

Overbrook  
Presbyterian Church



23rd Sunday After Pentecost  
Sunday, October 23, 2016  
10:30 a.m.

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

## GATHERING

PRELUDE: Two Preludes on “TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA”  
(Children of the Heavenly Father) Franklin D. Ashdown  
Robert Elmore

INTROIT George Thalben-Ball  
Like As A Father Pitieth His Own Children

❖CALL TO WORSHIP *Amanda Duckworth*

ONE: Jesus said, Let the little children come to me.

MANY: We come, each of us a child of God.

ONE: Jesus said, Do not stop them.

MANY: We come to remove obstacles before children

ONE: Jesus said, It is to such as these that the reign of God belongs.

MANY: We come to recognize that each child is already part of  
God's realm.

ONE: Jesus said, Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the reign  
of God as a little child will never enter it.

MANY: We come to worship with the trust and vulnerability and  
dependence of a child.

ALL: Let us worship our God.

❖HYMN No. 630 Fairest Lord Jesus CRUSADER'S HYMN

GREETING *Dr. Mann*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Lucy Duckworth*

God of new beginnings, we confess that we are stuck in our ways. You taught us about an upside down reign, and yet we still live our lives seeking power, wealth and status. We have failed to protect those who are most vulnerable, to stand with and for those who live in poverty, to put children first. Forgive us, we pray. Shake us up, open our hearts and our hands, our eyes and our ears that we hear again your calling and live our lives in grateful obedience.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE (*See Insert*) Malcom Archer

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Fintan O'Carroll

Hymn No. 387, Alleluia!



# WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Joel 2:27-32

Page 799, Bible  
Joanne Scherluebbe

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

## CELEBRATION OF CHILDREN

ANTHEM

Everywhere I Go  
The Junior Choir

Natalie Sleeth

*Everywhere I go, the Lord is near me. If I call upon Him, He will hear me. Never will I fear, for the Lord is near everywhere I go. In the dark of night should things alarm me, ever in His sight, no ill my harm me, I will be of cheer for the Lord is near, everywhere I go. He is with me day by day, He will be my strength and stay, from His path I will not stray but follow in His way. In the coming days of joys and sadness I will praise His name with songs of gladness, For to me it's clear that the Lord is near everywhere I go.*

*Accompanist - Victor Fiorillo  
Descant-Emma Biedermann and Aria Fiorillo  
Director—Margene Biedermann*

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Becky Lazo

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO 2nd Graders

*(Following the Presentation of Bibles, children in pre-K through grade 2 will depart for Sunday School).*

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Timothy 4:6-16

Page 197 Bible  
Geneva Van Rawley

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“A Younger Take ”

Annabelle Van Rawley  
Justin Robertson  
Sarah Stephens

❖HYMN No. 697

Take my Life

HENDON

Singing Directions

1: All, 2: Women and Children, 3: The Overbrook Choir

4. The Congregation, 5:Men, 6:All

*(Students in Grades 3-12 will depart for Sunday School at the beginning of the Hymn)*



- From *The Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

## RESPONSE

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

*Dr. Mann*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Kayla Davis*

Jesus, thank you for the special invitation you gave children to come and spend time with you. People who spend time with us care about us. We love to spend time with you, Jesus, because you never tell us to shut up. You want to know what we are thinking and how we feel. We know we can tell you anything about ourselves and you will still love us, even when we do things that you unhappy with us. We're sorry. You don't think anything we say is silly. We can tell you that we are afraid of the dark or that we want to be animal doctors when we grow up. You hear us when we say we don't want people to know that sometime we wet the bed. You won't laugh or make fun of us or tattle to someone else. This day, Jesus, we pray that you will make grown-ups strong enough and their hearts big enough to look out for all children. We want grown-ups to like us for who we are and not who they want us to be. Help them see the great things you saw in us. Let grown-ups learn from us as we learn from them. Together let us praise you for watching over us, as we pray what we have been taught

LORD'S PRAYER

*Joanna Scherluebbe  
debts/debtors*

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

*Joanna Scherluebbe*



OFFERING  
OFFERTORY

Unless the Lord Build the House

*Amanda Duckworth*  
*Alfred V. Fedak*

*The Overbrook Choir*

*Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it. But built on the strong foundation of the apostles, the household is joined and rises, a holy temple in the Lord. With Christ Jesus himself the corner-stone, blessed are they that dwell in the house, they will praise the Lord and sing. His mercy endures forever.*

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING

❖ HYMN No. 707

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

HALL

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

TwoFold Amen

Anonymous

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

POSTLUDE

Fugato on "CRUSADER'S HYMN"  
(Fairest Lord Jesus)

Gordon Young



## 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: Deb Rottinger, Acolyte: Joanna Scherlubbe  
Toffer Mihalka, Tenor  
Minister of Music: Dennis Elwell

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

by The Baker family in memory of Susanne Zirngibl

Kyrie Malcolm Archer

Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

## This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 23	11:15 am	Youth Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Mission/Outreach Meeting
Sunday, October 30	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:15 am	Youth Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour

☞ Mission & Outreach Meeting - Please note that today's meeting will be held in the Williamson Room.

☞ Bible Study - Will meet on Wednesday, October 26th at 10:30 in the Chapel.

**Share Sundaes Sunday** - Yes, we know, after last night's fantastic Taste of Overbrook we have all sworn to get back on our diet. But maybe not just yet, mark your calendars for Sunday November 13th for "Share a Sundaes Sunday". It's another chance to indulge a little, share our church with friends old and new, and with the stranger in our midst. It's free!! More details to follow.

**OPC FORUM: Due to great interest and requests,  
we are re-showing Jacob Bender's 'Out of Cordoba' film**

Where history has taught us that God's people under the Muslim, Jew and Christian's  
faith have, and can, live in Peace with each other.

**Oct. 30, 2016 at 9:15 AM in the McMillan Chapel**

**We are hoping to bring Jacob Bender back in the Spring sessions of Forum to further this discussion of 'living our faiths in PEACE' and not with the violence that we are witness to in our present day.**

**The coffee is on – hoping to see you there.**



## 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.

## 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:

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

## Deacons Delivering Flowers:

Davorka Sabljak and Stephanie Morris

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. 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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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*