
Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
1st Sunday in Lent
February 18, 2018
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

PRELUDE Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig (chorale; variations 1, 2, 4) J. S. Bach

INTROIT Make me a clean heart, O God G. T. Thalben-Ball

❖CALL TO WORSHIP-*Psalm 25:1-5*

Leader: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

People: O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.

Leader: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

People: Make me to know your ways,
O LORD; teach me your paths.

Leader: Lead me in your truth,
and teach me,

People: for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

❖HYMN No. 22 God of the Sparrow ROEDER

GREETING *Pastor Carolyn Gillette*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION- (*UNISON*)

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong.

We have lived for ourselves,
and apart from you.

We have turned from our neighbors,
and refused to bear the burdens of others.

We have ignored the pain of the world,
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.

In your great mercy forgive our sins
and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will
and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖HYMN No. 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON

1Peter 3:18-22

Page 220/pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“I will extol thee, O Lord” from *Eli*
Iris Fairfax, soprano

Michael Costa

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Pastor Bruce Gillette

*(Following Time with Children, students in Pre-K through
Grade 2 will depart for Sunday School.)*

COMMISSIONING OF

WILL SCHICK, BILL HENDERSON AND ROBERT HANSELL

INTRODUCTION

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.

The great ends of the church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven in the world.

The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship. Our discipleship is a manifestation of the new life we enter through baptism. Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment, an offering and a responsibility.

THE COMMISSIONING

Will, Bill and Robert, the grace bestowed upon you in baptism is sufficient for your calling because it is God's grace. By God's grace we are saved, and enabled to grow in the faith and to commit our lives in ways that serve Christ.

God has called you to particular service. Show your purpose by answering these questions. . .

❖ (congregation please stand)

Do you, members of Overbrook Presbyterian Church, confirm the call of God on our brothers, Will, Bill and Robert as our representatives to the Overbrook Hospital in Thailand in the service of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Will you support and encourage them in this ministry?

We will.

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us; and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives, empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling. We thank you for leading Will, Bill and Robert to this time and place. Establish them in your truth, and guide them by your Holy Spirit, that in your service they may grow in faith, hope, and love, and be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called disciples and, by the Holy Spirit, made them one church to serve you. Let your Spirit rule your church, so that we may be joined in love and service to Jesus Christ, who, having gone before us, is coming to meet us in the promise of your Kingdom. Amen.

CHARGE

Will, Bill and Robert you are commissioned to represent our church to the Overbrook Hospital in Thailand. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.

BLESSING

May the God of peace make you holy in every way, and keep your whole being, spirit, soul, and body, free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:9-15

Page 33/pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Promise of Lent”

Pastor Carolyn Gillette

(Following the Sermon, students in Grades 3 through 6 and High School will depart for Sunday School. Grades 7-8 Confirmation students are asked to stay in worship.)

❖HYMN No. 833 O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go ST. MARGARET

❖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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Mike Rottinger

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Walter Pelz

The Overbrook Choir

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

❖ HYMN No. 313

Lord, Make Us More Holy

LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

SENDING FORTH

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

Teach me thy way, O Lord

Eric Thiman

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

POSTLUDE

Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort

Johann Pachelbel



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: Lynn Pompa; Acolyte: Anna Lemley

The Overbrook Choir

Iris Fairfax, Soprano

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

Today's bulletin cover is drawn by Calvin Marshall

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God
Jason and I-Mei Sheau in honor of their 1st wedding anniversary

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:

Robert Harden, Jr., Davorka Sabljak, Aimerie Scherluebbe,
Will Schick, Trudy Sheau, Kevin Trindade and Kevin Davis

Deacons Delivering Flowers:

Stephanie Morris and Nickie Stokes

Following worship today - please join us for refreshments in the Wistar Morris Room. We would like to thank Phil Sheau for hosting this week'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

Sun, Feb. 18	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	CE Meeting-Chapel
Tues, Feb.20	12:00 p.m.	Urban/Suburban Book Club- Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church
	7:00 p.m.	Journey to Myanmar-Sharon Parker
Wed., Feb. 21	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study-Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	We Care Wednesday-Panera Bread 116 W. Township Line (Rt.1)
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Prayer Service
Fri. Feb 23	11:30 a.m.	RPM Café - Chapel
	6:30 p.m.	Family Sports and Game Night
	6:30 p.m.	Women's Dining Circle-Stephanie Kindt's house
Sun. Feb. 25	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	M&O Meeting-Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	Inquirer's Lunch

Urban/Suburban Book Club -Next Meeting: Tuesday February 20, 2018, 12:00 pm Location: Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. February selection is: Leaving Church: A Memoir of Faith by Barbara Brown Taylor. This is a book club of diverse membership involving members of several Presbyterian churches, including Overbrook. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Alyce Marsh at 215-472-7886.

☞ Tuesday, February 20, 7:00-8:30 PM: All are invited to join Sharon Parker in the Chapel for a presentation on her recent mission to Myanmar. Sharon will share the faith stories of our fellow Presbyterians in the Chin tribal community, and of the students at Tahan Theological College. The program will include perspectives on the current human rights conflicts in the Rakhine state, as well as a cultural overview of the sights and sounds of Myanmar. A sample of a traditional Chin meal will be available for tasting.

☞ Wednesday Bible Study- This Wednesday, Feb. 21st, our Wednesday morning Bible study is at 10:30am. This week Bible study will be led by Pastor Bruce. He will be teaching on the following Sunday's reading, Genesis 9:8-17, February 25th.

☞ Friday, February 23, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM: The R.P.M. (Retired Person's Ministry) Cafe will be open for business! All OPC members and friends of "a certain age," are welcome to join us in the Chapel for lunch and high-spirited fellowship. Soups, beverages, and dessert will be provided...BYO sandwich/salad. After lunch, we will engage in a fast-paced round of group puzzle and problem solving. For inspiration, we'll be viewing a TED Talk segment by Scott Kim, "The Art of Puzzles." Come and enjoy the fellowship and fun! RSVP to sparker614@gmail.com, or to the church office.

☞ The Women's Dining Circle dinner will be on Friday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Stephanie Kindt, 6392 Overbrook Avenue. Our speaker will be from First Place, Ardmore Presbyterian Church's Refugee Program. First Place is a transitional housing program for new refugees just arrived in this country. The program provides initial lodging for refugees (both individuals and families) until the resettlement agency can arrange more permanent housing. People have come from the Congo, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Syria and other Middle East countries. All refugees are legal. Please reply to your invite by Monday, Feb. 19. If you did not receive an invite or if you have any questions, call Carol at 267-252-8051 or [email carolroz@gmail.com](mailto:email.carolroz@gmail.com). Thanks for being a part of the Women's Dining Circle, and we hope to see you there!

🎲 Sports & Game Night will take place this Friday Evening at 6:30 pm at OPC. All are invited to come out socialize and participate in Basketball, board games and other fun. \$5 per family covers pizza and drinks and you can come and go as you please.

🌀 Next Sunday's Adult Forum - February 25. History of Self-Development of People: In response to the Civil Rights Movement and calls for reparations, the Presbyterians created Self-Development of People (SDOP) for the empowerment of economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people, seeking to change the structures that perpetuate poverty, oppression, and justice. Part of our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering goes to support SDOP so OPC has supported this program for decades.

Wednesday Lenten Supper & Prayer Service –
Each Week of Lent
February 21-March 21st



There will be special meals followed by opportunities for children, youth and adults to worship together. Please contact Eileen Wiggins if you would like to help prepare soups for Wednesday evening soup nights.

- ◆ February 21 - "We Care Wednesday" dinner at Panera Bread in Havertown located at 116 W. Township Line Road, Quarry Shopping Center.
- ◆ February 28 - 6:00 p.m. - Soup and bread meal at OPC
- ◆ March 7 - 6:00 p.m. - Soup and bread meal at OPC
- ◆ March 14 - 6:00 p.m. - Soup and bread meal at OPC
- ◆ March 21 - "We Care Wednesday" at a nearby Chipotle – more information to follow

On all of these five these Wednesday nights in Lent, you are invited to join us following dinner at 7:00 p.m. in the OPC Chapel for worship. The theme of these Lenten Prayer Services will be "Lord, Teach Us to Pray" with a special focus on the Lord's Prayer. Each of these services will be approximately half an hour in length. Child care will be provided for the youngest children in the church nursery, if it is needed.



THE NEXT “WE CARE WEDNESDAY”

This Month’s “We Care Wednesday” is this Wednesday February 21st at the Panera Bread at 116 W. Township Line Road, (Rt. 1), Havertown, in the Quarry Shopping Center. These events are to contribute to one of OPC’s most vital ministries – Feed My Starving Children. A portion of the proceeds are given to FMSC. Please join us. See you at Panera Havertown. 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 or see page 13 on this week’s bulletin for the form.



Want to know more about what goes on at OPC? Thinking of becoming a member? You are invited on Sunday, February 25th at 12:00 p.m. for a lunch and a brief inquirers class. For more information see Pastor Bruce Gillette.

➤ Great news the OPC book club is back! The first meeting will be next Monday, Feb. 26th at 7:30 at Elizabeth Cosgriff’s home, 251 Linden Lane, Merion Station. The book selection is Bryan Stevenson’s *Just Mercy*. We will be open for book suggestions for next meeting. This club is open to everyone and if you plan on attending if you could please contact Elizabeth Cosgriff at elizabethcosgriff@gmail.com for refreshment purposes or for more information



Coffee Hour Hosts are needed for the following Sundays: March 4, & 18th. Instructions for this easily accomplished, highly valued ministry are available on the OPC web site and in the church kitchen (on the microwave). All ages can participate. Remember to keep it simple. Every week, there are always folks present to lend a hand. Coffee hour is a cherished tradition at OPC and hosts are heaped with gratitude by this congregation, who love to touch base with each other over a cup of coffee or tea after worship. For more information please contact Amarilis Stricker at 484-343-0679 or Raelyn Harman at 610-331-8972. Thank you.



The Green Team is back in action. We will be opening with a meeting at the church on **Monday, March 5 at 7pm**. Save the date! The program that night will be sharing the watching of a 40 minute video of a presentation, by Paul Hawken, about his new book, published in summer 2017, DrawDown. We are all frustrated and distressed by the seeming lack of attention to what many feel is the most important issue of our time, Climate Change. This book is the combined effort of hundreds of the most highly informed people in the world on these problems, organized by Paul Hawken, working together to produce a critical assessment of the solutions we have at hand which if scaled up can produce a solution to the problem of climate change. After the video we will have a good opportunity to talk with each other about our own issues and the ways that we all, individually and as a church, can find to engage with these issues. Tell and bring friends and family. We look forward to seeing you there. Any questions see Pastor Bruce or Jim Stephens.



NCT NARBETH COMMUNITY THEATRE
SISTER ACT - a musical

Running from March 2- 17, 2018

We are gearing up for another concession run for the Narberth Community Theater play this March, the popular show of Sister Act, a musical. There is a Signup Genius solicitation out on the listserv for staffing – and you can also contact me if you are interested in helping to work on this refreshment stand. Revenues from ‘THEATRE REFRESHMENT STAND’ are slotted to support OPC’s general budget. Contact Person: Trudy Sheau, 215 878 4872

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL



This booklet of daily devotions will be available during Coffee Hour this Sunday for anyone that wishes to have a copy. This devotional for Lent includes reflections by the late Henri J.M. Nouwen, one of the most widely read spiritual writers of our time. His deeply moving spiritual insights and prayerful conversations with God are particularly timely during this holy season of Lent when we contemplate the Christ who is our hope through his suffering, death and resurrection. Each meditation begins with a relevant quote from Scripture and ends

with a brief prayer.

SEWING GIFTS:



Looking for a gift? Need to replace those old potholders and pillowcases? Then be sure to stop by the Wistar Morris Room this Sunday during coffee hour and check out the handmade pillowcases and potholders by Nancy Gilhool. There are many new fabrics and designs. All proceeds go to Feed My Starving Children. This

is the last Sunday they will be on sale and what is left will available to anyone who wishes to take some to friends or places of business to help generate more funds and support for FMSC from outside OPC. Many thanks for your support for this mission. Nancy Gilhool



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Feed My Starving Children

WHERE 116 W. Township Line Road, Havertown, PA

WHEN Wed. February 21st

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.

Learn more at PaneraBread.com/Fundraiser

Ordering Online? Try Rapid Pick-Up or Delivery.

Enter "FUND" at checkout to have a portion of your proceeds donated to your organization.

Prayer List

- ◆ Will Schick, Bill Henderson and Robert Hansell, friends of Will's, who will be traveling to Thailand.
- ◆ Rev. Lois Ann Furgess-Oler recovering from a fall.
- ◆ Ken Carroll awaiting medical test results
- ◆ Anna Lemley's father, Thomas James, battling lung cancer.
- ◆ Nancy Gilhool recovering at home from outpatient foot surgery
- ◆ Ed Harvey awaiting medical test results
- ◆ Charlotte Carpenter recently diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis
- ◆ Lynda Johnson home and recovering from knee surgery
- ◆ Emily Amerman and Jim Vagnoni's son Will in a recovery house and hopes it is successful.
- ◆ Andrea Gosfield, recovering from a car accident
- ◆ Ellen Burr ongoing health issues
- ◆ Gloria Justin, 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, bruce@overbrookpresb.org or 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.

OPC SESSION MEMBERS/COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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Every Church Member - *Minister*

The Overbrook Quartet

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

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.***
