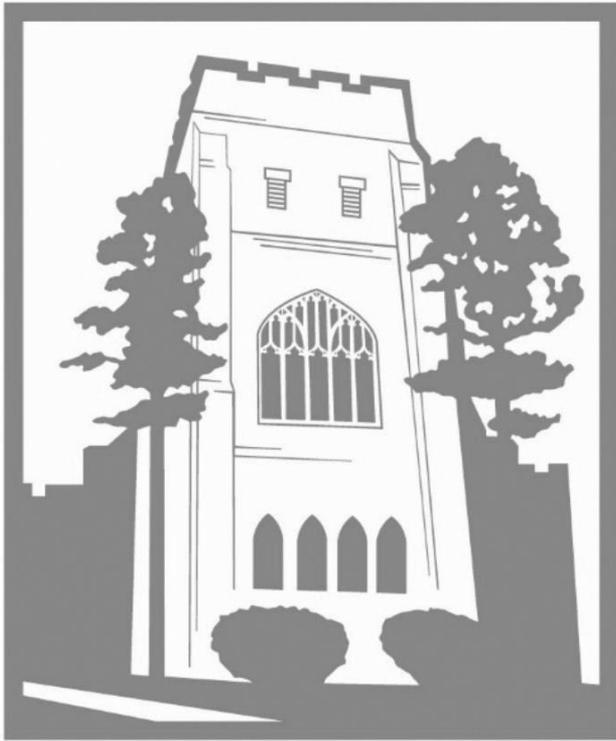

Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 19, 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 Andante tranquillo from Sonata II Felix Mendelssohn

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In quietness and trust shall be your peace-(*Isaiah 30.15*)

People: Draw us into quietness and deepen our trust, because we long for
the embrace of your peace

Leader: Be still and know that I am God-(*Psalms 46.10*)

People: Draw us from busyness, sometimes frenzy, because we long to
know you

Leader: Unless you become like little children, you shall not enter the kingdom
of God-(*Matthew 18.3*)

People: Draw forth the child in us, because we long for pathways into your
kingdom

Leader: I waited patiently for the Lord's help; he listened and heard my cry -
(*Psalms 40.1*)

People: Draw into quiet expectancy, because we long to be heard and
heeded.

❖HYMN No. 267 **Come, Christians, Join To Sing**

MADRID

GREETING

Sharon Parker

PRAYER OF CONFESSION- (UNISON)

Gracious God, near as a whisper and close as breath, constant and trustworthy presence, ever forgiving and loving, why is there is so much that draws us away from you? Selfishness and greed; false peace and false community; fear and anger; indifference, even callousness. Called to compassion, we see you wounded by the side of the road, and walk on the other side. Called to be peacemakers, we are silent in the face of violence and war. Taught by Jesus to a broad and welcoming embrace, we let race, gender, creed and lifestyles divide us. Called to speak out, we are silent. Challenged to act, we remain still. God our judge, be our redeemer.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖ GLORIA PATRI

HYMN No. 581

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 43 *Selected text from the Good News Bible*
The Word of the Lord./Thanks be to God.

SOLO “Quia fecit mihi magna” from *Magnificat* J. S. Bach

Matthew Lulofs, baritone

Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est, et sanctum nomen eius.		For he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
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TIME WITH CHILDREN

The Rev. Howard Friend

(All Children are welcome to remain in worship, should parents so wish; children in Pre-K through Grade 2 may gather in the nursery following Time with Children.)

NEW TESTAMENT Romans 12 *Selected text from the Good News Bible*
The Word of the Lord./Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Stay Together/Keep Walking” *The Rev. Howard Friend*

❖ HYMN No. 306 **Blest Be the Tie That Binds** DENNIS

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- *(excerpts from A Brief Statement of Faith)*

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Sharon Parker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 How Great, O Lord, Is Thy Goodness J. Benedict
Matthew Lulofs, baritone

❖DOXOLOGY HYMN No. 607

❖PRAYER OF DEDICATION

❖HYMN No. 317 **In Christ There Is No East or West** MCKEE

SENDING FORTH

❖BENEDICTION

❖RESPONSE (sung by all) HYMN No. 541, stanza 1
God Be with You Till We Meet Again

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

POSTLUDE Toccata in C major Johann Pachelbel

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. Howard Friend – Guest Preacher
Lay Leader: Sharon Parker
Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music
Matthew Lulofs, baritone

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God
by Sara Davis in loving memory of her parents, Walter and Elizabeth Davis.

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

Opener/Closer:
Phil Sheau

Deacons Delivering Flowers:
Jill Van Rawley and Nickie Stokes

Following worship today, please join us for refreshments in the Wistar Morris Room. We would like to thank Jeff and Janet Bowker for today's coffee hour.

This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 19	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
Sunday, August 26	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour

☛ Today we would like to welcome the Rev. Howard Friend. He is a Presbyterian minister, who has served two parishes fulltime: Montauk Community (Presbyterian) Church on Long Island and for twenty-three years at the Gladwyne Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia Presbytery. He is founder and lead consultant of the Parish Empowerment Network through which he works with congregations, judicatories and faith-based non-profit organizations. As president of Karitas Foundation he has led mission delegations to Mexico, Nicaragua, Haiti and India. Karitas sponsors community-based, empowerment-focused projects in Cuernavaca, Mexico. He calls himself a *contemplative activist* and is author of two books and a number of articles.

☛ Coffee Hour Hosts are needed for the following Sundays in September 9, 16, 23 and 30.

The Women's Dining Circle committee is preparing for another year of fellowship, food and fund-raising, but, as we do, we would like to have your input. Is there a favorite charity of yours that we could support with a modest donation? Does the idea of working on a committee that meets mostly through email intrigue you? Are you anxious to exhibit your culinary skills and help prepare a portion of the meal? Are you willing to host one of our extraordinary meals? Would you just like to know more about the Women's Dining Circle? If any of these questions sparked an interest in you, please contact Janet Bowker at jbowker@friendscentral.org or see her during coffee hour.

Do you want to visit the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC.? The CLC Committee along with the Employees Travel Club of the Federal Reserve Bank will be visiting the museum on Saturday, October 27, 2018. Tickets are \$70.00 and monies and waivers are due to Artia Benjamin no later than Sunday, September 2. The bus will be leaving from the Federal Reserve Bank at 7:15 am and returning at 7:30. Please see Artia with any questions or for waivers.

Donations and offerings may be made online at: www.overbrookpresb.org. Click on the yellow "Donate" button.

Thank you to my Overbrook Family for all the prayers and notes during my recovery. Special thanks to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the prayer shawl. It was very comforting during my recovery-Marlin Newsome

Prayer List

- ◆ Wendy Wall and family on the death of her mother, Nancy Wall.
- ◆ Alan Sigler recovering from eye surgery.
- ◆ Valerie Williams, Sabrina Johnson's aunt, starting treatment for breast cancer.
- ◆ Sandy Niccoli, Jim Vagnoni's sister, suffered a stroke and is in rehab.
- ◆ Luis Wong and his caregivers for his many ongoing challenges.
- ◆ Patricia Ogundele recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- ◆ John Nathaniel is at home recovering.
- ◆ DeDe Sherlock, Pat Dillon's sister, is now in rehab.
- ◆ Lynda Johnson is having health concerns.
- ◆ Ellen Burr has ongoing health issues.

Please contact Mike Rottinger for any pastoral concerns or to add names to the prayer list. Mike can be reached by email (mike.rottinger@comcast.net). You can also leave a message in the Church Office.

Dear Overbrook,

We are delighted to announce that at the stated meeting of the Session held last night, Session voted to engage the Reverend Raymond Bonwell as part time Bridge Pastor and Sharon Parker as acting Director of Christian Education and head of staff.

While some of the details still need to be worked out, we anticipate that Reverend Bonwell will begin his service to Overbrook on September 4 and will serve until sometime in January by which time we hope to have a Designated Pastor in place. He will preach most Sundays, lead Bible Study on Wednesday mornings, lead the Adult Forum on Sunday mornings, provide pastoral counseling and visitation, and officiate on the occasion of life events in the congregation. Raymond will continue to work full-time at the Board of Pensions, which is only 5 miles from Overbrook in Center City. This will be Raymond's fourth part-time pastorate. He has a passion for faith formation, demonstrated in his more than twenty years of leading education classes, in addition to his five years of service on staff at Princeton Theological Seminary overseeing the continuing education program.

Sharon is already on the job. She has taken responsibility for guiding the Christian Education program for children and youth, for overseeing the compliance of our child protection clearances, and for the myriad of tasks that constitute head of staff. No end date has been established for Sharon's service. We expect that she will continue to serve Overbrook at least until we have a new Designated Pastor in place at which time we will revisit the scope of her work with us.

While it is the Session's constitutional responsibility to hire the Bridge Pastor, it is the congregation's role to call a Designated Pastor. Within the next month or so, the Nominating Committee, a committee of the congregation with representatives from the session, the deacons, and the congregation at large, will nominate a Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC). The congregation will vote to elect the PNC, and that PNC will work with the Presbytery of Philadelphia to identify and consider candidates for this position. Once the PNC discerns which candidate is being called to walk with our church family, the congregation will vote on that candidate. The Presbytery has already begun vetting possible candidates for our consideration. The Designated Pastor will be installed and serve OPC for a two-year term. At the end of the two-year term, the congregation may invite the Designated Pastor to serve as a permanent installed pastor or choose to move forward in a different direction which would require the formation of a new PNC and search process.

OPC SESSION MEMBERS:

Sara Davis, Clerk of Session ,
Kate Shackelford & Stephanie Morris, Co-Treasurers

Jeff Bowker, Rachel Carnahan, Edelenne Carroll, Kevin Davis, Raelyn Harman,
Anil “Bob” Kothari, Becky Lazo, Deborah Rottinger, Jane Rozmiarek,
Kate Shackelford, Aimerie Scherluebbe, Will Schick, Sean Whalen,
Eileen Wiggins and Karen Wong.

OPC DEACONS:

Mike Rottinger, Moderator-Board of Deacons,
Brad Biedermann, Treasurer, Jill Van Rawley, Secretary
Adepeju Adebajo, Artia Benjamin, Brad Biedermann, Suchita Fiorillo, Angie
Goodall, Terri Hunter, Sabrina Johnson, Stephanie Morris, Davorka Sabljak,
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The Overbrook Soloists

Iris Fairfax, soprano; 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.***
