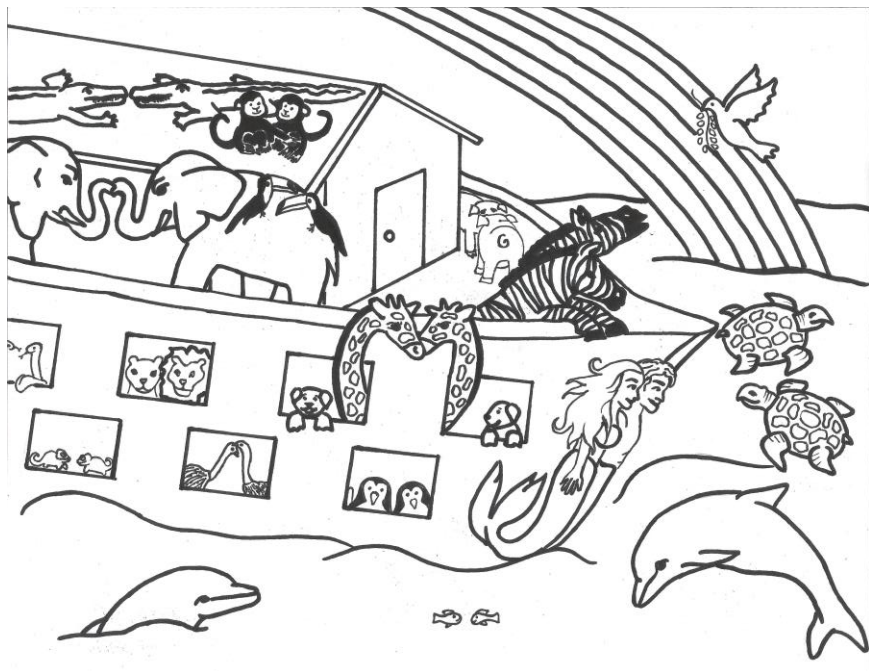

Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
2nd Sunday in Lent
February 25, 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

Vocalise Sergei Rachmaninoff
Lucy Duckworth, viola

INTROIT

Psalm 67: May the Lord be gracious to us and bless us Robert Powell
The Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

People: **slow to anger and abounding in love.**

Leader: God's promise is for all generations;

People: **God's covenant is with every living thing.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

❖HYMN No. 394

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation WESTMINSTER ABBEY

GREETING

Pastor Bruce Gillette

PRAYER OF CONFESSION- (UNISON)

Merciful God, in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.

Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.

The profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.

The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation.

We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,

and have turned them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us;

heal and forgive us.

Set us free to serve you in the world. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (sung by all)

Andrew Senn

Musical score for Kyrie Eleison, featuring two staves of music. The first staff is marked *Organ* and *mp*. The second staff is marked *mf*. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The music is in 4/4 time and G major.

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SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖ HYMN No. 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Mark 8:31-38

Page 41/pew Bible

ANTHEM

“O Thou afflicted” from *St. Peter*
Lois Randel, mezzo-soprano

Julius Benedict

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Pastor Carolyn Gillette

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

OLD TESTAMENT
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Genesis 9:8-17

Page 7/pew Bible

SERMON "Under the Rainbow" Pastor Bruce 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 (see page 10 of the bulletin for music)

Shades of Purple, Shades of Blue

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- *Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our
Lord Jesus Christ, the
love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the
Holy One of Israel, whom alone we
worship and serve.

We trust in God,

whom Jesus called Abba Father.

In sovereign love God created the
world good and makes everyone
equally in God's image,

male and female, of every race and people, to
live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others
and ourselves, accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,

and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love,

the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant
people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry,

God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.

Loving us still,

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Pastor Carolyn Gillette

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Amarilis Stricker

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

Soon-Ah Will Be Done

Spiritual, arr. William Dawson

The Overbrook Choir

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

❖ HYMN No. 729

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

SENDING FORTH

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

Renew us by thy grace, O Lord Donald Cashmore

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

POSTLUDE

Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig (chorale; variation 7)

J. S. Bach



Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church
We are glad you are worshipping 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: Ron Homer; Acolyte: Tarah Paul
The Overbrook Choir
The Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir
Lois Randell-mezzo-soprano
Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

Today's bulletin cover is drawn by Annabelle VanRawley

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, Lori Mason, Peter Seidel and Judy Williamson

Deacons Delivering Flowers:

Davorka Sabljak and Angie Goodall

Following worship today - please join us for refreshments in the Wistar Morris Room. We would like to thank Sabrina Johnson 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. 25	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	M&O Meeting-Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	Inquirer's Lunch
Mon., Feb. 26	7:30 p.m.	OPC Book Club-Elizabeth Cosgriff's
Wed., Feb. 28	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study-Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	Soup and Bread Meal
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Prayer Service
Sat., Mar. 3	8:00 a.m.	Men's Group
Sun., Mar. 4	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	New Member Meeting



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 this 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

☞ Wednesday Bible Study- This Wednesday, Feb. 28, our Wednesday morning Bible study is at 10:30am. This week Bible study will be led by Pastor Carolyn. She will be teaching on the following Sunday's reading, John 2:13-22, March 4.

Wednesday Lenten Supper & Prayer Service -Each Week of Lent
February 28-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 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 JD McGillicuddy's

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.



Coffee Hour Hosts are needed for the following Sunday: March 4th. 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 Mens' Group will meet again on Saturday, March 3rd, 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



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. Please see Pastor Bruce or Jim Stephens if you have any questions.

NCT NARBETH COMMUNITY THEATRE

SISTER ACT - *a musical*

Running from March 2- 17, 2018



We will be selling tickets during coffee hour for all shows of this production. Tickets are \$20.00/each. Revenues from ticket sales go to support OPC's general budget.

We are also in need of volunteers to help with the concession stand during the shows. If interested please contact Trudy Sheau at 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.

Shades of Purple, Shades of Blue

DIX 7.7.7.7.7 ("For the Beauty of the Earth")

Shades of pur - ple, shades of blue, green and yel - low,
Soon new life was spring - ing forth, fill - ing land and
In the rain - bow, you were clear: ev - ery liv - ing
May your church be gin to see in that rain - bow

or - ange, red - sea and air, thing has worth. high a - bove:
No - ah and his God, you chose to bless the earth
You love ev - ery crea - ture here
we are dai - ly called to be

saw the rain - bow with the pro - mise on this plan - et stew - ards of this
o - ver - head. of your care - we call Earth. world you love.
God, Cre - a - tor, and your pro - mised God, for - give when Since the earth is

high a - bove love ex - tends we des - troy dear to you,
you dis - played your far be - yond our gifts from you that may we treat it
sign of love, hu - man friends. bring you joy. kind - ly, too.

Biblical Reference: Genesis 9:8-17

Tune: Conard Kocher, 1838, Abr. William Henry Monk, 1861

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Email: bcgillette@comcast.net New Hymns: www.carolynshymns.com

Prayer List

- ◆ Nancy Elmore and her family on the recent death of her nephew, Larry Bordoni.
- ◆ The Rev. David McMillian leg wound is improving slowly.
- ◆ Will Schick, Bill and Robert, (Will's friends) are in Thailand for Overbrook Hospital 115th anniversary.
- ◆ 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.

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The Overbrook Quartet

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that actively seeks to love and serve God,
each other and the world.***
