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# Overbrook Presbyterian Church

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Christmas Eve Service  
Monday, December 24, 2018  
5:00 p.m.

## 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. During each carol, people young and old will be invited to take a costume and find a place in 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, "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice."

Tonight we welcome Koy Davis to the role of Baby Jesus. Parents, Kevin and Kristan Davis are portraying Mary and Joseph. Kai and Kayla Davis are their guiding angels.

We are grateful for the gifts of the OPC Youth who are serving as guest musicians, worship leaders and pageant narrators for this evening's service. Sincere appreciation is extended to all who assisted with preparation of the Sanctuary and with pageant costumes.

*Please join us after the service for:*

*☛ Dinner-immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall*

*☛ Gingerbread House Decorating-7:00 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.

*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

Rêverie, op. 7, no. 1

Cello Sonata no. 1 in E minor (selections)

Away in a Manger

*Aria Fiorillo, harp, and Zubin Fiorillo, cello*

Marcel Grandjany

Bernhard Romberg

James R. Murray

### INTROIT

arr. Roy T. Scoggins

Once in Royal David's City

*The Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir*

### ❖CALL TO WORSHIP

*Ava Clifford*

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**Many: Good news of great joy!**

One: Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,  
who is Christ the Lord.

**Many: Good news of great joy!**

One: And the Word became flesh and dwelled among us,  
full of grace and truth.

**Many: Good news of great joy!**

### ❖HYMN No. 133

ADESTE FIDELES

O Come, All Ye Faithful

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Lazo Family

### GREETING

*The Rev. Raymond Bonwell*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Ava Clifford*

Glorious God,

on this Christmas Eve, we sing beloved carols of Bethlehem,  
of shepherds and angels, of Mary and Joseph,  
and the baby Jesus, our Savior.

Heaven and nature are also singing tonight.

The roar of the seas, the exultation of the fields,

and even the lowing of the cattle  
are all raised in a chorus of glad rejoicing,  
together with the angels who praise you night and day.  
Give us voices to join with the whole of creation  
in declaring your glory and singing of your wondrous love  
that you showed in the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖ GLORIA PATRI

HYMN No. 581

## HEARING THE WORD

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:1-20

*Tarah Paul*

*Hannah Lazo*

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

pew Bible, pages 54-55

ANTHEM

arr. CWG

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming  
*Lucy Duckworth, viola*

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

*The Rev. Raymond Bonwell*

“A Christmas Story”

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

*Based on “Tobias’ Story”*

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

INTRODUCTION

*Amanda Duckworth*

HYMN No. 121

ST. LOUIS

O Little Town of Bethlehem

**PART I: MARY AND JOSEPH**

*Zack Wong, Innkeeper*

*Nora Whalen, Innkeeper*

HYMN No. 115

MUELLER

Away in a Manger

**PART II: THE ANIMALS**

*Sam Wong, Stable Keeper*

HYMN No. 123

CAROL

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

**PART III: ANGELS**

*Kayla Davis, Angel*  
*Auriane Geraldo, Angel*

HYMN No. 117

WINCHESTER OLD

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night

**PART IV: SHEPHERDS**

*Liam Clifford, Shepherd*  
*Everett Whalen, Shepherd*

HYMN No. 124

STILLE NACHT

Silent Night, Holy Night!

**PART V: CONCLUSION**

*Amanda Duckworth*

HYMN No. 132

IN DULCI JUBILO

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

*During this 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

*Justin Robertson*  
*Emma Biedermann*

Dear God:

Please hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER-*Debts/Debtors*

Page 35, *Glory To God Hymnal*

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

*Zack Wong*

OFFERING

Away in a Manger  
Angels, from the Realms of Glory  
Angels We Have Heard on High  
*The Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir*

J. R. Murray  
Henry T. Smart  
arr. J. M. Kearns

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Zack Wong*

## SENDING FORTH

❖ HYMN No. 119

MENDELSSOHN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

❖ BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*The Rev. Raymond Bonwell*

POSTLUDE

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

J. S. Bach



### *Upcoming worship services at Overbrook:*

☞ First Sunday of Christmas, Sunday, December 30, 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to join us for worship in the Sanctuary. The readings will be Colossians 3:12-17 (New Testament Epistle) and Luke 2:41-52 (Gospel). The sermon title is "Five Golden Rings!"

☞ Epiphany Sunday, January 6, 2019. Epiphany traditionally marks the appearance of the Magi (wise men) and their recognition of Jesus Christ. Sunday School will begin for youth at 9:30 a.m. and for adults at 9:15 a.m.; adults are invited to participate in a four-week Bible study on the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). Worship for everyone is at 10:30 a.m.

## The Christmas flowers are given by...



- ◆ Adepeju Adebajo, in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Dolapo Adebajo.
- ◆ Emily Amerman and Jim Vagnoni, in loving memory of their niece, Lyn Brabant.
- ◆ The Baker family, in memory of Susanne Zirngibl.
- ◆ The Behrman Wilson family, in memory of Ann Nelson Behram, Richard Henry Wilson, and Virginia Sue Wilson.
- ◆ Artia Benjamin, in memory of her grandparents, Ernest and Anna Mae Mobley.
- ◆ Artia Benjamin, in memory of her aunt, Dolores Roberts.
- ◆ The Biedermann family, in memory of Eugene and Margaret Ingram, parents and grandparents.
- ◆ Lainie Blodgett, in memory of Brenda Gavin.
- ◆ Elizabeth Bouzarth, in memory of her husband and parents.
- ◆ Herb and Gloria Brabham, in memory of Ivan Berwager, father, and Burns Brabham, brother.
- ◆ Susy Brandt, in memory of Jessamine and Erdmann Brandt.
- ◆ Susy Brandt and Ellen Burr, in memory of Alice Crowell.
- ◆ The Brigham family, in memory of Helen Sheaffer, Luther "John" Trostle, and Alma Brigham.
- ◆ Ellen Burr, in memorium.
- ◆ Rachel and Lillian Carnahan and Jeremy Blatchley, in memory of Charles Carnahan and Larry Blatchley.
- ◆ Cheryl Davis and Adam Hotek, in memory of Brett Kanazawa.
- ◆ Ted and Pat Dillon, in memory of DeDe Sherlock.
- ◆ Nancy Elmore, in memory of Beatrice Schroeder Rose.
- ◆ Laurie Geers, in memory of Ann T. Geers.
- ◆ Ginny Leagans, in memory of John Leagans.
- ◆ The Mason family, in loving memory of Betty Mason Fletcher.
- ◆ Marlin J. Newsome and Marlin Jamal Newsome, in memory of Arthur Paul Newsome, father and grandfather.
- ◆ Emil Nunez, in memory of his beloved son, Oliver.
- ◆ Sharon Parker, in memory of parents and grandparents.
- ◆ Davorika Sabljak, in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Sabljak.
- ◆ Will and Sue Schick, in memory of Herb and Molly Heston.
- ◆ Mary and Buck Scott, in honor of the Birth of our Lord.
- ◆ Kate Shackelford and Charles Brown, in memory of Jane Brown and Karol Sample.
- ◆ Trudy and Phil Sheau, in memory of their parents and grandparents.
- ◆ Carol Tulba, in memory of James Lum and Robert Lum.
- ◆ Jill Van Rawley, in memory of her father, Malin VanAntwerp.
- ◆ Kadie and Sean Whalen and family, in memory of Lorraine and Denis Houlihan.
- ◆ Mimi Winkler, in memory of James G. Winkler.

## OPC SESSION MEMBERS:

Sara Davis, Clerk of Session

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Jeff Bowker, Rachel Carnahan, Edelene Carroll, Kevin Davis, Raelyn Harman,

Anil “Bob” Kothari, Becky Lazo, Deborah Rottinger, Jane Rozmiarek,

Kate Shackelford, Aimerie Scherluebbe, Will Schick, Sean Whalen,

Eileen Wiggins, and Karen Wong.

## OPC DEACONS:

Mike Rottinger, Moderator-Board of Deacons,

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The Overbrook Quartet

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

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

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***Overbrook Presbyterian Church  
is a welcoming and diverse Christian community  
that actively seeks to love and serve God,  
each other and the world.***

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