

Overbrook  
Presbyterian Church



12th Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, August 27, 2017  
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: Rhosymedre R. Vaughan Williams

### ❖CALL TO WORSHIP-*Psalm 138:3-6*

LEADER: On the day I called,  
you answered me,  
you increased my strength of soul.

PEOPLE: All the kings of the earth shall praise you,  
O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

LEADER: They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,  
for great is the glory of the Lord.

PEOPLE: For though the Lord is high,  
he regards the lowly;  
but the haughty he perceives from far away.

### ❖HYMN No. 81 Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken AUSTRIAN HYMN

GREETING *Pastor Carolyn Gillette*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION-UNISON

Wondrous God,  
we confess that at times our doubts and fears override our hope and  
faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of Your love and instead  
fall into despair and gloom.

Lift up our spirits, Lord,  
and help us to remember the promise of new life here and now,  
not just the hope of resurrection for the future.

We give thanks for Your Son, Jesus the Christ,  
who continues to offer us new life,  
who continues to turn us around and upside down,  
who continues to break down the walls of death in our own life.

Forgive us, restore us and renew us.  
In the name of our risen Savior, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

### SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖HYMN No. 581 Glory Be to the Father GLORIA PATRI

# HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 1:8-2:10

Page 47/pew Bible

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

SOLO:

Hear my Prayer  
Iris Fairfax, Soprano

Mendelssohn

TIME WITH CHILDREN

*Pastor Bruce Gillette*

*(Following the Time with Children, children may return to their families and worship with the congregation. Pre-K through Grade 2 are welcome in the Nursery)*

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:13-20

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The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“When Faith Has a Rocky Start” *Pastor Carolyn Gillette*

❖HYMN No. 487 **These Treasured Children** PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM-Néhemiah Mahasin Bell and Yvenelly Carla Gracia

❖AFFIRMATION OF FAITH-*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.

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

*Pastors Bruce Gillette*

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

**City Called Heaven**  
Iris Fairfax, Soprano

arr. Hall Johnson

❖DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING FORTH

❖HYMN No. 462

**I Love to Tell the Story**

HANKEY

❖BENEDICTION

❖CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN NO. 541 **God Be With You Till We Meet Again** RANDOLPH

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

POSTLUDE:

Trumpet Tune on Judas Maccabeus William P. Rowan

# 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 Revs. Bruce and Carolyn Gillette - Co-Pastors

Lay Leader: Dick Williamson

Iris Fairfax, Soprano

Ethel Geist, Organist

**The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God**

## 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:

Max Mason, Noble Brigham, Ken Carroll, John Mason, Mary Scott  
Jason Sheau, Alan Sigler, Nickie Stokes and Adepeju Adebajo

## Deacons Delivering Flowers:

Suchita Fiorillo and Stephanie Morris

**Following worship today** - please join us for Cool Refreshments in the Wistar Morris Room. 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.

**OVERBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

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**The Revs. Bruce and Carolyn Gillette** - *Co-Pastors*

**The Rev. David McMillan** - *Pastor Emeritus*

**Dennis Elwell** - *Minister of Music*

**Lisa Faso** - *Office Manager*

**Leonard Robbins** - *Church Custodian*

**Every Church Member** - *Minister*

**The Overbrook Quartet**

**Iris Fairfax** - *Soprano*

**Lois Randel** - *Mezzo-Soprano*

**Toffer Mihalka** - *Tenor*

**Matthew Lulofs** - *Bass*

## This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

|                      |            |                             |
|----------------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| Sunday, August 27    | 11:30 a.m. | Coffee Hour                 |
|                      | 12:00 p.m. | M&O Meeting-Chapel          |
| Wednesday, August 30 | 10:30 a.m. | Adult Bible Study           |
| Friday, September 1  | 12:00 p.m. | World Day of Prayer –Chapel |
| Sunday, September 3  | 9:15 a.m.  | Adult Forum-Chapel          |
|                      | 10:30 a.m. | Worship                     |
|                      | 11:30 a.m. | Coffee Hour                 |

☞ Let's give a big warm OPC Welcome to Ethel Geist. Ethel is our guest organist this Sunday.



Today we are celebrating the baptism of Néhemiah Mahasin Bell and Yvenelly Carla Gracia. Let's extend a warm welcome and congratulations to Néhemiah and her parents, Frances Cuvilly and Vaughan Bell and also Yvenelly Gracia and her parents Nancy Sinne and Yvens Gracia in joining our Christian community of faith. Let's also extend a warm congratulations to the grandmother of Néhemiah and Yvenelly, Jeanne Cuvilly, member of our OPC Family.

☞ Wednesday Morning Bible Study– This week's Bible Study will August 30th at 10:30 a.m. being led by Pastor Bruce Gillette. He will be teaching on the following Sunday's lectionary reading, Matt. 16:21-28, September 3rd.

☞ Adult Forum meets each Sunday in the Chapel from 9:15-10:15 am. As always, Adult Forum is an engaging faith-based discussion with refreshments promised for all.

☞ Meet the Pastors -If you have not had an opportunity yet to meet our new pastors and share with them your thoughts and hopes for Overbrook. There is one more chance in August and don't worry if you are unable to make that future dates will be scheduled. Sign-up sheets will be available in coffee hour or you can contact the host/hostess or Eileen Wiggins ([eeewiggins3@gmail.com](mailto:eeewiggins3@gmail.com), 215-360-6459) to RSVP.

◆ Wednesday, August 30, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at Kadie and Sean Whalen's house. Address is 350 Williams Rd, Wynnewood. Contact: [kaswhalen@gmail.com](mailto:kaswhalen@gmail.com)



☞ Help is needed after church today to prepare fruit cups for Tuesday's shelter meal. Please meet Nancy Gilhool in the chapel. Kids 5 and older can help, but the young ones may need parental supervision



If you are free on Tuesday Morning, 8/29, please join us in the kitchen for cooking for the shelter meal to be served on Tuesday evening. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Gilhool, [gilhoolfam@verizon.net](mailto:gilhoolfam@verizon.net)



Join us for a **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation Worship Service** on This Friday, September 1st at Noon at Overbrook Church. The worship service will include hymns, prayers, scriptures, a video message by Pope Francis and a new hymn written by Carolyn Gillette for this special day.

☛ **For Labor Day Sunday, our Time with Children** will celebrate the different kinds of work that people do in their everyday lives. Please help us by providing “props” based on the work that you do. A doctor or nurse might bring a stethoscope, a carpenter might bring a hammer, a librarian might bring a children’s book, etc. You may bring your item next Sunday and place it on the table in the front of the sanctuary before worship; be sure to take your item home following the worship service. Thank you!

☛ **Homecoming Sunday/Youth Sunday** will be September 10. Join us at 10:30 a.m. for a wonderful service led by our Middle and High School youth. Children as well as youth and adults are encouraged to attend. There will be an Overbrook Ministry Fair following worship during Coffee Hour. Children, youth and adults are invited to stay, enjoy refreshments, and visit display and activity tables to learn about the missions and activities at Overbrook Church.

☛ **Sunday School** for children and youth will begin on Sunday, September 17. The Adult Forum will continue into the Fall, meeting from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. each Sunday, and a new adult Bible study will meet during that same hour before worship. Join us!



☛ **Have you ever wondered how those Children Worship Bags were completed?** Well, it was Margaret Young. Margaret has faithfully maintained the children’s worship bags for four years. Her service to our children’s ministry has been a blessing, and we are most grateful for. But the time has come that Margaret would like to “pass the baton” (...or bag), and is hoping that another fine volunteer will come forward. The task takes approximately 45 minutes a week. Please contact Lisa Faso in the OPC office if you are able to support this special ministry.

☛ **BELOVED COFFEE HOUR** –We are in need of host for Coffee Hour for the month of September. All hosts are much appreciated and remember to keep it simple. Please contact Amarilis Stricker (484-270-8351) or Raelyn Harman (610-331-8972) if you have any questions.

Needed Hosts for Coffee Hour:

September 10th  
September 17th  
September 24th

### Prayer List

- ◆ Shelly Dawson on her upcoming surgeries and test results.
- ◆ Congratulations to Mike and Deb Rottinger on the recent engagement of their daughter, Rebecca.

*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.*

☛ **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

☛ **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 or by phone: [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. See our contact information above so we can have a conversation with you soon. Thank you. Pastors Bruce & Carolyn Gillette