
Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2020
10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church

We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning!

Leading Worship Today:

The Rev. Dr. Adam Hearlson, Pastor

Becky Lazo, Liturgist

Hannah Lazo, Ariel Hippen, and Marisa and Maya Phan, Prayer Leaders

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

Amanda Staub, mezzo-soprano

Carol Rozmiarek, Tech Manager

GATHERING IN

PRELUDE

CWG

Improvisation on “Morecambe”
 (“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”)

CALL TO WORSHIP/WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

MORECAMBE

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Becky Lazo

Lord of Hosts, Mother to us all, forgive us for giving up too easily. Have mercy on us for settling for the world as it is. Give us courage to stand for what is right. Bless us so that we might never be silent in the face of injustice.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT

1 Samuel 1:9-17

Becky Lazo

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SOLO

Antonín Dvořák

“Hear My Prayer, O Lord” from *Biblical Songs* (1841-1904)

Amanda Staub, mezzo-soprano

Hear my prayer, O Lord, my God!
O hide not Thy face from my petition.
Bow Thine ear to me,
and hearken unto the voice of my mourning.

Pained sore is my heart within,
and trembling hath fallen upon me,
the fear of death overwhelms me.
Hear my sighing!

O had I but eagle's pinions!
Had I wings like the silver dove!
For away would I wander,
I would hide me in the wilderness;
on wings I would hasten to hide
from the storm, and fearful tempest.

from Psalm 55

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 18:1-8

Adam Hearlson

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Unrelenting Hope”

Adam Hearlson

HYMN

O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- (*Apostles' Creed*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father almighty.

From there 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Raelyn Harman-Teachers' Teamates

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Adam Hearlson
Ariel Hippen
Hannah Lazo
Marisa Phan
Maya Phan*

LORD'S PRAYER (*debts/debtors*)

SHARING OF PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

ANTHEM

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw
(1875-1958)

With a voice of singing,
declare ye this, and let it be heard, alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered his people.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands,
O sing praises to the honor of his name,
make his praise to be glorious.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, may your grace spread the world over. May these gifts be down
payments on a just and equitable world.

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN

KINGSFOLD

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude in F major

Johann Ludwig Kebs
(1713-1780)

☞This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church☞

OPC Emergency Fund

Since its creation in April, the Overbrook Covid-19 Emergency Fund has been able to give \$36,803.26 to defray costs of food, housing, medical expenses, transportation and utilities for people in need in our church community. Now, as the pandemic persists and government assistance has diminished, our fund - which once had donations of \$46,429.70 - is becoming depleted. We expect need to grow as we move into fall.

If you can, please consider a donation to the Overbrook Emergency Fund. Your gift will directly support members of our extended Overbrook family. Each request is carefully considered by the Emergency Fund Committee, and privacy is maintained.

You can donate by sending a check to the church (6376 City Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19151) with a memo marked Emergency Fund, or by donating on the link at the church website: <http://www.overbrookpresb.org/giving.php>

Everything you give will go to help someone in need. Any gift is a blessing.

With gratitude for your kindness,
OPC Emergency Fund Committee

Need Support?

If you or someone you know is in need of care or support during this time please let Pastor Adam or Terri Hunter, teresahunter42@gmail.com, know. _

Thursday Vigil for Racial Justice

Every Thursday, from 3:00-7:00 p.m., the church holds a public vigil for racial justice on our corner of City and Lancaster. You are invited to show up and pray, hold signs, and witness to the need for racial justice in our city, our country, and our world. This witness is born of our conviction that Christ stands with the oppressed and that the unequal treatment of BIPOC folks is an affront to the gospel. In consideration of social distancing, the vigil is limited to fifteen participants at a time, but there are many spots available to sign up throughout the summer. Come and make your voice heard! Sign up for a time here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4AACAE2DA2FE3-thursday>

Fellowship Hour this week!

In an attempt to continue to build community and serve our congregation, we will be holding a virtual fellowship hour after worship. At the conclusion of the service, people who remain will be invited to join a breakout room where they will have five minutes to catch up and say hello to their church friends. After five minutes, you can join another room and then another for a total of about 15-20 minutes of conversation and fellowship with other members of the congregation. So, bring your coffee, your snacks, and your finger foods, and gather again for a good OPC coffee hour.

OPC Small Group Gatherings

We all miss seeing each other in person, and it appears it will be some time until we can safely return to a robust in-person worship experience.

In the interim, we would like to explore small group gatherings to augment our wonderful virtual offerings. The idea, which is still in the beginning stages, is that people who are comfortable doing so might host small groups—maybe up to 10 people—in an outdoor and safe setting for sharing, prayer, and fellowship. We could perhaps have a common text that is the basis for conversation and reflection at the groups so that there is some connection among us. There are many ways that this concept could work. To get us started, please drop a note or give a call to Karen Wong if you would have interest in 1) hosting or 2) helping to organize (with no obligation to host). She can be reached at 617-699-3727 or testawong@gmail.com

We'll keep you posted as this idea takes shape and welcome your input. There is absolutely no pressure to participate—it is just one more option we are exploring to remain safely connected in these challenging times.



Back to School—Teachers' Teammates

Raelyn Harman, member of OPC, has started a brand-new nonprofit teacher resource center titled "Teachers' Teammates," which is supported by OPC's Session and Mission/Outreach team. The mission of this organization is to ensure that all K-12 teachers and students in Delaware County have the supplies they need to succeed in school. We want to demonstrate our encouragement, support, and gratitude for the work of our teachers, who spend an average of \$500 per year out of their own pockets to supplement what is provided by their districts. Delaware County is home to 15 school districts, and the disparity in resources between districts and communities is staggering.

Teachers' Teammates brings together resources to offer all teachers in Delaware County the opportunity to receive free and low-cost supplies to use in their classrooms. It also provides an easy avenue for businesses and the community to donate goods that can be re-purposed by teachers. Donations reduce waste and demonstrate good stewardship of resources and investment in children, uniting many segments of the community to meet an acute need. OPC and its members have supported the establishment of Teachers' Teammates with their time, experience, and financial contributions.

While we are not yet ready to offer supplies to all teachers working in the county, we are hosting a campaign for 52 Back to School Bags for elementary school teachers in the Southeast Delco School District.

Teachers' Teammates' *Back to School Bag for Teachers Wish List* (balance of what is needed as of 9/9): *Sticky Note pads; Dry Erase Markers and Copy Paper; Pocket Folders; Highlighters (different colors); Staplers ; Tape Dispensers and Refills; boxes of large Paper Clips and/or Binder Clips; reg. size boxes of Tissues; pocket size packets of Tissues, small packages of mints. Volunteers from Teachers' Teammates will shop on your behalf if you prefer to make a financial contribution. Each bag is valued at approximately \$50.*

If you know of any other organization that would want to contribute to Teachers' Teammates, please introduce us to them!

Online Weekly Opportunities

The Work of the Church continues: we continue to create programming for our community. The Men's group meets on Saturday Morning, the Women's group meets on Tuesday mornings. Bible Study is on Wednesday, children gather on Thursday, and youth gather every other week, with something for everyone. For more information, please consult our website. The links are as follows:

Wednesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study Wednesdays, via Zoom. This week's study will be based on Matthew 18:12-14, "Parable of the Lost Sheep"

Join <https://zoom.us/j/659964984>

Phone: 646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 659 964 984

Women's Prayer & Support Group

Women's weekly prayer groups are now Tuesdays and Thursdays. Below is the information for both sessions:

Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Join <https://zoom.us/j/97359780682>

Phone: 646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 973 5978 0682

Sign up to lead a Tuesday group:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040948a9ac29ab9-opcwomens>

Thursdays, 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Join <https://zoom.us/j/95829739000>

Phone: 646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 958 2973 9000

Sign up to lead a Thursday group:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040948A9AC29AB9-opcwomensl>

Saturday Morning Men's' Group, 9:00 am

Join <https://zoom.us/j/209922549>

To join by phone: 646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 209 922 549

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 you give this way, the church is not charged any processing fees. Please note that you will have to either log in with your PayPal account or create one in order to use this feature.

2. To donate with a credit card (without PayPal account): If you would prefer not to use a PayPal account, you can donate through PayPal but using a credit card only. Go to this link: https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s-xclick&hosted_button_id=VX4E5GVVUE7VW&source=url. Pick “Donate with a Debit or Credit Card” and follow the directions.

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://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s-xclick&hosted_button_id=VX4E5GVVUE7VW&source=url. 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.

5. To give by text: Text GIVE to [484-222-5757](tel:484-222-5757) and follow the prompts. You can make a one-time donation or set up recurring donations.

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.

✧ Prayer List ✧

- ◆ Lynn Pompa is in need of continued prayers for medical complications.
- ◆ Leonard Sloan is recovering from a fall and has currently been placed on hospice.
- ◆ Mary Pat, friend of Ginny Leagans, is being treated for colon cancer and just started chemotherapy.
- ◆ Theresa Carter is currently being treated for metastatic breast cancer and her tumor is shrinking.
- ◆ Amanda Benjamin is seeking employment after being recently laid off.
- ◆ Kim Bridgford, friend of Holly Brigham, has passed away after battling stage four breast cancer. Prayers for her family and close friends.
- ◆ Caroline Skinner is facing health challenges.
- ◆ Dale, friend of the Kupstas's family, is awaiting test results and diagnosis of a current illness. Dale is a father of 3 children.
- ◆ Margaret Young's son Keith's has been released from the hospital and put on hospice care at home. Prayers for the Keith and the family.
- ◆ Judy Swartz prayers for continued healing.
- ◆ Al Mayne, father of Scott Mayne, has just completed cancer treatment and is recovering from surgery.
- ◆ Eric Long's father Bill Long's cancer has returned.
- ◆ Wendy Fraser, sister of Jeremy Blatchley, is continuing treatment for cancer.
- ◆ Ed Harvey is still facing some multiple health challenges. He is grateful for all the prayers.

*Please contact Terri Hunter (teresahunter42@gmail.com)
or the Church Office to 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 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Rachel Carnahan**	Elaine Blodgett	Elizabeth Cosgriff
Kevin Davis	Herbert Brabham	Bob Harden, Jr.
Becky Lazo	Elizabeth Mendoza	Larry McGhee
Will Schick**	Richard Owens	Deborah Rottinger**
Karen Wong**	Aimerie Scherluebbe**	Eileen Wiggins**

OPC DEACONS:

Teresa Hunter, Moderator, Board of Deacons

Brad Biedermann, Treasurer; Jill Van Rawley, Secretary

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Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Peju Adebanjo	Nancy Gilhool	Artia Benjamin**
Brad Biedermann**	Terri Hunter**	Suchita Fiorillo**
Sabrina Johnson**	Mary Lou Ryce	Bill Baker
Alan Sigler	Carol Tulba**	Bob Kaercher
Jill Van Rawley		Nickie Stokes**

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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 Christian Education*

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.***
