
Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Monday, December 24, 2018
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

Christopher Gage, organ

Maria Wiegenglied

Max Reger

Molly McDonald, mezzo-soprano

I Wonder as I Wander

arr. John Jacob Niles

Matthew Lulofs, bass

“Frohe Hirten, eilt” from *Weihnachtsoratorium*

J. S. Bach

Toffer Mihalka, tenor

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam

Iris Fairfax, soprano

CALL TO WORSHIP - *Isaiah 9:6*

The Rev. Raymond Bonwell

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

Many: those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has
shined.

One: For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor, you have broken.

Many: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
and there shall be endless peace

All: For the throne of David and his kingdom,
will be established and upheld with justice
and with righteousness from this time onward and
forevermore.

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.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Sara Davis and Sharon Parker

❖ HYMN No. 133

ADESTE FIDELES

O Come, All Ye Faithful

HEARING THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Noble Brigham

Genesis 22:15-18

Pew Bible, p.17

God's promise to Abraham.

❖ CAROL No. 88

VENI EMMANUEL

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

verse 1: all

verse 5: tenors and basses only

verse 6: sopranos and altos only

verse 7: all

SECOND LESSON

Jeff Bowker

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

Pew Bible, p. 602

A little child will lead them.

❖ CAROL No. 129

ES IST EIN' ROS'

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

THIRD LESSON

Olga Hoggard

Luke 1:26-55

Pew Bible, p. 53

The Angel Gabriel visits the Virgin Mary.

ANTHEM

John Stainer
(1840-1901)

Magnificat in B Flat

The Overbrook Choir

FOURTH LESSON

Calvin Marshall

Luke 2:1-7
Pew Bible, p. 54
Mary gives birth in Bethlehem.

❖ CAROL No. 114

CRADLE SONG

Away in a Manger

FIFTH LESSON

Kate Shackelford

Luke 2:8-20
Pew Bible, p. 54
Angels announce the Messiah.

❖ CAROL No. 119

MENDELSSOHN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Harold Darke
(1888-1976)

In the Bleak Midwinter
The Overbrook Choir
Iris Fairfax, soprano
Toffer Mihalka, tenor

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

Please remain standing for the reading of the Gospel.

❖ SIXTH LESSON

The Rev. Raymond Bonwell

John 1:1-14
Pew Bible, p. 86
John speaks of the light come unto the world.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The Rev. Raymond Bonwell

“There Is a Light That Never Goes Out”

ANTHEM

Healey Willan
(1880-1968)

What Is This Lovely Fragrance
The Overbrook Choir
Molly McDonald, mezzo-soprano

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 others.)

CAROL No. 122

STILLE NACHT

Silent Night

-
- | | |
|--|--|
| 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

ANTIOCH

Joy to the World

SENDING FORTH

❖ BENEDICTION

The Rev. Raymond Bonwell

POSTLUDE

In dulci jubilo

J. S. Bach

The traditional closing voluntary for the

(1685-1750)

*Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at King's College, Cambridge,
which served as the inspiration for tonight's lessons and carols.*



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.

We hope that you will join us again for:

✚ 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 at 9:30 a.m. and at 9:15 a.m. for adults, who 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.

Sermon Notes

The Christmas flowers are given by...



- ◆ Adepeju Adebajo, in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Dolapo Adebajj
- ◆ 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

Kate Shackelford & Stephanie Morris, Co-Treasurers

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,

Brad Biedermann, Treasurer, Jill Van Rawley, Secretary

Adepeju Adebajo, Artia Benjamin, Brad Biedermann, Suchita Fiorillo, Angie

Goodall, Terri Hunter, Sabrina Johnson, Stephanie Morris, Davorka Sabljak,

Alan Sigler, Nickie Stokes, Carol Tulba, and Ellen Valudes.

OVERBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6376 City Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19151

Phone: 215-877-2744 | Email: office@overbrookpresb.org

www.overbrookpresb.org

The Rev. Raymond Bonwell – *Bridge Pastor*

The Rev. David McMillan - *Pastor Emeritus*

Sharon Parker - *Director of Christian Education*

Dr. Christopher Gage - *Director of Music*

Lisa Faso - *Office Manager*

Carol Rozmiarek - *Financial Secretary*

Leonard Robbins - *Church Custodian*

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.***
