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# Overbrook Presbyterian Church

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*Great God,  
as you came at night when all was still,  
so enter our lives this night.  
Illumine our paths with the light of Christ's  
presence,  
that we may clearly see the way before us,  
the truth to speak,  
and the life to live for him,  
our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
Sunday, December 24, 2017  
9:00 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

### PRELUDES (8:30 p.m.)

Noel X

Louis-Claude Daquin

An Old Carol

Roger Quilter

*Lois Randel, mezzo-soprano*

Weihnachten

Max Reger

Gesù bambino

Pietro Yon

*Toffer Mihalka, tenor*

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam

*Iris Fairfax, soprano*

### CALL TO WORSHIP – *Isaiah 9:6*

Pastor Carolyn Gillette

Leader: A child has been born for us,

People: a son given to us;

Leader: authority rests upon his shoulder,  
and he is named:

People: Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father,  
Prince of Peace.

### INVOCATION (*Unison*)

Good and gracious God,

on this holy night you gave us your Son,  
the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes,  
the Savior of all, lying in a manger.

On this holy night

draw us into the mystery of your love.

Join our voices with the heavenly host

that we may sing your glory on high

that we may find the one for whom we have waited,

Jesus Christ, the Messiah and Lord.

Amen.

❖CAROL, No. 133 O, Come All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7 Sharon Parker  
pew Bible, p. 600

*Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah*

CAROL, No. 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL  
verse 1: all  
verse 5: men only  
verse 6: women only  
verse 7: all

SECOND LESSON Micah 5:2-5a Calvin Marshall  
pew Bible, p. 815

*Micah foretells the glory of Bethlehem*

CAROL, No. 121 O Little Town of Bethlehem ST. LOUIS

THIRD LESSON Luke 1:26-36 Elizabeth Cosgriff  
pew Bible, p. 53

*The Angel Gabriel visits the Virgin Mary*

ANTHEM Gabriel's Message David Willcocks  
*The Overbrook Choir*

FOURTH LESSON Matthew 1:18-21 Jeff Bowker  
pew Bible, p. 1

*The Magi are led to Jesus*

❖CAROL, No. 119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing MENDELSSOHN

FIFTH LESSON Luke 2:8-20 Johnny May  
pew Bible, p. 54

*The Shepherds go to Bethlehem*

❖CAROL, No. 113 Angels We Have Heard on High GLORIA

SIXTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-11

Bill Baker  
pew Bible, p. 1

*The Magi are led to Jesus*

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

A Babe is Born  
*The Overbrook Choir*

William Mathias

SEVENTH LESSON

John 1:1-14

Pastor Carolyn Gillette  
pew Bible, p. 86

*John speaks of the light come unto the world*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Biedermann Family

ANTHEM

Candlelight Carol  
*The Overbrook Choir*

John Rutter

THE CEREMONY OF THE LIGHT

*(As the light is passed to you, dip your unlighted candle to the lit candle, then turn and pass the light on. Please hold the lit candle upright when passing the light to one another)*

CAROL, No. 122

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

1. Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon virgin mother and child  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born."
3. Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.
4. Silent night, holy night!  
Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing,  
Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born.

*(After Verse 4 of Silent Night, please extinguish your candles for the safety of all.)*

❖CAROL, No. 134

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

## SENDING FORTH

❖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 on Christmas Eve!  
If you are a visitor, we invite you to fill out a card in the pew rack  
and place it in the offering plate.

❖Stand as you are able.

## The Christmas Story in the Gospel of Luke

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. Luke 2:1-20 NRSV

Thank you, God, for sending your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, into the world. We need the hope, peace, love and joy that he brings. Amen.

## 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 Adebajo by Adepeju Adebajo.
- ◆ 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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The Overbrook Quartet

Iris Fairfax, *soprano*; Lois Randel, *mezzo-soprano*;

Toffer Mihalka, *tenor*; Matthew Lulofs, *bass*

Tonight, we welcome guest section leader Eddie Richet, *bass*.