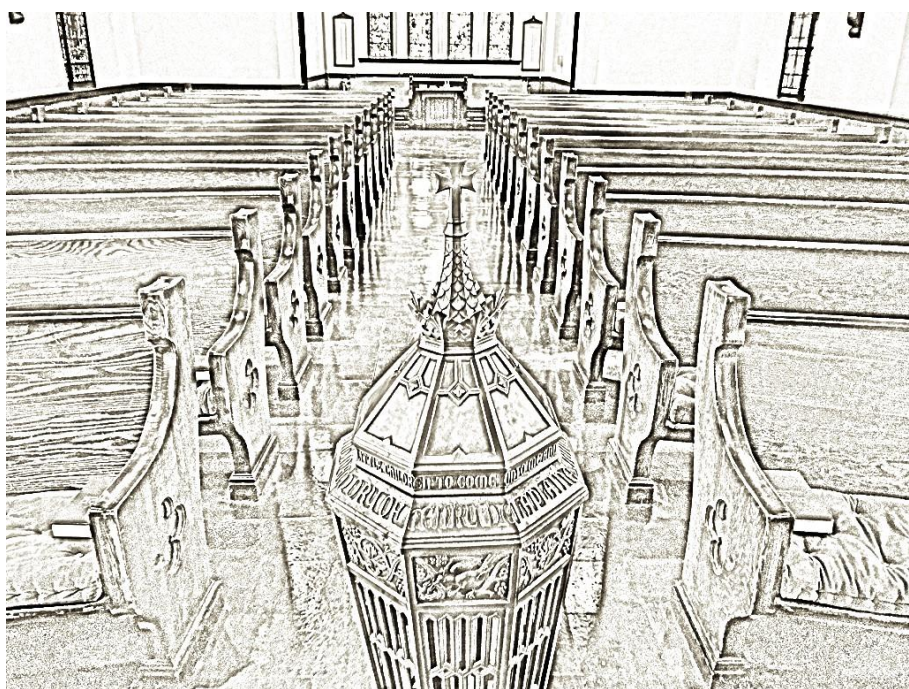

Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 10, 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:

Gottes Sohn ist kommen

J. G. Walther

INTROIT:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel arr. Mark Kauffmann
Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord,

People: **when I will fulfill my promise to my people.**

Leader: Justice and righteousness will fill the land

People: **and all will live in peace and safety.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

❖HYMN No. 83

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

STUTTGART

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Sabrina and Juliana Johnson

GREETING

Pastor Carolyn Gillette

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,

you love us, but we have not loved you.

You call, but we have not listened.

We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns.

We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace,

help us to admit our sin,

so that as you come to us in mercy,

we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;

through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖HYMN No. 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:1-8

Page 32/Pew Bible

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Pastor Bruce Gillette

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

PSALM

Benedixisti (Psalm 85)

Josef Rheinberger

The Overbrook Choir

Translation

Benedixisti, Domine, terram tuam;
avertisti captivitatem Jacob.

Lord, thou art become gracious
unto thy land: thou hast turned
away the captivity of Jacob.

Remisisti iniquitatem plebis tuae.

Thou hast forgiven the offense of
thy people.

OLD TESTAMENT

Malachi 3:1-7

Page 838/pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Return!”

Pastor Carolyn 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)

❖ HYMN No. 96

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry WINCHESTER NEW

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM- *Theodore Baker* *Glory to God*, Page 14

❖ 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

Pastor Carolyn 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

"But who may abide the day of His coming" from *Messiah* G. F. Handel
Matthew Lulofs, baritone

❖DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖PRAYER OF DEDICATION

❖HYMN NO. 106

Prepare the Way, O Zion BEREDAN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

SENDING FORTH

❖BENEDICTION

❖CHORAL RESPONSE

I Wait for the Lord

Eric Thiman

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

POSTLUDE:

Voluntary IX

William Boyce



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 Revs. Bruce and Carolyn Gillette - Co-Pastors

Lay Leader: Deb Rottinger, Acolyte: Tarah Paul

The Overbrook Choir

Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir

Matthew Lulofs, Baritone

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

Today's bulletin cover of the Overbrook baptismal font was created by Pastor Bruce Gillette.

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God
by Nickie Stokes in memory of Madelon Codgill

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
Adebanjo

Deacons Delivering Flowers:

Stephanie Morris and Larry McGhee

Following worship today - please join us for refreshments in the Wistar Morris Room. Thank You to the Carroll Family and Alyce Marsh. 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, Dec. 10 th	11:30 a.m.	Special Congregational Meeting
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Deacons
Monday Dec. 11 th	7:00 p.m.	Advent Bible Study
Wednesday, Dec. 13 th	1:00 p.m.	Advent Bible Study-Chapel
Saturday Dec. 16 th	3:00 p.m.	Hanging of the Greens followed by a light meal and caroling
Sunday, Dec 17 th	9:15 a.m.	Advent Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Special Congregational Meeting
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	College Luncheon-Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	M&O-Williamson Rm
	12:00 p.m.	CE-Youth Room -upstairs



**Holy
Baptism**

☞ Today we celebrate the baptism of Theodore Baker. Let's welcome Theodore into our OPC Christian Family of Faith. May he know the grace and peace of our Lord today and every day. Congratulations to his parents, Jean and John Baker and his grandparents, Bill and Susie Baker.



Just a reminder that the Christmas poinsettia sign up is now in the Wistar Morris Room, sign up any time for your Christmas plant donation. Pay what you wish. Monies can be dropped off or mailed to the Church office.

☞ Overbrook's Advent Devotional: More than 20 Overbrook Presbyterians have written daily devotionals for us all to enjoy during this special season. Copies of this devotional booklet are available in the Wistar Morris Room during coffee hour, in our church office and can also be found on our church web site, www.overbrookpresb.org.

✿ Special Congregational Meeting immediately following worship today.
The purpose of this meeting will be to receive the report of the Nominating Committee posting their slate of nominees for Elder, Deacon and the At-Large Members of the 2018 Nominating Committee. Since, this meeting is a Special Congregational Meeting, no other business may be conducted except the business at hand.

The following members are to be considered for Elder:

Class of 2020:

To serve a second 3-year term:

Rachel Carnahan, Will Schick, Karen Wong

To serve a first 3-year term:

Kevin Davis, Rebecca Lazo

The following members are to be considered for Deacon:

Class of 2020:

To serve a second 3-year term:

Brad Biedermann, Sabrina Johnson

To serve a first 3-year term:

Peju Adebajo, Alan Sigler, Jill Van Rawley

The following are to be considered for Members at Large positions on the 2018 nominating committee:

Jean Baker, Solomon Hunter, Leah Mayne, LaToya Richie, Elizabeth Mendoza (alternate)

Thank you to following members who served on the 2017 Nominating Committee:

Sean Whalen, Chair, Will Schick, Vice-Chair, Ken Carroll, Olga Hoggard, Becky Lazo, Elizabeth Mendoza and Solomon Hunter, alternate, Pastors Bruce and Carolyn Gillette (ex officio)



✿ Advent Bible Study Of Handel's Messiah: Join Overbrook Church members and friends for a Advent celebration of **The Messiah**. The choir will sing selections from **The Messiah**, the pastors will preach on the related biblical texts, and there will be Bible studies on the same texts as well. In each class in addition to the Bible study, we will listen to the related section of a traditional recording of **The Messiah** along with a contemporary version done by Quincy Jones called **Handel's Messiah: Soulful Celebration**. The Bible study will be offered at three different times, beginning on *Sundays at 9:15 A.M.; Mondays at 7:00 P.M.; and Wednesdays at 1:00 P.M.* (note new time for the Wednesday Bible study so Dr. Christopher Gage can join us for this study and offer some musical insights). Each class will continue for a total of four weeks; you are welcome to come to all the sessions or any of them individually. Join us!



Next Saturday, December 16th be sure to join us for the **Hanging of the Greens and Christmas Caroling**. Join Overbrook Presbyterians and friends of all ages for an afternoon and evening of fun, fellowship, food and service. Adults will gather at 3:00 p.m. to decorate the sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season, while children and youth will enjoy making crafts and cards for homebound church members. At 5:00 p.m. there will be a simple meal for all, then at 6:00 p.m. the group will go Christmas caroling.



✿ Annual College Student Luncheon -Next Sunday, December 17th We are having the annual College Student Luncheon on December 17th in the Chapel at noon. This year we are inviting high school seniors to come eat and fellowship with the college students. Please contact Artia Benjamin for more information. RSVP at newlife5125@gmail.com or text at 215-266-8758 by this coming Monday, December 11th.



✿ HOLIDAY GIVING – 2017 - ADOPT A FAMILY – All Gifts are due by next Sunday, December 17th. Each year at this time, the OPC congregation helps poor families experience the wonder of Christmas by adopting several families for gift giving. We are still in need of some gift certificates for Adults, if you are interested in purchasing a gift card or donating monies please see Emily Amerman.



☞ Commissioning of Sharon Parker Next Sunday during our worship service we will include the commissioning of Sharon Parker for her upcoming overseas mission service. With the endorsement of Rev. Barry and Shelly

Dawson, Presbyterian Church (USA) Liaisons for Southeast Asia Missions, the Presbyterian Church of Myanmar has called Sharon to serve as a teaching missionary at Tahan Theological College in Kalaymyo. Her role will be to teach English to clergy and seminarians. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, she is hopeful that she will be able to be of service to the broader Chin tribal community. Sharon will leave for Myanmar on January 2 and expects to return to Philadelphia on February 10. We will be setting up a daily prayer sign-up for Sharon and posting updates from her on Overbrook Church's web site and Facebook.



☞ Service of the Longest Night—The holidays can be difficult for us all: the stresses and strains of trying to offer a time of celebration take their toll. Many people find they have trouble feeling “in the spirit” of things, whether because of the recent death of a family member or friend, the end of a marriage, the loss of work, or other

trying change. This year we will gather on **Thursday *December 21st at 7:30pm*** for A Service of the Longest Night. Is it so named because of its proximity to the winter solstice, the longest night of the year. But the name is also fitting because despite the wrappings of gifts, special meals, and Christmas carols the season can be darker than “normal” times of the year for those who struggle.



☞ Christmas Eve Family Service, Dinner & Gingerbread House Decorating Immediately after the 4:00 p.m. Family Service on Christmas Eve, we will be serving a simple supper of sandwiches, soup, veggie sticks and cookies. Gingerbread houses will be ready for decorating at 6:00 p.m. **PLEASE NOTE NEW**

TIMES. This evening's plans are a long-time OPC tradition. Serving a simple meal (we will be collecting a free will donation) helps the cooks in your home get a much needed break from the hectic holiday schedule. Grown OPC “children” come back year after year for the gingerbread house decorating. Any families interested in the Gingerbread House Decorating, please email the office@overbrookpresb.org or call the church office (215-877-2744) to reserve a house. Everyone is welcome. The Christmas Eve candlelight service will follow later in the evening at 9:00 p.m

Prayer List

- ◆ Theodore Baker on his baptism
- ◆ Peter Seidel having back issues
- ◆ Dick Williamson having back issues
- ◆ Andrea Gosfield recovering from a car accident
- ◆ Lynn Pompa continuing with health issues
- ◆ Jane Bevan continuing health issues
- ◆ Gloria Justin will be released today from the Quadrangle.
- ◆ Ellen Burr ongoing health issues
- ◆ Family of Phyllis Warne, who died last week.

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, bruce@overbrookpresb.org or 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.

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