
Overbrook Presbyterian Church



'I Am Joseph' by Shoshannah Brombacher; pastel and ink on paper, 2008

Worship Service
September 25, 2022
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
Raelyn Harman, Liturgist
Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music
The Overbrook Choir
Matthew Lulofs, baritone

Today's chancel flowers are given by Eileen Wiggins in celebration of the end of summer and return of fall.

Ushers: Ron Homer, Jim McDaniel, and Sean Whalen

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 Wistar Morris room hosted by Julia Paone and MaryAnn Blair.

All are welcome!

We need hosts, please consider volunteering to host in the future.

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

Berceuse

Louis Vierne
(1870-1937)

INTROIT

Bless the Lord, O my soul

George Thalben-Ball
(1896-1987)

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Raelyn Harman

Leader: Sisters and brothers and siblings in Christ—arise.

People: **Arise and lift your hearts,**

Leader: Arise and lift your eyes,

People: **Arise and lift your voices.**

Leader: The living God,

The living, moving Spirit of God has called us together—

People: **in witness,
in celebration,
in struggle.**

Leader: Sisters, Brothers, and Siblings in Christ,
Reach out toward each other.

People: **For our God reaches out toward us!**

Leader: Let us worship God!

All: **For God is worthy to be praised.**

❖HYMN No. 611

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

WELCOME

Adam Hearlson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COURAGE (*unison*)
(*from a New Zealand Prayer Book*)

Raelyn Harman

We need your healing, merciful God;

Give us true repentance.

Some sins are plain to us;

some escape us,

some we cannot face.

Forgive us;

set us free to hear your word to us;

set us free to serve you. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

EMBRACING GOD'S GRACE

❖ GLORIA PATRI

HYMN No. 581

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 133

Raelyn Harman

The Word of the Lord.

Pew Bible, p. 543

Thanks be to God.

BIBLICAL STORYTELLING

Anthony Carrella

*(Following the storytelling, learners in Pre-K through Grade 5
are encouraged to recess with Anthony and volunteer teachers.*

They should bring everything they need to Sunday School.)

SOLO

Gwyneth Walker

Ubi Caritas (Welcome Love)

(b. 1947)

from *Prayers and Blessings*

Matthew Lulofs, baritone

When we truly welcome love, we welcome God.

Let our love bloom in many forms:

The love of Christ, uniting us in joy,

The love and reverence of the living God,

The honest love that binds our human hearts.

When we truly welcome love, we welcome God.

Let our welcome take many shapes be rich and free.

Welcome the friendly unfamiliar thought,

Farewell to bitter quarrels, welcome peace,

Welcome dear Christ with us, Emmanuel.

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When we truly welcome love, we welcome God.
So let true joy be our reward:
The joy that we will share with all the saints,
The glorious joy, to see the face of God,
The great and good and everlasting joy.

*Paulinus of Aquileia (796),
tr. Christopher Brunelle (2004)*

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 45:1-15 *Adam Hearlson*
The Word of the Lord. Pew Bible, p. 40
Thanks be to God.

SERMON “The Joy of Reconciliation” *Adam Hearlson*

❖ HYMN No. 444 DETROIT
 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Confession of 1967*)

In Jesus of Nazareth,
true humanity was realized once for all.
Jesus, a Palestinian Jew,
lived among his own people
and shared human needs, temptations,
joys, and sorrows.
He expressed the love of God in word and deed
and became a brother to all kinds of sinful people.
But his complete obedience
led him into conflict with his people.
His life and teaching judged their goodness,
religious aspirations,
and national hopes.
Many rejected him and demanded his death.
In giving himself freely for them,
he took upon himself the judgment
under which all people stand convicted.
God raised him from the dead,
vindicating him as Messiah and Lord.
The victim of sin became victor,
and won the victory over sin and death for all.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

LIFE AT THE CROSSROADS

Adam Hearlson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharon Parker

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING OF PEACE

Sharon Parker

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

*(If you wish to leave an offering, we encourage you to use
the offering plate by the lectern as you depart the Sanctuary.)*

OFFERING

*John Rutter
(b. 1945)*

*Thy Perfect Love
The Overbrook Choir*

*Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest,
Thy perfect love close in my breast
That I thee love and never rest;
And make me love thee of all things best,
And wound my heart in thy love free,
That I may reign in joy evermore with thee.*

Anonymous (15th century)

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Raelyn Harman

God may these gifts grow into a reconciling force within the world. May they join those who were divided and heal that which was broken. May these gifts be as Christ to those who long for a redeemed world. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

❖ HYMN No. 456

NENO LAKE MUNGU

Listen, God Is Calling

❖ BENEDICTION

Adam Hearlson

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

Eleanor Daley
(b. 1955)

O God, Who Has Called Us

POSTLUDE

Toccata in C

Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1706)

*Please depart quietly for those who wish to listen to the postlude.
If you have a child or children who attended Sunday School,
you may meet them in Fellowship Hall.*

Music Spotlight: Solo

The composer, Gwyneth Walker, gives the following notes on her piece:

The lyrics for “Ubi Caritas” are based on a new translation, by Christopher Brunelle, of the traditional “Ubi Caritas Est Vera.” A recurrent image in this translation is the gesture of welcoming: welcoming love, welcoming God, welcoming the “friendly unfamiliar thought,” welcoming Christ with us. The musical interpretation of welcoming is stepwise motion, either up or down, around a pitch center. Perhaps this might be heard as an opening of the door, or an opening of the heart.

THIS WEEK AT OPC: 9/25-10/02

Sun	25	10:45 a.m.	Children's Sunday School	Fellowship Hall
		11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hour	Wistar Morris Room
		12:00 p.m.	Jr. Choir Meet/Greet	Choir Room
		12:00 p.m.	Mission/Outreach Mtg	Williamson Room
Mon	26		[No events scheduled.]	
Tue	27	7:30 a.m.	Women's Prayer/Support	online
		3:15 p.m.	Mission and Outreach	Samuel Gompers Sch.
Wed	28	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study	in person and online
Thu	29	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Bell Room (upstairs)
		7:30 p.m.	Overbrook Ch. Rehearsal	Choir Room
Fri	30	10:00 a.m.	RPM Plus	Wistar Morris Room
		5:00 p.m.	Parent's Night Out	Wistar Morris Room
		6:30 p.m.	Women's Dining Circle	Liz Shah's home
Sat	01	9:00 a.m.	Nature Walk	100 Merion Rd.
Sun	02	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum	Williamson Room
		10:30 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
		12:00 p.m.	Civil Rights Reflection/Lunch	Fellowship Hall
		3:00 p.m.	Blessing of the Animals	Parking Lot

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Junior Choir Meet and Greet—today at noon. Are there any young singers in your family? Whether experienced choristers or undiscovered talent, they are welcome in the relaunched Overbrook Junior Choir! We will hold a meeting in the **Choir Room** to discuss goals, brainstorm activities, and discuss our schedules while enjoying food and fellowship. Contact **Chris** (music@overbrookpresb.org) with questions.

Retired Person's Ministry, Friday, September 30, 10:00 AM-Noon: All are welcome to join us in the Wistar Morris Room for the **RPM Plus** activity: *Creating Memories: Designing Legacy Art*. Conveners will be Sharon Parker and OPC Guest artists. For more information about the Retired Person's Ministry, please contact **Sharon Parker** (sharon@overbrookpresb.org).

Walking with Spirit, Saturday, October 1, 9:00 AM : Merion Botanical Park, 100 Merion Road, Merion Station Let's walk through the Season of Creation...together. Each Saturday in October, all are invited to participate in a series of contemplative nature walks. OPC walkers will have the opportunity to explore five accessible nature trails in our area. It will be a time for us to share the beauty of the changing seasons, and to listen to the sounds of creation. The duration of each walk will be approximately one hour. OPC contemplative walks are inspired by Christine Valters Paintner's work, *Eyes of the Heart: Photography as a Contemplative Christian Practice*. For a copy of the book, and for the October schedule of walking trails, please contact **Sharon Parker** (sharon@overbrookpresb.org).

School Supply Donations—September 18 to October 9. Mission and Outreach is coordinating a school supply drive for two local schools: James Rhoads (<https://rhoads.philasd.org/>) and Gloria Caesarez (<https://caesarez.philasd.org/>) Elementary Schools. Boxes will be set up in the Wistar Morris Room to accept donations. The supply list is as follows:

- Pencils, pencils, pencils (#2)
- Black and White composition notebooks (wide-ruled)
- Spiral notebooks (wide-ruled)
- Erasers
- Dry erase markers (all colors)
- Chart paper markers
- Tissues
- Disinfectant wipes

For more information, contact **Jeff Bowker** (bowkerjeffrey@gmail.com).

Blessings of the Animals- October 2nd at 3:00pm in the church parking lot.

The church is invited to bring their pets to church for our annual service where we bless our animals. Traditionally held near the feast day of St. Thomas of Assisi, this service is an opportunity to honor our pets and recognize them as part of God's created world. All pets are welcome, though if your pet doesn't participate well with other animals, feel free to bring a picture!

The Adult Forum Returns!—Sunday, October 2, 9:15 a.m. Please join us in the **Williamson Room** before worship for conversations on how to grow spiritually and more fully in discernment, focusing on the intersection of life and faith following in the footsteps of Jesus. Childcare will be provided. For more information, contact Trudy Sheau (tsheau@yahoo.com).

Inquirers Class—Sundays, October 16 and 23, 9:00 a.m. If you would like to know more about OPC and to discern if you would like to become a member of this community, please join us in **Pastor Adam's office**. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Mendoza (egmendoza@comcast.net) or Adam (adam@overbrookpresb.org).

Concert: St. Thomas Gospel Choir—Sunday, October 16, 3:00 p.m. We are thrilled to welcome our neighbors from the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas to present an afternoon of gospel music. Under the direction of Waltier Blocker, the Gospel Choir comprises musicians of all ages and backgrounds and has performed all over the country, in addition to releasing several CDs. Suggested donation is \$10; reception to follow. For more information, contact **Chris Gage** (music@overbrookpresb.org).

Taste of Overbrook 2022—Saturday, October 22, 6:00 p.m. Last day for discount tickets! Tickets can be purchased after worship today in the Wistar Morris Room or scan the QR code below. We will be raising money to make the doors by the church office more accessible to open for all. Join us in Fellowship Hall as we share foods from around the world. We are also looking for auction items that involve an experience such as a sporting event, theater tickets or guided museum visits. If you have any questions, please contact **Keedra Carroll** (keedracarroll@gmail.com) or **Will Schick** (willsch84@yahoo.com):



Fellowship Hour hosts needed for October. All are invited to participate in Fellowship Hour each Sunday following worship, and all are encouraged to consider serving as a Fellowship Hour Host. If you feel called to this *ministry of welcome*, please see Artia Benjamin during Sunday's Fellowship Hour, or contact her by email (clc@overbrookpresb.org). We are currently in need of hosts for the following dates: **October 23 and October 30.**

“Say it with Chancel Flowers.” Please consider donating the Sunday morning chancel flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, or simply in celebration of or thanksgiving for the many blessings we receive every day. The cost of the flowers is **\$60.00**. Please feel free to contribute what you can to offset this cost and to honor someone or something special to you. You can reserve your chancel flowers by signing up in the Wistar Morris room during Fellowship Hour.

YOUTH MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Youth Sunday School today- Due to the Youth Mission Trip to Baltimore, the Youth Sunday School will not meet. Sunday School will resume on October 9th. We look forward to seeing everyone there as we discuss, God, Creation, and our responsibility to steward the earth.

Civil Rights Pilgrimage Reflections—Sunday, October 2, at 12:00 p.m. Last June, our confirmation classes went on a three-day Civil Rights Pilgrimage through Atlanta, Montgomery, and Selma. After worship on October 2, those students will take time to reflect on the trip and discuss what they have learned. The congregation is invited to join our pilgrims for lunch in **Fellowship Hall** and stay for a chance to hear about the value of the trip in the lives of our confirmands. All are welcome!

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

RSVP for Parent's Night Out | Friday, September 30th from 5:00-8:00 PM.

Parents, please RSVP your children as soon as possible for *Parent's Night Out!* Children ages 3-11 will come to OPC to enjoy a night of fun while parents enjoy a night out by themselves. Child-safe, background checked ministry volunteers will sing music, tell stories, play games, serve dinner, and screen a film. Sign up in the Wistar Morris Room, or via tinyurl.com/PNO-22 no later than **Wednesday September 30th**.

CFM QUESTIONS?

Please contact the following committee leaders:

Anthony (anthony@overbrookpresb.org),

Christy (christiane.lang@gmail.com), or

Sabrina (sjohnson227@gmail.com).

ONGOING WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

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

Sunday:

Adult Forum – Resuming on October 2 -9:15 a.m.

Children Sunday School – 2nd-last Sunday of the month-10:45 a.m.

Youth Sunday School-2nd-last Sunday of the month-11:15 a.m.

Tuesday Women’s Prayer & Support Group—7:30 a.m.

Join <https://bit.ly/3yxD2F4>

Meeting ID: 932 4865 5338

Wednesday Bible Study—10:30 a.m. (both in person and online)

Join <https://tinyurl.com/46n54thm>

Meeting ID: 894 5497 9360

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Committee	Monthly Meeting	Chair or Co-Chairs
Worship and Music	3 rd Monday, 7:30 p.m.*	Eileen Wiggins
Mission and Outreach	4 th Sunday, 12:15 p.m.	Jeff Bowker
Finance	1 st Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.*	Lainie Blodgett
Children and Family (CFM)	Last Wednesday, 6:15 p.m.*	Christy Lang-Hearlson and Sabrina Johnson
Property	3 rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.*	Bill Baker, Ted Dillon, and Jeff Bowker
Stewardship	Next meeting: 10/5, 7:00 p.m., Janet Bowker’s	Keedra Carroll and Will Schick
Congregational Life	TBD	Artia Benjamin
Welcoming	TBD	Elizabeth Mendoza
Youth and Family	TBD	Adam Hearlson

An asterisk (*) indicates that the committee meets virtually.

For more information about any of the committees, please contact the chair or one of the co-chairs. Contact information may be found by visiting Realm or contacting the office at office@overbrookpresb.org.

Prayer List

- Prayers for safe travels for the youth and adults who are participating in this weekend's Youth Service Retreat in Baltimore.
- Prayers for comfort and healing for Christy Lang Hearlson's mother, Judy, as she receives medical care following a serious fall.
- Prayers for comfort and healing for Aimerie Scherluebbe as she undergoes medical treatment for lymphoma.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Eileen Wiggins who is under treatment for COVID.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Earl Lindgren who is under treatment for COVID.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Becky Lazo's mother, Susan Leach, who is undergoing medical care at Penn-Presbyterian Hospital
- Prayers for comfort and restoration of health for Margaret Young's great-grandson, Yusuuf, who is undergoing chemotherapy and radiation at Children's Hospital.
- Prayers for comfort and healing for Trudy Sheau.
- Prayers of hope and strength for Kahil Taylor, nephew of Artia Benjamin, and his family during challenging times.
- Prayers for comfort and restoration of health for Ed Harvey.
- Prayers for hope and restoration of health for all who are under medical treatment for cancer.
- Prayers for all who face health challenges, especially Ernestine Harris, Caroline Skinner, Aqueelah Folwell, Stephanie Stokes, Terri Carter, Judy Swartz, Ellen Burr, Bill and Jean Long, and Martha Brown.
- Prayers for Stephanie Morris and her family.
- Prayers of hope and strength for all who are experiencing challenges and transitions in their personal lives.

Please contact Bill Baker (wbaklava@aol.com) or Sharon Parker (sharon@overbrookpresb.org) to add names to the prayer list.

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OPC SESSION MEMBERS:

Adam Hearlson, Moderator

Raelyn Harman, Clerk of Session; Stephanie Morris, Treasurer

** indicates second consecutive term

Class of 2022

Elizabeth Cosgriff

Bob Harden, Jr.

Linda Huff-Paul

Deborah Rottinger**

Eileen Wiggins**

Class of 2023

Keedra Carroll

Kevin Davis**

Solomon Hunter

Becky Lazo**

Nathalie May

Class of 2024

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Elizabeth Mendoza**

Brian Taussig-Lux

Christoph Von Andreae

Mimi Winkler

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Lisa Faso - Office Manager

Carol Rozmiarek - Financial Secretary

Leonard Robbins - Church Custodian

The Overbrook Quartet:

Iris Fairfax, soprano; Allison Chang, alto;

Toffer Mihalka, tenor; Matthew Lulofs, bass

“Overbrook Presbyterian Church actively seeks to worship God, serving each other and the world through a welcoming, loving, and inclusive ministry.”

611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

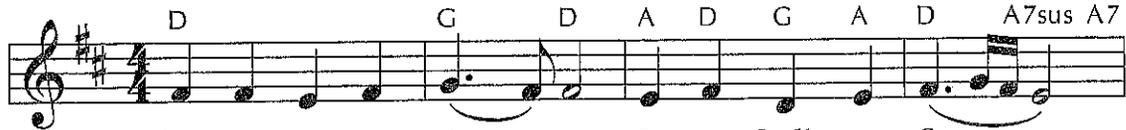
Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
 Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.

Giv - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

There Is a Redeemer

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1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son;
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names,
 3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see his face;



pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.
 pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, hope for sin - ners slain.
 there I'll serve my King for - ev - er in that ho - ly place.



Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son, and



leav - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

Although the refrain of this piece names all three Persons of the Trinity, the stanzas emphasize references to Jesus Christ under various titles. There is also a shift in tone between the stanzas and the refrain: the former speak about God and the latter speaks to God.

TEXT and MUSIC: Melody Green, 1982

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GREEN
Irregular

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive 444

Capo 5: (Am) (Dm) (Am) (C) (Em) (Am)
 Dm Gm Dm F Am Dm



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray,
 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease.



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
 that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 what triv - ial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!
 Then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

Few petitions of the Lord's Prayer are as difficult to pray as this one, and we would not dare to pray it if we had to depend on ourselves rather than the example of forgiveness we are given in Jesus Christ. The shape note tune sets these words with appropriate spareness.

TEXT: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1969, 1983, alt.

MUSIC: Supplement to Kentucky Harmony, 1820; harm. Margaret W. Mealy, 1985

Text © 1969, 1983 Rosamond E. Herklots

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DETROIT
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Listen, God Is Calling

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Neno lake Mungu

Refrain

Leader *All*

Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,
Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,

of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.
ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.

Leader *All*

1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader *All* *to Refrain*

that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

This anonymous Swahili hymn from Kenya follows a pattern of traditional African music (refrain, call-and-response stanzas, refrain) also common in African American spirituals. This text affirms that God's inviting and forgiving call can still be heard through the written Word.