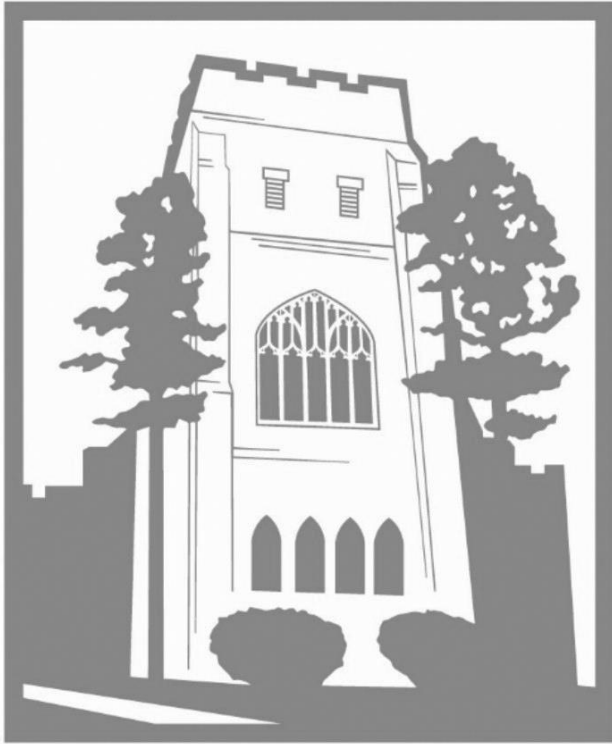

Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 12, 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 Improvisation: Variations on “Lasst uns erfreuen” CWG

❖CALL TO WORSHIP-*(based on Psalm 34:1-3)*

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; God’s praise shall be in my mouth.

People: We share God’s blessings with one another!

Leader: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

People: We share God’s blessings with one another!

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God’s name together.

People: We praise God and share God’s blessings with one another!

❖HYMN No. 15 All Creatures of Our God and King LASST UNS ERFREUEN

GREETING

Lainie Blodgett

PRAYER OF CONFESSION- (UNISON)

God, forgive us. Our communion is not always visible to the world. Sometimes we allow threats to unity to enter the church, making it hard to see that we are your community. We act as though we do not need each other. We do not always love one another. We do not know and bear one another’s burdens. We fail to build each other up. We do not always give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another. Forgive us, and strengthen us so that we may live in the unity that you grant us.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON- *(Barbara Hedges-Goettl. Used with permission.)*

Leader: By Christ’s work, we are reconciled and united with God and with one another. Thanks be to God for the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

❖GLORIA PATRI

HYMN No. 581

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT Ephesians 4:25-5:2 Page 183 /pew Bible
The Word of the Lord./Thanks be to God.

SOLO “Lord, to thee my heart is given” from *St. Matthew Passion* J. S. Bach
Iris Fairfax, soprano

TIME WITH CHILDREN *The Rev. Dr. Beth Shalom Hessel*
(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.)

GOSPEL LESSON John 11:32-44 Page 99/pew Bible
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Unbind Each Other” *The Rev. Dr. Beth Shalom Hessel*

❖HYMN No. 308 O God in Whom All Life Begins NOEL

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

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. 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

Lainie Blodgett

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 “Twas even here those words were spoken” Jules Massenet
Iris Fairfax, soprano

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

❖ HYMN No. 300

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW
WE ARE CHRISTIANS

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

Prelude in C major

Johann Ludwig Krebs

Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church
We are glad you are worshipping 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 Rev. Dr. Beth Shalom Hessel – Guest Preacher

Lay Leader: Lainie Blodgett

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

Iris Fairfax, soprano

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God
by Kate Shackelford in loving memory of John Cooper Shackelford.

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:

Dick Williamson, Susy Brandt, Laurie Geers, Bob Kaercher,
Jonathan Kopcsik, Richard Owens, Peter Seidel and Judy Williamson

Opener/Closer:

Mike Rottinger

Deacons Delivering Flowers:

Terri Hunter and Sabrina Johnson

Following worship today, please join us for refreshments in the Wistar Morris Room. We would like to thank Ted/Pat Dillon and choir friends for today's coffee hour.

This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 12	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
Monday, August 13	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Tuesday, August 14	7:00 p.m.	Session
Wednesday August 15	5:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Potluck-Chapel
Thursday, August 16	5:00 p.m.	CE Meeting-Chapel
Saturday, August 18	4:00 p.m.	Marriage Ceremony of Keedra Carroll & Gregory Goodwin- All are welcome
Sunday, August 19	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour

☞ Today we would like to welcome the Rev. Dr. Beth Shalom Hessel. She is the Executive Director of the Presbyterian Historical Society, the Philadelphia-based national archives of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and an Associate Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). She holds a PhD in history from Texas Christian University, an MDiv from San Francisco Theological Seminary, and an MA in history from Binghamton University. Prior to serving in her current position, Beth served in pastorates around the country and taught at the university level. She currently lives in Elkins Park, PA, with her children, Isaac and Lydia, her partner Seth Goldberg, and his two daughters.

☞ Coffee Hour Hosts are needed for the following Sundays: August 26 and September 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30.

JUNIOR CHOIR

Kids and Parents: You're Invited! Are you interested in singing in the Overbrook Junior Choir this year?

Do you want to know what it's all about? Then join us for a potluck dinner to kick off the season, get some information, and have some fun on Wednesday, August 15 at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Bring your favorite hot dish, side, or dessert. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Chris Gage (music@overbrookpresb.org) or Sabrina Johnson, a.k.a. Choir Mom, (sjohnson227@gmail.com)—but, if you decide to come at the last minute, that's fine, too. We hope to see some new and familiar faces for this fun event!

☞ 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.

☞ **Photo Directory Photos:** If you did not order any other photos besides your free 8x10, you can pick it up after worship. Please see Nancy Elmore in coffee hour.

☞ **Timeline for directory debut:** we've worked on the making sure the contact information for everyone is accurate and are now waiting for the first proof from Lifetouch. Once they send it, we'll make final corrections and then it can go to print. We're estimating that it could be ready in September.

☞ **School Supplies** This is the last day for school supplies to be handed in. All filled book bags will be delivered to the Village on Monday, August 13. Please direct questions to Nancy Gilhool, gilhoolfam@verizon.net.

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

☞ Keedra Carroll & Gregory Goodwin invite you to share in a celebration of love as we join in holy matrimony, Saturday August 18, 2018 at 4pm, Overbrook Presbyterian Church.

Prayer List

- ◆ A childhood friend of Lois Ann Furgess-Oler was diagnosed with breast cancer this week.
- ◆ Alan Sigler recovering from eye surgery.
- ◆ Valerie Williams, Sabrina Johnson's aunt, starting treatment for breast cancer.
- ◆ Nancy Wall is still recovering from partial hip replacement and has moved to the 4th floor of the Saunders House.
- ◆ Sandy Niccoli, Jim Vagnoni's sister, suffered a stroke and is in rehab.
- ◆ Luis Wong and his caregivers for his many ongoing challenges.
- ◆ Marlin Newsome is recovering from surgery at his sister's home and would appreciate emails and texts.
- ◆ 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.

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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.
