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# Overbrook Presbyterian Church

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Worship Service  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
April 29, 2018  
10:30 a.m.

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

Crown Him with Many Crowns                      George Elvey  
arr. Barbara B. Kinyon  
*The Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir*

### INTROIT

Salvation unto us has come                      *Etlich Cristlich lider, 1524*  
To the tune "Es ist das Heil," an Easter chorale.

### ❖CALL TO WORSHIP –*Psalm 22:25-27*

Leader: I offer praise in the great congregation because of you;

People: I will fulfill my promises in the presence of those who honor  
God.

Leader: Let all those who are suffering eat and be full!

People: Let all who seek the Lord praise him!

I pray your hearts live forever!

Leader: Every part of the earth will remember and come back to the  
Lord;

People: every family among all the nations will worship you.

### ❖HYMN No. 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee                      HYMN TO JOY

### GREETING

*Pastor Bruce Gillette*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you  
with our whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,

help us amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖HYMN No. 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

## HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

1 John 4:7-21

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ANTHEM

Sing Praise to God  
*The Overbrook Junior Choir*

Susan McClure

TIME WITH CHILDREN

*Pastor Carolyn Gillette*

*(Following Time with Children, students in Pre-K through  
Grade 2 will depart for Sunday School.)*

GOSPEL LESSON  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

John 15:1-8

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SERMON

“Your Purpose in Life”

Pastor Bruce Gillette

*(Following the Sermon, students in Grades 3 through 6 and High School will depart for Sunday  
School. Grades 7-8 Confirmation students are asked to stay in worship.)*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

❖HYMN (on inside back cover of bulletin)

O God, In Your Love

ST. DENIO

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- *The Apostles' Creed*

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate  
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.

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

*Pastor Carolyn Gillette*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Elizabeth Mendoza, Organ Update  
Mary Lou Ryce, Prayer Shawl Ministry*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SERVICE OF WHOLENESS AND HEALING WITH THE  
LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING WITH OIL

*Those desiring the laying on of hands and anointing with oil may come forward and kneel or bow. If  
you have special prayer requests, please share them with one of the ministers, elders or deacons.*

*You may choose to come forward for prayer, or you may choose to remain in the pew and offer  
a quiet prayer to God.*

CONCLUDING PRAYER (*unison*)

St. Augustine of Hippo

Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ.

Rest your weary ones.

Bless your dying ones.

Soothe your suffering ones.

Pity your afflicted ones.

Shield your joyous ones;

And all for your love's sake. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER-*Debts/Debtors*

Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*

SHARING OF PEACE (*"The Peace of Christ Be With You", "And Also With You"*)

OFFERING

The Strife Is O'er  
*The Overbrook Choir*

Donald Cashmore

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

❖ HYMN No. 703

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me ST. CATHERINE

## SENDING FORTH

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

Behold, God is my salvation Donald Cashmore

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

POSTLUDE

Es ist das Heil uns kommen her

J. S. Bach



**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. Our pastors would welcome talking with you after today's worship service or in the future.

### Leading Worship Today:

The Revs. Bruce and Carolyn Gillette, Co-Pastors

Lay Leaders: Youth; Acolyte: Everett Whalen

The Overbrook Choir

The Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir

The Overbrook Junior Choir

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

Today's bulletin cover is drawn by Julianna Johnson

**The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God**  
by Jeff and Janet Bowker, in memory of John Steindl, Janet's father.

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:**

Phil Sheau, Tyrone Frisby, Ron Homer, Jane Krumrine,  
Jim McDaniel, Carol Tulba and Sean Whalen

**Openers/Closers:**

Jason Sheau

**Deacons Delivering Flowers:**

Brad Biedermann and Carol Tulba

Following worship today - please join us for refreshments in the Wistar Morris Room. We would like to thank Gail Kaercher, Joan Moylan, and Ginny Leagans for hosting this week's coffee hour. 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.

**This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church**

Sunday, April 29	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Youth Mission Trip Planning-Chapel
Tuesday, May 1	12:00 p.m.	Lay Leader Training-Sanctuary
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Committee-Williamson Rm
Wednesday, May 2	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee-Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study-Chapel
Thursday, May 3	5:00 p.m.	Property Committee-Chapel
	6:30 p.m.	Congregational Life-Chapel
Saturday, May 5	8:00 a.m.	Men's Group-Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	Deborah Savage Schuhl Funeral
Sunday, May 6	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	New Members Committee-Chapel
	2:00 p.m.	Dennis Elwell Organ Recital

☞ Today's Worship Lay Leader Training: We will offer training today at noon in the sanctuary for people interested in serving as lay leaders in our worship services. We hope it will take about 15 minutes to review the printed handouts. Please contact Alyce Marsh or our pastors, Bruce & Carolyn Gillette, if you are interested serving as a lay leader

☞ Youth Mission Trip Planning Meeting- Today at noon for all youth, parents and chaperones attending the youth mission trip in August to West Virginia

☞ Bible Study: This week's Bible study will be at 10:30am and will be led by Pastor Carolyn. She will be teaching on John 15:9-17, next Sunday, May 6 lectionary reading.

☞ Next Saturday, May 5 at 11:00 a.m. will be the memorial service for Deborah Savage Schuhl. A reception will follow in the Wistar Morris Room. Deborah is the daughter of the late Lavinia "Binnie" Savage. Please keep Deborah's family and friends in your prayers this week.



**Adult Forum**

Come join us Next Sunday, May 6 at 9:15 a.m. for Adult Forum. We will be starting a six-session small group Bible study which captures live and unscripted conversations between Tim Keller and a group of people to address their doubts and objections to Christianity. LaToya Richie will be the discussion leader for this series. The first session in the series is titled: *Isn't the Bible a Myth?*



Ice Cream Social

Stewardship Team is holding a Ice Cream Social on Friday May 18<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will go on sale this Sunday, April 29 and are \$5/person or \$20/family of 4 or more. All ticket proceeds go to benefit the Youth Mission Trip to West Virginia this summer



"A House Divided" – Up Next at Overbrook Presbyterian Church on May 4,5,6 and 11,12 presented by Narberth Community Theatre. If anyone is interested in seeing this play please see Jeff Bowker for your tickets. Proceeds of tickets sales will go to support OPC's general budget. Tickets are \$20.00/each.

**Please save the date: Saturday, May 12, 9:30-11:00 a.m. will be the Spring Prayer Breakfast!** In addition to the fine breakfast, fellowship, and shared devotions, a plant sale will bring an added touch of spring. There is no charge for breakfast, a free will offering basket will be available. Proceeds will go to the Presbyterian Church of Myanmar in support of vocational ministry for women. Please sign up in the Wistar Morris Room following worship...all are welcome!



“Appointment times are filling up fast. Stop by the table in the Wistar Morris Room after worship today to schedule the best time for you or go directly to [overbrookpresb.org](http://overbrookpresb.org) and follow links to easily schedule it yourself. We will be photographing everyone *on Mon., June 4th, Tues., June 5th and Fri., June 8th, 2pm-9pm and Saturday, June 9th,*

*10am-5pm* right here at our church. Our directory won't be complete without you. Our goal is 100% participation by OPC members and friends. Everyone who gets their photo taken will get a free 8x10 photo and a free photo directory. There is no obligation to buy any additional photos. If these times do not work with your schedule or if you have any questions, please contact Raelyn Harman ([610-331-8972](tel:610-331-8972)/[raelynkay@aol.com](mailto:raelynkay@aol.com)) or Artia Benjamin ([215-266-8758](tel:215-266-8758)/[NewLife5125@aol.com](mailto:NewLife5125@aol.com)) and we can help make alternative arrangements.



**OPC Women's Retreat, Saturday, June 2, 2018-8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.** The 2nd Annual OPC Women's Retreat will be on **Saturday, June 2, 2018** at the IHM Conference Center in Bryn Mawr. This year's theme will be "Finding Joy" based on the Letter to the Philippians, and our leader will be Pastor Carolyn Gillette.

Cost for the day is estimated at \$40 per person. Scholarships are available. Please contact Artia Benjamin, Becky Lazo or Sabrina Johnson for more information.



**Chancel Flowers.** If anyone is interested in dedicating in honor of or in memory of the Sunday Chancel Flowers please see the sign up in the Wistar Morris Room. The cost of the flowers is a monetary donation of your choice. The following dates are available **June 3, and 24.**



**Coffee Hour Hosts are needed for the following Sundays: May 27, June 10, 17 and 24.** Instructions for this easily accomplished, highly valued ministry are available on the OPC web site and in the church kitchen (on the microwave). For more information

please contact Amarilis Stricker at 484-343-0679 or Raelyn Harman at 610-331-8972. Thank you.



☞ An Overbrook prayer shawl ministry is now forming to create handmade shawls and lap throws to provide comforting gifts from the church to those for whom we are praying. Anyone who now has handwork skills such as knitting, crocheting, weaving or quilting OR anyone who wishes to learn these skills is invited to join the group. For more information please contact Mary Lou Ryce at 410-370-4211 or Marylou.ryce@gmail.com

☞ May 6-Main Line Gun Violence Awareness Day: "The Souls: Portraits of Victims of Gun Violence," including a powerful portrait of James Walke III (son of Yullia and Leonard Robbins) will be at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, May 6, 5:30 p.m. Read more about the painting, "That Smile" <https://www.soulshotportraitproject.org/#/weite/>.

*Inaugural Concert of the Dennis Elwell Organ Recital Series*

# RICHARD ELLIOTT

*Principal Organist of the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City*



**SUNDAY, MAY 6**

**2:00 P.M.**

**Overbrook**

**Presbyterian Church**

**\$20 suggested donation**

*Pick up a color flyer at coffee hour to invite your friends!*

## Prayer List

- ◆ Family of Deborah Savage Schuhl as they prepare for Deborah's funeral service May 5.
- ◆ Family of Spencer Robinson, Spencer died last week.
- ◆ The Rev. Rebecca Segers being installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Germantown.
- ◆ John Nathaniel is recovering from a stroke.
- ◆ DeDe Sherlock, Pat Dillion's sister, having health issues.
- ◆ Ed Harvey recovering from surgery. He welcomes prayers by his church family and phone calls to his home, 215-871-0858.
- ◆ The Rev. David McMillian leg wound is improving slowly.
- ◆ Leo Miller, Vince Gilhool's nephew, receiving cancer treatment
- ◆ Ken Carroll is undergoing radiation treatment
- ◆ Thomas James, father of Savannah England (formerly Anna Lemley) is battling lung cancer.
- ◆ Charlotte Carpenter recently diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis
- ◆ Lynda Johnson having health concerns
- ◆ Ellen Burr ongoing health issues

Please contact Pastors Bruce or Carolyn to add names or concerns to this list. Bruce and Carolyn can be reached by email, cell phone, or by leaving a message in the Church Office, or by speaking with one of them in person.

✿ Please Remember to Sign the Prayer Cards: These cards are located on the raised table in the Wistar Morris Room. We ask all church members and friends to please sign these cards before or after worship each Sunday. "You were remembered this Sunday in the prayers of the people of the Overbrook Church in Philadelphia" is the message found on prayer cards. Please contact our pastors or church office if you would like us to send a prayer card to someone.

✿ Pastoral Care & Feedback Welcome: We are grateful to people who let us know about pastoral needs in our church and community. We welcome visiting people in their homes, at work, in the hospital and at the church. We welcome the opportunity to bring home communion to anyone who would like to receive the sacrament. Please contact us by email: [pastors@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:pastors@overbrookpresb.org), [bruce@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:bruce@overbrookpresb.org) or [carolyn@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:carolyn@overbrookpresb.org) or call us (Office: 215-877-2744 or Bruce's Cell: 302-528-1796 or Carolyn's Cell: 302-528-1797) if you, or someone you know, would like a visit from an Overbrook pastor. Your ideas, feedback and prayers help us all serve better together. Please see our contact information above so we can have a conversation with you. Thank you. Pastors Bruce & Carolyn Gillette.

1. O God, in your love, you have made us u - nique:  
 2. Lord Je - sus, you came to bring God's love on earth;  
 3. O Christ, with your wel - come your church feels un - ease:  
 4. So may your church wel - come in lov - ing ac - cord

In gifts and tra - di - tions, in ser - vice we seek,  
 You wel - comed the out - casts and showed us our worth.  
 We stand at closed doors tight - ly hold - ing the keys.  
 All peo - ple who want to serve Je - sus our Lord.

In race and in cul - ture and fam - ily de - sign  
 You reached out to peo - ple whom oth - ers des - pised,  
 Yet this is your bo - dy, the church that you love,  
 O Spi - rit, u - nite us in Je - sus the Son

Di - verse are the bran - ches in Je - sus the Vine.  
 You said all are pre - cious in God's lov - ing eyes.  
 O Lord, do you weep for your church from a - bove?  
 In mis - sion and mi - nis - try, God, make us one.

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The Overbrook Quartet: *Iris Fairfax, soprano; Lois Randel, mezzo-soprano;*

*Toffer Mihalka, tenor; Matthew Lulofs, bass* | Every Church Member - *Minister*

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