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# Overbrook Presbyterian Church

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Worship Service  
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany  
February 24, 2019  
10:30 a.m.

**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.

### **Leading Worship Today:**

The Reverend Dr. Adam Hearlson  
Lay Leader: Robert Harden.; Acolyte: Everett Whalen  
Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music  
Molly McDonald, mezzo-soprano  
The Overbrook Choir

**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, Laurie Geers, Bob Kaercher, Jonathan Kopcsik,  
Richard Owens, Peter Seidel and Judy Williamson

**Opener/Closer:**  
Bob Kaercher

**Deacons Delivering Flowers:**  
Terri Hunter and Sabrina Johnson

**Following worship today, please join us for refreshments in the Wistar Morris Room. We would like to thank the PNC for today's refreshments. All are welcome!**

*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

Prelude on “Southwell”

Charles Wood  
(1866-1926)

INTROIT

Blessed Be the Lord

Eleanor Daley  
(b. 1955)

### ❖CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 37*)

Leader: Trust in the LORD,

People: and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

Leader: Take delight in the LORD,

People: and God will give you the desires of your heart.

Leader: Commit your way to the LORD,

People: and your trust will be rewarded with action.

Leader: The LORD will make your vindication shine like the light,

People: and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

Leader: Come let us Worship God.

All: For God is worthy of our praise.

### ❖HYMN No. 35

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

GREETING

*The Reverend. Dr. Adam Hearlson*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,  
our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide,  
and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;  
open to us a future in which we can be changed;  
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;  
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖ GLORIA PATRI

HYMN No. 581

## HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT                      Genesis 45:3-11, 15                      Page 40/pew Bible  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Martin Blummer

“Thine, O Saviour” from *The Fall of Jerusalem*                      (1827-1901)  
*Molly McDonald, mezzo-soprano*

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Thine, O Saviour, is love unending,  
Thou art e'er my Guardian and my Guide.  
Thou sustainest them that fainting languish,  
Bread of life to all the hungry givest.  
Thou in me and I in Thee, O Lord,  
Then grace is my portion evermore!

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(English text by Theodore Baker)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

*The Reverend Dr. Adam Hearlson*

*(All Children are welcome to remain in worship, should parents so wish; children in  
Pre-K through Grade 2 may gather in the nursery following Time with Children.)*

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:27-38

Page 60/pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*The Reverend Dr. Adam Hearlson*

“Reaping and Sowing”

❖ HYMN No. 316

TWENTY-FOURTH

Where Charity and Love Prevail

## ❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

*Robert Harden*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (*using Debts/Debtors*)

Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*

SHARING OF PEACE (*"The peace of Christ be with you," "And also with you"*)

OFFERING

God Is My Strong Salvation  
*The Overbrook Choir*

Richard Shephard  
(b. 1949)

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

❖ HYMN No. 306

DENNIS

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

SENDING FORTH

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

George Thalben-Ball

Like as a father pitieth his own children (1986-1987)

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

POSTLUDE

Theodor Drath

Jubelfest-Präludium "Lobe den Herren" (1828-1920)



☞ The Congregational Meeting will convene after the postlude.

☞ This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church ☞

Sunday, February 24	9:15 a.m. Arrival for Education (Ages 3-103) 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting followed by Coffee Hour 3:00 p.m. OPC Youth: Creating Art
Monday, February 25	1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:15 p.m. Junior Choir (Choir Room) 7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
Wednesday, February 27	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
Thursday, February 28	7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, March 2	8:00 a.m. Men's Group 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Teachers' Meeting-Williamson
Sunday, March 3	9:15 a.m. Arrival for Education (Ages 3-103) 9:30 a.m. Youth in Grades 5-12 visit St. Thomas African Episcopal Church 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

The cover artwork is a drawing by Charles-Antoine Coypel (1694-1752) titled *Joseph Recognized by His Brothers*. Upon the death of his father, Coypel became *premier peintre du roi* (First Painter to the King), in which role he worked for the king's mistress, Madame de Pompadour, and received several commissions for the Palace of Versailles. During his lifetime, he became well known for his theatrical tapestries, such as that of *Don Quixote*; he was also an art critic, playwright, and director of the Académie Royale.

## ☞ Looking Ahead: Christian Education (Ages 3-103) ☞

Wednesday, February 27- Adult Bible Study. Bible Study will be at 10:00 a.m.  
All are welcome!

### Sunday March 3

Christian Education (Ages 3-103), 9:15 a.m. – Adults are invited to meet Rev. Raymond Bonwell in the chapel. Children and Youth will meet in Fellowship Hall starting at 9:15 a.m. and then will go to their respective classrooms to begin Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

## ☞ Looking Ahead: OPC Happenings ☞

### Today, February 24

◆We welcome the Reverend Dr. Adam Hearlson. Rev. Dr. Hearlson has been chosen as the candidate for Designated Pastor. Immediately following worship, there will be our Annual Congregational Meeting, at which time all OPC members will have the opportunity to vote on whether to accept Rev. Hearlson as our next pastor. If you would like to know more about The Rev. Dr. Hearlson, the PNC has compiled a brochure introducing him and sharing why the PNC has nominated to be OPC's Designated Pastor.

◆**OPC Youth: Creating Art!** Let's channel our inner Andy Warhol or Picasso and create something wonderful for the Youth Room from **3:00 PM-6:00 PM**. We'll be working under the guidance of special guest artists. Dinner will be provided; friends are welcome, as are parents/volunteers.

### Wednesday, March 6

Ash Wednesday service will be held at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Rev. Raymond Bonwell will lead worship, which will include the imposition of ashes.

### Saturday, March 23

Save the date! The OPC Women's Retreat will be held from 8:30-4pm on March 23, at the IHM Conference Center, in Bryn Mawr. The Rev. Laura Colee, from Broad Street Ministry, has accepted the invitation to lead us in spiritual study and discussion. Our theme is "Made Well: Journeys in Faith". A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Tickets are \$40 and will be on sale in the Wistar Morris Room following worship.



## ☞ General Announcements ☞

OPC Security Improvements: If you have not done so, please contact the office this coming week to receive your new front door key. The old key is no longer valid at this time. Also, security system orientation will be provided for those volunteers needing access to the building outside of regular office and building operating hours.

Mid-Week Lenten Soup Suppers and Service will be held at 6:00 pm on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent. Please contact Sharon Parker if you would like to assist with the supper preparations.

Coffee Hour -We would like to thank Peggy Kaercher and Pat Ogundele, who graciously volunteered to be the contact people for coffee hour. We are still in need of hosts for the upcoming months. Let's keep this beloved ministry going for 2019. Signups for coffee hour are available on the OPC web site and in the church kitchen (on the door). For more information, please contact Peggy Kaercher at 610-642-2906 or Pat Ogundele at 610-668-1309. Thank you!

Narberth Community Theater's production of West Side Story is set to begin March 1 and this play is sure to entice you to be entertained with this familiar and popular modern day Romeo and Juliet story. NCT has allocated a certain amount of tickets for each play for OPC to sell, and the revenues from those tickets are completely donated to OPC. See Jeff Bowker for these tickets.

The Finance Committee is looking for new members! If you have an interest in the church finances, enjoy diving into budget variances, or just want something to do on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., please join us! Reach out to Stephanie Morris, Sara Davis, or Lainie Blodgett if interested.

## Prayer List

- ◆ Eric and Ashley Marshall and son Jack are welcoming newborn Grace Katheryn Marshall.
- ◆ Margaret Young and her family offer prayers of gratitude for her great-granddaughter Hayden's recovery from pneumonia. Prayers of gratitude are also offered for the kindness of the congregation during Hayden's hospitalization.
- ◆ Mikaela Richie was recently hospitalized at CHOP.
- ◆ Joe Duckworth, father of Jason Duckworth, is currently hospitalized.
- ◆ Pat Dillon is continuing her recovery after a successful hip-replacement surgery.
- ◆ Eric Long's father, Bill Long, had his cancer removed.
- ◆ Judy Kelly Johnson, Danielle Long's mother, is having a partial hip replacement.
- ◆ Lynda Johnson is scheduled for ambulatory surgery to improve circulation in her veins.
- ◆ Gwen Harden continues to recover from gallstone surgery.
- ◆ Dick Williamson is undergoing medical testing.
- ◆ Wayne Gage, Chris Gage's father, has received new treatment for his heart condition.
- ◆ John Nathaniel continues to recover from a stroke.
- ◆ Ellen Burr is experiencing ongoing medical concerns

*Please contact Mike Rottinger for any pastoral concerns or to add names to the prayer list.*

*Mike can be reached by email ([mike.rottinger@comcast.net](mailto:mike.rottinger@comcast.net)).*

*You can also leave a message with the Church Office.*

## Sermon Notes

## OPC SESSION MEMBERS:

The Rev. Raymond Bonwell, Moderator

Sara Davis, Clerk of Session; Stephanie Morris, Treasurer

\*\* indicates second consecutive term

Class of 2019	Class of 2020	Class of 2021
Jeffrey Bowker**	Rachel Carnahan**	Elaine Blodgett
Raelyn Harman**	Kevin Davis	Herbert Brabham
Larry McGhee	Becky Lazo	Elizabeth Mendoza
Deborah Rottinger	Will Schick**	Richard Owens
Eileen Wiggins	Karen Wong**	Aimerie Scherluebbe**

## OPC DEACONS:

Mike Rottinger, Moderator, Board of Deacons

Brad Biedermann, Treasurer; Jill Van Rawley, Secretary

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Class of 2019	Class of 2020	Class of 2021
Artia Benjamin	Peju Adebajo	Nancy Elmore
Suchita Fiorillo	Brad Biedermann**	Nancy Gilhool
Angie Goodall**	Sabrina Johnson**	Terri Hunter**
Michael Rottinger**	Alan Sigler	Mary Lou Ryce
Nickie Stokes	Jill Van Rawley	Carol Tulba**

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The Rev. Raymond Bonwell - *Bridge Pastor*

The Rev. David McMillan - *Pastor Emeritus*

Dr. Christopher Gage - *Director of Music*

Sharon Parker - *Director of Christian Education & Church Administration*

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*

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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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