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# Overbrook Presbyterian Church

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Worship Service  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day  
Sunday, December 31, 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

### PRELUDES

Lo, How a Rose is Growing  
Still, Still, Still

Paul Manz  
Paul Manz

### ❖CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 148:1-5, 12*)

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him  
in the heights!

People: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Leader: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

People: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the  
heavens!

Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and  
they were created.

People: Young men and women alike, old and young together!

### ❖HYMN No. 136

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

### GREETING

*Pastor Bruce Gillette*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth,

in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness.

We confess that we have not welcomed the light,

or trusted good news to be good.

We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little,

and hoping for less.

Forgive our doubt,

and renew our hope,

so that we may receive the fullness of your grace,

and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen. -SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### ❖HYMN No. 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

## HEARING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON Galatians 4:4-7 Page 178/pew Bible  
The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Pastor Carolyn Gillette  
*(All children are welcomed to remain in worship. Should parents so wish, children in PreK through Grade 2 may gather in the Nursery following Time with Children.)*

SOLO Das alte Jahr vergangen ist ("The old year is past") J.G. Walther

GOSPEL READING Luke 2:22-40 Page 55/pew Bible  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Simeon's Song" Pastor Bruce Gillette

❖ HYMN No. (*Insert-see last page*)  
Lord, Let your Servant Go in Peace ST. PETER

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- *The 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 Bruce Gillette*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SERVICE OF WHOLENESS AND HEALING WITH THE  
LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING WITH OIL

*Those desiring the laying on of hands and anointing with oil may come forward, and kneel or bow. If you have special prayer requests, please share them with one of the ministers, elders or deacons.*

*You may choose to come forward for prayer, or you may choose to remain in the pew and offer a quiet prayer to God.*

CONCLUDING PRAYER (*Unison*)

St. Augustine of Hippo

Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ.

Rest your weary ones.

Bless your dying ones.

Soothe your suffering ones.

Pity your afflicted ones.

Shield your joyous ones;

And all for your love's sake. Amen.

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

What Is This Lovely Fragrance

Paul Manz

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

❖ HYMN NO. 132

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

## SENDING FORTH

❖ BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

Lobt Gott, ihr Christen, allzugleich

J.S. Bach

# Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church

We are glad you are worshiping 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: Emily Amerman, Acolyte: Emma Biedermann  
Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

Today's bulletin cover was drawn by Emanuel Richie

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God

**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:

Dick Williamson., Susy Brandt, Bob Kaercher, Jonathan Kopcsik,  
Lori Mason, Peter Seidel and Judy Williamson

## Deacons Delivering Flowers:

Carol Tulba and Ellen Valudes

Following worship today - please join us for refreshments in the Wistar Morris Room. We would like to thank the Stricker Family for today's coffee hour. 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 31 <sup>st</sup>	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
Tuesday, Jan. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1:00 p.m.	Worship Committee-Williamson Rm.
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee-Chapel
Wednesday, Jan. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.	Property Committee-Chapel
Saturday, Jan. 6 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 a.m.	Mens' Group – Chapel
	9:30 p.m.	Officers Training-Chapel
Sunday, Jan. 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	1:30 p.m.	Art Tour with Peter Seidel

☞ **Reminder:** There is no Sunday School or Confirmation Class this Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>.



**Do you need healing in your life?** If so, during worship today there will be a Service of Healing and Wholeness. You may choose to come forward for prayer or you may remain in the pew and offer a quiet prayer to God.



☞ **From the Finance Office:** We are looking forward to receiving your generous year-end gifts (pledges or other contributions) but please be 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!

☞ **Wednesday Bible Study-** This Wednesday, Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>, our Wednesday morning Bible study at 10:30am. This week Bible study will be led by Pastor Carolyn. She will be teaching on the following Sunday's lectionary reading, Mark 1:4-11, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

☞ Mens' Group will meet again on **Saturday, January 6th** at the church at 8:00. We will chat over bagels and coffee for a half hour and then enjoy a more structured program (topic to-be-named-later) for an hour. Keep an ear out for the topic. All are welcome, bring a friend.



☞ Sunday Forum on January 7: Growing in the Christian Faith in 2018-Join us on the first Sunday of the New Year, January 7, at 9:15 a.m. in the McMillan Chapel for a presentation and discussion on different spiritual ways that individuals can grow in faith in the New Year. Our discussion leader will be Sharon Kraybill, a graduate of Eastern Baptist Seminary (now Palmer Seminary) and spiritual director who has been using space at Overbrook Presbyterian Church for nine years



Everyone is invited to come join Peter Seidel, art teacher and Overbrook member, to consider the reason for the season! On January 7th, come join Peter Seidel from 1:30-3:00pm for **“The Art of Christmas Season Seven Centuries of Sacred Art at the Philadelphia”**. Everyone is to gather on the 2nd floor balcony in the Great Hall of the Philadelphia Art Museum at 1:30pm. The cost is “Pay what you wish” Sunday at the museum. There is plenty of parking at the museum or member can carpool from the church right after service.



Middle School and High School Youth Groups upcoming schedule for the month of January.

Sun., Jan. 14 - Meet at church for pizza at 5 p.m. and help set up for MLK day the next day

Mon., Jan. 15 - MLK Day of service starting at 9:00 a.m. Youth volunteers are needed!

Sun., Jan. 28 - Ice Skating at Dilworth Plaza, early afternoon

*Save the date- Summer Youth Mission trip-Aug. 4-11, 2018.*



### ☞ Martin Luther King Day of Service:

Monday, January 15 - Martin Luther King, Jr. lived his life serving God and serving others. On Monday, January 15, from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. join us in the Fellowship Hall, Wistar Morris Room, Chapel and Kitchen as we serve God and others in honor of Dr. King.

We will begin with a litany in remembrance of Dr. King at 9:00 a.m. Then at 9:15 a.m., we will go to our service stations. There will be activities for people of all ages— from preschoolers through older adults. Service projects will include:

- placing crosses with T-shirts on the lawn for “Heeding God’s Call” in memory of victims of gun violence in the city of Philadelphia . (See page 3 for more information on this project)
- making soup and breakfast bags for Aid for Friends, an organization that provides meals for people who are homebound in Philadelphia and surrounding counties
- making children’s artwork to include in the breakfast bags (this was specifically requested, and it is a project that young children can help with)
- assembling health kits for people in need
- sewing simple dresses for girls, for “Little Dresses for Africa”
- beautifying our church building and property.

A simple pizza lunch will be provided. Please sign up in advance in the Wistar Morris Room or through sign up genius, so we have enough supplies, work activities, and lunch for everyone. Thank you!

**Questions?** Please contact Pastor Carolyn Gillette at [carolyn@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:carolyn@overbrookpresb.org) or 302-528-1797.



## Prayer List

- ◆ Emily Amerman and Jim Vagnoni's son Will is going through transitions
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Ellen Burr ongoing health issues
- ◆ Gloria Justin is still recovering at home

*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](mailto:pastors@overbrookpresb.org), [bruce@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:bruce@overbrookpresb.org) or [carolyn@overbrookpresb.org](mailto: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.



HELP SUPPORT

## Feed My Starving Children

**WHERE** 278 E. Lancaster Avenue | Wynnewood, PA 19096

**WHEN** Wed, January 24

**FROM** 4 PM - 8 PM

Bring this flyer or show an electronic version to the cashier when you place your order and we'll donate a portion of the proceeds from your purchase. Gift card purchases and catering are not counted towards the event.

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### WE CARE WEDNESDAYS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Can you imagine enjoying dinner out and at the same time providing a meal for a hungry child at no extra cost?! This year, the Overbrook Presbyterian Church community can enjoy a weekly meal out and contribute to one of the Church's most vital ministries – Feed My Starving Children. So get ready, mark your calendars for the **third Wednesday** of the month, **January through April**. This Month's "We Care Wednesday" is **January 24<sup>th</sup> 2018** at the Panera Bread in Wynnewood Shopping Center on Lancaster Pike. Please join us. See you at Panera Wynnewood. Bring your family, friends and neighbors. See Kristan Davis, Becky Lazo, Janet Bowker or Deb Rottinger for a We Care Wednesday form to be sure your meal is credited to OPC.

**Lord, Let Your Servant Go in Peace**  
ST. PETER (“In Christ There is No East or West”)

“Lord, let your servant go in peace;  
Your Word has been fulfilled.”  
Because we’ve seen your saving grace  
We know that all is well.

Through all the sorrow, pain and death,  
We dare, O God, to sing.  
For you once sent your Son to earth--  
And that changed everything.

There’s much we cannot understand,  
Nor order, nor control;  
We place our lives into your hands  
And trust you’ll make us whole.

Lord, let your servants daily know  
That we are not alone;  
And may we find, where’er we go,  
You’ll lead us safely home.

Biblical reference: Luke 2:29-32

Tune: Alexander Reinagle, 1836.

Alternate Tune: NEW BRITAIN, Appalachian folk tune (“Amazing Grace”)

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