

Overbrook  
Presbyterian Church



24th Sunday After Pentecost  
Sunday, October 30, 2016  
10:30 a.m.

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

## GATHERING

PRELUDE: Fanfare William Mathis  
Chorale

William Mathis (1934-192), composed the anthem, *Praise Be to You, O God in Zion*, for The Overbrook Choir in 1989, when the Overbrook Church celebrated its 100th anniversary. The work was one of the three Barnard Commissions.

INTROIT If Anyone Loves Me George Thalben-Ball

### ❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Jesus said: Those who love me will keep my word, and my  
Father will love them,  
MANY: And we will come to hem and make our home with them.  
ALL: Let us worship our God.

❖ HYMN No. O Faithful God of Years Long Past WEYMOUTH  
*The Centennial Hymn*

*Authored by Jane Parker Huber, as one of the three Barnard Commissions*

1. O faithful God of years long past  
And faithful still today,  
We praise You for all things that last  
Along this earthbound way:  
For strong communities of faith,  
For friendships, long anet true,  
For all the joys of life and breath  
In Christ made ever new
  
2. Show us our mission for today  
O God of gracious power  
We pray for vision lest we stray  
Or fail You in this hour.  
So keep our focus sharp and clear.,  
Our purpose one with Yours,  
Till all the world, both far and near,  
Will know your grace endures.

3. Today we celebrate and sing,  
Recalling work well done.  
But more, we look ahead to bring  
To harvest work begun.  
Without Your presence, sure and strong,  
We cannot move ahead.  
Your spirit lifts us with a song;  
By Christ we're loved and fed.

4. Our gratitude now overflows.  
In service and in praise.  
The love we share still builds and grows  
In stronger, deeper ways.  
So neighborhoods and cities here;  
And nations near and far,  
Will see us in Your love made clear  
By what we do and are.

GREETING

*Dr. Mann*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Oh Lord, you weep over us when we wander from you. You lament when we turn aside to other gods and enter into chaos and destruction. By your tears and through your mercy, teach us your ways and write them on our hearts, so that we may follow faithfully the path you show us.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE (*See Insert*)

Malcom Archer

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Fintan O'Carroll

Hymn No. 387, Alleluia!

## WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 119:137-14

Page 538, Bible

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Dr. Mann

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*(Following the Time with Children/ Baptism, children in pre-K through grade 2 will depart for Sunday School).*

RECOGNITION OF ENDURING MEMBERSHIP

ANTHEM

O God Our Help in Ages Past  
*The Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir*  
*Geneva Van Rawley, Flute*

arr. Ron Mallory

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Dr. Mann

*(Following the Time with Children, children in pre-K through grade 2 will depart for Sunday School).*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 19:1-10

Page 77 Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Marks of Discipleship”

Dr. Mann

❖HYMN No. 729

Lord I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT

TO BE A CHRISTIAN

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

❖AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*- From the Confession of 1967*

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of man's mind. 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 men. 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. AMEN.

## RESPONSE

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Dr. Mann

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

*debt/debtors*

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

OFFERING  
OFFERTORY

The Church's One Foundation *arr. Emma Lou Diemer*  
*The Overbrook Choir*

*Those who are able, are invited to stand and sing the 5th Stanza of Hymn #321 with The Overbrook Choir when signaled.*

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING

❖ HYMN 730

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

GRAND ISLE

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

ThreeFold Amen

Anonymous

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

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Paul Manz



**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: Keedra Carroll, Acolyte: Ben Scherlubbe  
Minister of Music: Dennis Elwell  
The Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir

**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 childcare is provided in our nursery.



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, Lord, have mer - cy.

## This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

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

☞ Bible Study - Will meet on Wednesday, November 2nd at 10:30 in the Chapel.

☞ Share Sundaes Sunday - This event will be postponed until a later date. Thank you for your understanding and be on the look out for the rescheduled date.



## ☞ 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.

Next week you will be receiving a letter with a pledge card enclosed. 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.



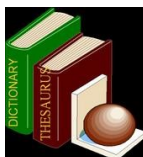
☞ **FORUM: Climate Change – inevitable and its impact.** We are in a continuum of learning and studying how climate changes do impact how we can be better stewards of our earth – and preventing further erosion caused by the habits of our daily lives.

November 6:

We will have the poster that was developed from that meeting present for people to look at. We can at this time add to or modify this list if people would like.

The November meetings on Climate Change at Overbrook will be an opportunity for a group of people to begin considering and moving into a process of action on items that were proposed during a similar meeting in May.

☞ **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](http://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](http://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](mailto:raelynkay@aol.com) or one of OPC's middle and/or high school students. Thank you!



## 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:

Dick Williamson, Susy Brandt, Bob Kaercher, Jonathan Kopcsik, Lori Mason,  
Peter Seidel and Judy Williamson.

### Deacons Delivering Flowers:

Angie Goohall & Brad Biedermann

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 Whalen & Alyssa Gardner 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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**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*