188 (seated)

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus Loves Me

verse 1

Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong.

They are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Following the hymn, 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.

ANTHEM

Njooi Majini: Come to the Waters
The Overbrook Choir
Toffer Mihalka, tenor

Mark Sedio
(b. 1954)

Njooi majini
maji ya uzima kwa kufa na
kufufuka pamoja na Yesu.
Sisi tumepona.

Come to the waters of life.
We live refreshed by dying with him.
We are raised with him, Christ Jesus our Lord.
We are healed; we are made new.

Come! Come to the waters!
Come, dying and rising with Jesus the Holy One!

Njooi...
Mary Catherine Preus (Swahili)
Mark Sedio (English)

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

Luke 10:38-42

page 67/pew Bible
Karen Wong

SERMON

Karen Wong

❖HYMN No. 722

CANONBURY

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

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.)*

SOLO

Leo Sowerby
(1895-1968)

Thou Art My Strength
Iris Fairfax, soprano

Thou art my strength, O God my Lord,
Weak is my arm, and faint my heart;
Thou dost inspire me by Thy word,
And to my life Thy power impart.

The might of evil bare the way,
And towering ramparts threatening frown;
Then sinks my heart in sore dismay,
Then fall my arms in weakness down.

Shorn of my strength I lift my cry,
But God in pity hears my plaint;
And lo, the promised help is nigh,
His power is given to the faint.

This I have found, Thou dost not fail;
No pleading eye looks up in vain;
Though weak my arm, I must prevail,
If Thou, O Lord, my strength remain.

Russian Hymn, tr. John Brownlie

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 605



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 - mighty; praise to the Ho - ly one.

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Amy Behrman

O holy one, you who have richly blessed us. May we never tire of being generous. May we never grow cynical when it comes to seeking your goodness. May all that we give find a way to bring new life into the world. We pray this in the name of the one who is generous beyond all measure. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

❖ HYMN No. 324

NYLAND

For All the Faithful Women

❖ 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

Eleanor Daley

Blessed Are Those Who Walk in the Law of the Lord (b. 1955)

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

POSTLUDE

Johann Ludwig Krebs

Praeludium in G major

(1713-1780)



Music Spotlight: Choral Anthem

This piece features a call-and-response texture, with the words sung first in Swahili, then in English. The text itself is newly written by the composer and translated into Swahili by Mary Catherine Preus, who writes, “The word used here for ‘refreshed’ literally means ‘cooled off.’ In Africa, when you get well, it’s nearly always a recovery from malaria, which causes a fever.”

Mark Sedio (b. 1954) is the Cantor at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. His expertise in global church music comes from a strong interest in foreign language acquisition, linguistics, and folk styles.

Happenings at Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Just a reminder today is the last day that nominations for elders, deacons, and the 2022 Congregational Nominating Committee will be taken. Nominations can be put in the offering plate, mailed to the church office or email to Elizabeth Mendoza, egmendoza@comcast.net.



Tunes of Overbrook! -Saturday, October 23rd

We are very excited to bring to you the Tunes of Overbrook which will be on Saturday, October 23rd at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

If you are so inclined to share your wonderful talents such as singing or playing an instrument, please let me know as taped performances are needed by October 18th. You can email me at keedracarroll@gmail.com or call at 215.356.3224.

Also if you'd like to host a "watch party" please contact Janet Bowker at jabowker1001@gmail.com or at 215.477.0379.



We need people to host Fellowship Hour. If you are interested, please follow the link to the sign up genius. <https://tinyurl.com/4bx8caf> or call the church office and leave a message. If you would a copy of the instructions for Fellowship email Lisa at office@overbrookpresb.org or leave a voicemail at the church office.



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.

Cost: An anonymous donor has covered the expense for this event.

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 began today!

Confirmation classes began this morning for all young people aged 12 and above the opportunity to discern confirmation. It is not too late to join, if anyone still wants to join the confirmation class, please see Anthony or Adam after worship or send them an email. Confirmation is scheduled to occur in May of 2022.

Confirmation Class Dates in 2021:

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

11/28, 9:15 AM, TBD

No Class in Advent/Class resumes in January



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.



Scan here to donate
with a CC without
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donation with a
PayPal account

Prayer List

- Prayers for healing and comfort for Ted Dillon as he recovers from back surgery.
- 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 healing, hope and comfort for Judy Williamson as she prepares for breast cancer surgery this coming week.
- 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.*

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OPC SESSION MEMBERS:

Adam Hearlson, Moderator

TBD, Clerk of Session; Stephanie Morris, Treasurer

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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**
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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

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