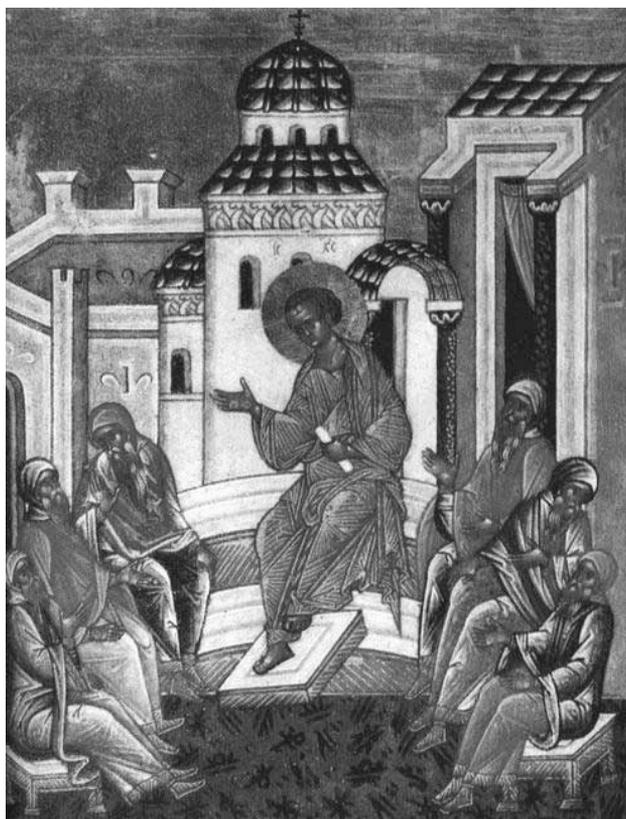

Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
First Sunday after Christmas Day
December 30, 2018
10:30 a.m.

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.

Leading Worship Today:

The Rev. Raymond Bonwell

Lay Leader: Rachel Carnahan

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

Sunday School is not in session today. Classes will resume next Sunday, January 6, on our new time schedule - 9:30 a.m.

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God

by Gail Kaercher and family in loving memory of
husband and father, Fred Kaercher.

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 prefer these versions.

Ushers:

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

Opener/Closer:

Phil 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 Lainie Blodgett and Leah Mayne for today's coffee hour. All are welcome!

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

CWG

Improvisation: "Divinum Mysterium"

❖**CALL TO WORSHIP**-*from Psalm 148*

One: Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise the LORD in the heights.

Many: Praise the LORD, sun and moon; praise the LORD, all you shining stars.

One: Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created.

Many: For the name of the LORD only is exalted, and the splendor of the LORD is over earth and heaven.

All: The LORD has raised up strength for the chosen people and praise for all loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near to the LORD. Hallelujah!

❖HYMN No. 108

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Of the Father's Love Begotten

GREETING

The Rev. Raymond Bonwell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION- (*UNISON*)

**God of grace and truth,
in Jesus Christ you came among us
as light shining in darkness.**

**We confess that we have not welcomed the light,
or trusted good news to be good.**

**We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst,
expecting little, and hoping for less.**

**Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope,
so that we may receive the fullness of your grace,
and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖GLORIA PATRI

HYMN No. 581

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT Colossians 3:12-17 Page 190/pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

The. Rev. Raymond Bonwell

*(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 Luke 2:41-52

Page 55/pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Raymond Bonwell

“Five Golden Rings!”

❖HYMN No. 444

DETROIT

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

❖AFFIRMATION OF FAITH-(*The Confession of 1967; PART II - THE
MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION; Section A. The Mission of the Church, Part
2. Forms and Orders*)

The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church’s worship and theological reflection. Their witness is the church’s evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their relation with other persons is the measure of the church’s fidelity.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

INTERCESSION FOR HEALING

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING WITH OIL

[Those present are welcome to come forward to be anointed with oil; an offer will also be made to be anointed in your pew. This practice, informed by Scripture, is another external sign of the internal promise that God has made to us through Jesus Christ and by the Holy Spirit.]

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

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

Divinum Mysterium

David Blackwell

(b. 1961)

❖DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖PRAYER OF DEDICATION

❖HYMN No. 143

REGENT SQUARE

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

❖BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH

❖RESPONSE

HYMN No. 541

God Be with You Till We Meet Again
(verse 1 only)

POSTLUDE

Rebecca Groom te Velde
God Rest You Merry (b. 1956)



☞ This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church ☞

Sunday, December 30	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
Thursday, January 3	2:00 p.m.	Small Group Gatherings with Howard Friend
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice
Saturday, January 5	8:00 a.m.	Men's Group
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group New Year's Celebration
Sunday, January 6	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for Children/Youth
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour

The **cover artwork** is titled *The twelve-year-old child Jesus in the temple*, a Russian icon dating back to the 15th and 16th centuries. In Orthodox Christianity, icons are rich in history and symbolism; in Russian churches, the nave is separated from the sanctuary by a wall of icons. Their style was strictly maintained by the Church, led from Constantinople, and icon painting was a conservative, humble art—so much so that it was not even necessary for artists to sign their names, since icons were meant to glorify God and not the individual.

☞ Looking Ahead: Christian Education-Ages (3-103) ☞

Wednesday, January 2, 2019- No Adult Bible Study – It's the first working day of the year, let us minister and preach and teach outside of the walls of Overbrook.

Sun. January. 6, 2019: 9:15 a.m.

Christian Formation (Ages 3 – 103) – Adults have an opportunity to model for younger individuals the discipline of lifelong learning and faith formation. The Adult Forum has been repurposed for “Adult Christian Education” with a four-week overview of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). No preparation is needed. Childcare is provided.

New Sunday School time for children and youth: Classes will begin at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday. Christian Education staff will be on hand at 9:15 a.m. to greet students in Fellowship Hall as they arrive.

Wed. January. 9, 2019, 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study – “The Doctrine of Election”. This four week Adult Bible Study will include *predestination*. Interested in meeting in the evening/weekend? Please send a note of interest to Pastor Raymond at pastor@overbrookpresb.org.

❧ Looking Ahead: OPC Happenings ❧

Sunday, December 30

Pre-College (11th and 12th grade) and College Students' Lunch and Conversation, 12:30 pm, today. If you are home for winter break, come and meet up with other students—some already in college, and some just looking forward to beginning the experience. Share your stories or just enjoy the lunch. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Saturday, January 5, 2019

OPC Youth New Year's Celebration-5:00-8:00 p.m. Come celebrate the start of the new year with dinner, games, and a movie! We will be celebrating in the newly “refurbished” Youth Room!

Sunday, January 6, 2019

Epiphany Sunday/Celebration of the Lord's Supper, January 6, 2019. Epiphany traditionally marks the appearance of the Magi (wise men) and their recognition of Jesus Christ. Readings will be Isaiah 60:1-6; and Matthew 2:1-12. Sermon title is “Starry Eyed Surprise”.

The Art of Advent: Seven Centuries of Great Sacred Art at the Philadelphia Museum of Art tour. All are welcome to join our very own Peter Seidel, art teacher and Overbrook member, on this tour of the art museum. We will gather on the second-floor balcony of the Great Hall in the Philadelphia Museum of Art at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the museum is “pay as you wish.”

❧ General Announcements ❧

Appreciation: We extend appreciation to the Wong family for the contribution of the Nativity scene that has graced our narthex throughout December.

Coffee Hour Hosts are needed for 2019. Let's keep this beloved ministry going for 2019. Signups for coffee hour are available on the OPC web site and in the church kitchen (on the microwave). For more information, please contact Raelyn Harman at 610-331-8972 or Artia Benjamin. Thank you!

PNC Committee Process Update: The Overbrook Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) has continued its work. The Session approved a request to make our finalized MIF available to anyone who is interested in reading it. The MIF is available on the Overbrook website. This form describes Overbrook and our vision as we search for a new minister. A few printed copies will also be in the office. Second round interviews have been conducted and the PNC has set up appointments for neutral pulpits. Please pray for us as we continue our charge of evaluating and proposing a pastoral candidate who we believe will faithfully serve the needs of our church family.



HUFF-PAUL, Linda

Welcome, new member Linda Huff-Paul! Linda arrived at Overbrook Presbyterian in March 2017, after exploring a number of other churches in the area. Attracted to the spirit, warmth, and diversity of the congregation, Linda is happy to now be an “official” member of the OPC community. She serves on the Mission & Outreach Committee, as part of her passion for community service. Her involvement with a number of local community theaters inspired her to become a regular staffer for Narberth Community Theater's Refreshment Concession at OPC. Linda is a full-time editor in the financial services industry, a freelance writing coach, and an occasional English professor. She lives in Rosemont with her husband, Kirk, and their cat, Moon.

AN INVITATION TO CONVERSATION:

Below is a letter of invitation from Howard Friend, who has been hired as a consultant by OPC. Howard is a Presbyterian minister, congregational consultant, spiritual mentor and preacher. He was a called pastor for thirty years and an interim pastor for five.

Dear Overbrook Church,

My name is Howard Friend. I am a congregational consultant, and the church has hired me to accompany you through this time of transition. I'd love to meet with you.

This has been quite a year and a half for your church. Maybe longer. Times of smooth sailing and times of turbulent waters. Transitions are never easy. Church leaders have invited me to invite you to sign up for forty-five-minute conversations: your thoughts and feelings, your ideas and suggestions, what's being easy and what's being difficult. I am a good listener. What we talk about will be confidential. You can come alone or with up to three others.

I will take notes during our conversations, gathering and then summarizing what you share, then preparing a report for the church's leadership. Copies of that report will be available upon request.

I plan to be here for the first of these conversations Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019, from 2 to 9 p.m.. for on-the-hour 45-minute conversations. There will be a sign-up sheet at Coffee Hour, or you can call the church office to reserve a time. You may also call me at 484-883-2854 or email me at friendhoward148@gmail.com if you have any questions or want to speak with me directly.

I am looking forward to meeting you.

Blessings, Howard Friend

Sermon Notes

A Partridge in a Pear Tree =

2 Turtle Doves =

3 French Hens =

4 Calling Birds =

5 Golden Rings =

6 Geese a-Laying =

7 Swans a-Swimming = [Isaiah 11:1-2]

8 Maids a-Milking = [Matthew 5:3-11]

9 Ladies Dancing = [Galatians 5:22b-23]

10 Lords a-Leaping = [Exodus 20; Deuteronomy 5]

11 Pipers Piping = [Matthew 10:2-4; Mark 3:13-19; Luke 6:12-16; Acts 1:13-14]

12 Drummers Drumming =

Prayer List

- ◆ Lynda Johnson, who is scheduled for ambulatory surgery on January 11, 25 and February 4.
- ◆ Prayers for continued recovery for Gwen Harden as she recovers from gallstone surgery.
- ◆ Ernestine Harris, mother-in-law of Lynn Pompa, is undergoing several cardiac procedures.
- ◆ Dick Williamson is undergoing medical testing.
- ◆ Luis Wong is now in the Salvation Army Rehab center in Roxborough.
- ◆ The Rev. David McMillan is recovering from knee surgery.
- ◆ Terri Carter's is home recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- ◆ Wayne Gage, Chris Gage's father, is recovering from a heart procedure.
- ◆ Jessica Canning, a friend of Eileen Wiggins, is in hospice following brain surgery.
- ◆ John Nathaniel is still recovering from a stroke.
- ◆ Ellen Burr is experiencing ongoing medical concerns.

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 with the Church Office.

OPC SESSION MEMBERS:

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Anil “Bob” Kothari, Becky Lazo, Deborah Rottinger, Jane Rozmiarek,
Kate Shackelford, Aimerie Scherluebbe, Will Schick, Sean Whalen,
Eileen Wiggins and Karen Wong.

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The Overbrook Quartet

Iris Fairfax, *soprano*; **Molly McDonald**, *alto*;

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.***
