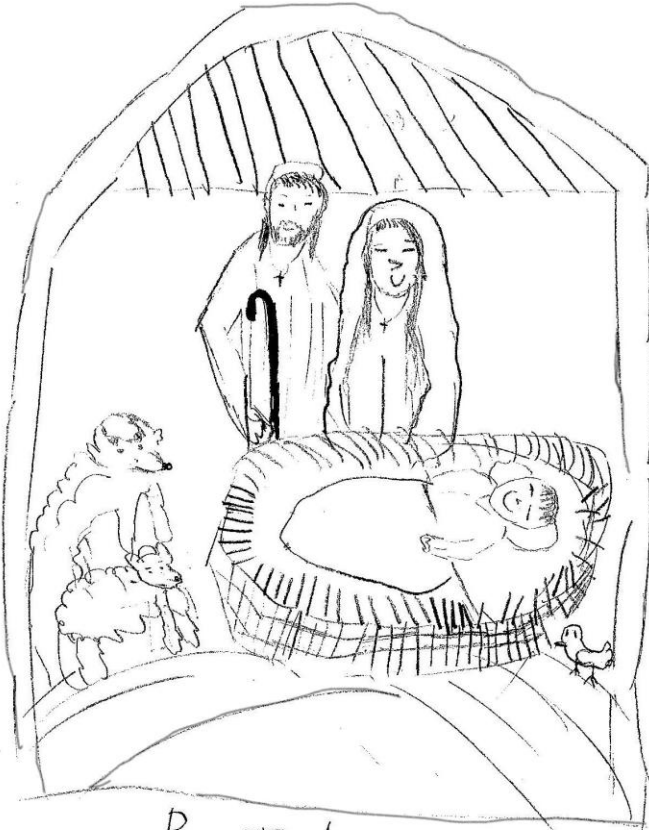


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# Overbrook Presbyterian Church

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By Juliana

Christmas Eve Service  
Sunday, December 24, 2017  
4:00 p.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 Noel X Louis-Claude Daquin

INTROIT Christmas Bell Fanfare Douglas Wagner  
The Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir

❖CALL TO WORSHIP Sam Wong

Leader: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those who  
bring good news.

People: Who publish peace, who bring good tidings,  
who publish salvation, and proclaim,  
“Your God reigns!”

Leader: God will judge among many peoples,

People: And they shall beat their swords into plowshares and  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation:  
neither shall they learn war any more.

All: Let us lift up our voices for God’s peace.

❖HYMN No. 113 Angels We Have Heard on High GLORIA

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE The Whalen Family

GREETING Pastor Carolyn Gillette

PRAYER OF THE DAY Zack Wong

God of the future,

you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.

We confess that we have not expected your kingdom,  
for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment.

We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors,  
abuse the earth,

and refuse your justice and peace.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will  
endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## HEARING THE WORD

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:1-20

Nora Whalen

*Pew Bible, pages 54-55*

The Gospel of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

**The First Noel**

arr. Andrew Hawryluk

*Johnny May, violin*

*Christopher Gage, organ*

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

*Based on "Tobias' Story"*

*Written by Carolyn Peters, adapted by Theresa Eungyong Cho*

INTRODUCTION

Chelsea Browne

Hymn, NO. 146

**Gentle Mary Laid Her Child**

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

**PART I: MARY AND JOSEPH**

Hannah Lazo

Hymn, NO. 115

**Away in a Manger**

MUELLER

**PART II: THE ANIMALS**

Emmanuel Richie

Hymn, NO. 123

**It Came Upon the Midnight Clear**

CAROL

**PART III: ANGELS**

Ava Clifford

Hymn, NO. 135

**Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow**

FOLLOW

**PART IV: SHEPHERDS**

Liam Clifford

Hymn, NO. 151      We Three Kings of Orient Are      KINGS OF ORIENT  
PART V: WISE MEN  
Zubin Fiorillo

Hymn, NO. 124      Still, Still, Still      STILL, STILL, STILL  
PART VI: CONCLUSION  
Everett Whalen

Hymn, NO. 128      Infant Holy, Infant Lowly      W ZLOBIE LEZY  
*During the hymn, all of our Christmas pageant participants may return to the pews to sit with their families, staying in costume until the end of the worship service.*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE      Aria Fiorillo  
Dear God:  
Please hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER-*Debts/Debtors*      Page 35, *Glory To God Hymnal*

OFFERTORY SENTENCES      Auriane Geraldo

OFFERTORY      Hark! The Herald Angels Sing      arr. Paul Koch  
*The Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION      Auriane Geraldo

# SENDING FORTH

❖HYMN, NO. 119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing MENDELSSOHN

❖BENEDICTION

*Pastor Bruce Gillette*

POSTLUDE

In dulci jubilo

J. S. Bach

*The traditional closing voluntary for the  
Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at King's College, Cambridge.*



## Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church

We are glad you are worshiping with us this Christmas Eve!

### 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.

**About tonight's Christmas pageant.** Tonight we are going to be building a live nativity scene piece by piece. We want to invite as many people as possible to participate in the pageant. Prior to each carol, people young and old will be invited to take a costume and find a place on the chancel. Bring a hymnal forward if you'd like to join in the singing during the pageant. All will remain in place until the final carol, "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly."

Tonight we welcome one of the twins, Isaac or Isidora Gosfield, to the role of Baby Jesus. Parents, Andrea and Alex Gosfield, are portraying Mary and Joseph. Johanna Gosfield is a guiding angel.

This evening's worship leaders, readers, and pageant narrators are OPC children and youth.

Thanks to all those assisting with costumes.

The bulletin cover was drawn by Julianna Johnson.

*Please join us after the service for:*

☞ Dinner-immediately after service in the Fellowship Hall

☞ Gingerbread House Decorating-6:00 PM in the Wistar Morris Room  
The annual Overbrook tradition enjoyed by children of all ages. For those who have signed up, please find the house labeled with your name. Please take your gingerbread creation home with you to enjoy the rest of the holiday season!

☞ Christmas Eve Candlelight Service-9:00 PM in the Sanctuary  
A candlelight service of readings and Christmas music led by The Overbrook Choir and Quartet. Preceded by music beginning at 8:30 PM.



☞ Sunday Forum on December 31: Ideas for a Healthier New Year: Join us next Sunday, December 31, at 9:15 a.m. in the McMillan Chapel for a discussion of adult vaccination and other ways we can practice preventive health in the New Year. The discussion will be led by Amy J. Behrman, MD, Director of Occupational Medicine Services and Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, and an Overbrook Presbyterian Church member.

☞ Join Us Next Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 10:30 a.m. Worship Service includes a Service of Healing and Wholeness! Please join us in the front of our sanctuary for Service for Healing and Wholeness. Do you need healing in your life? Then join us after worship service for a special time of prayer for individuals

☞ End of the Year Giving: From Our Finance Office: We are looking forward to receiving your generous year-end gifts (pledges or other contributions) but please aware that the IRS will not allow a donation to be counted in 2017 unless we have it in hand by December 31<sup>st</sup>, or if mailed, it must be postmarked by December 31<sup>st</sup>. To confirm your pledge balance please contact Carol Rozmiarek by email ([carol@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:carol@overbrookpresb.org)) or by calling the church office. If you have not already paid Apportionment this year (per capita is \$28 per member,) please do so now. **Thank you!**

# The Christmas flowers are given...

- ◆ In memory of Sue Wilson, Dick Wilson and Ann Behrman by The Behrman-Wilson Families
- ◆ In honor of William by Lois Randel
- ◆ In memory of Mary VandenBerge by Ted and Pat Dillon
- ◆ In memory of our grandparents and parents by Peg and Bob Kaercher (Brett & Austin)
- ◆ In memory of grandparents by Cherriel Gentles
- ◆ In memory of her mother and father: Margaret and Eugene Biedermann by Margene and Brad Biedermann
- ◆ In memory of Frances Louie, my mom by Trudy Sheau
- ◆ In memory of Oliver and Amil by Emil Nunez
- ◆ In memory of Binnie Savage, Joan Taubel and Mary VandenBerge by Kate Schackelford
- ◆ In memorium by Ellen Burr
- ◆ In memory of Jane and Charles S. Krumrine by Jane Krumrine
- ◆ In memory of Jessamine and Erdmann Brandt by Susy Brandt
- ◆ In memory of our families by Mary Elizabeth and Buck Scott
- ◆ In memory of Louise Gillette and David O. Winfrey by Bruce and Carolyn Gillette
- ◆ In memory of parents and grandparents by Sharon Parker
- ◆ In memory of parents, grandparents; husband and brother by Rachel and Lillian Carnahan and Jeremy Blatchely.
- ◆ In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Dolapo, Tinuade, Alaba Adebanjo by Adepeju Adebanjo.
- ◆ In memory of our parents and brother Phil by Emily Amerman and Jim Vagnoni.
- ◆ In memory of Aunt Mary, Uncle Edward, Uncle Ernest Mobley by Artia Benjamin.
- ◆ In memory of parents by Elaine Blodgett.
- ◆ In memory of Alice Crowell by Susy Brandt and Ellen Burr.
- ◆ In memory of Virginia Campbell by Susy Brandt and Jane Krumrine.



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