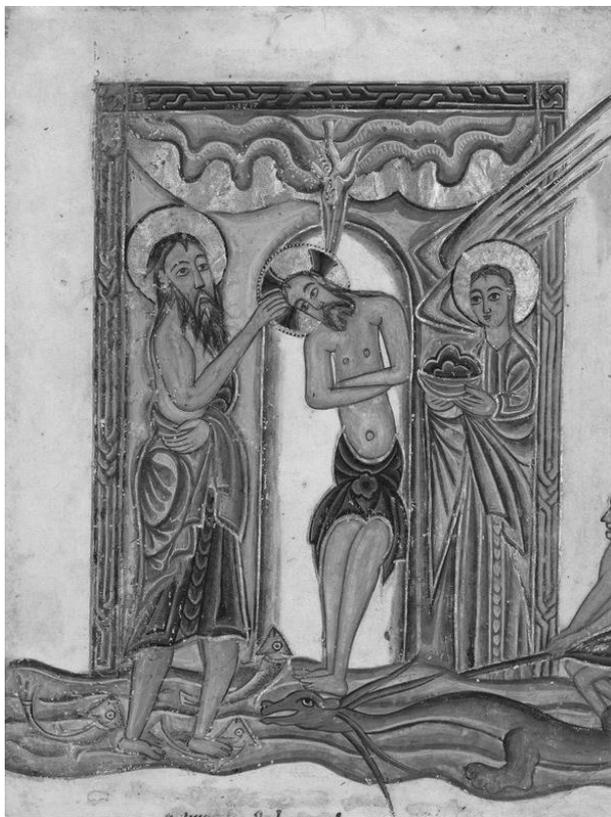

Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
Baptism of the Lord
January 13, 2019
10:30 a.m.

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.

Leading Worship Today:

The Rev. Raymond Bonwell, Bridge Pastor
Lay Leader: Elizabeth Cosgriff; Acolyte: Kendi Long
Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music
Iris Fairfax, soprano
The Overbrook Choir

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God

by Olga Hoggard and Phyllis Watson in loving memory of their parents,
The Rev. and Mrs. D.W. Hoggard and their brother, Dennie W. Hoggard, Jr.

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:

Max Mason, Noble Brigham, Ken Carroll, Mary Scott, Jason Sheau,
Alan Sigler, Nickie Stokes and Adepeju Adebajo

Opener/Closer:

Bob Kaercher

Deacons Delivering Flowers:

Jill VanRawley and Nickie Stokes

Following worship today, please join us for refreshments in the Wistar Morris Room. We would like to thank members of your 2018 Nominating Committee 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 “Down Ampney”

Henry G. Ley
(1887-1962)

INTROIT

In the beginning was the Word

G. T. Thalben-Ball
(1896-1987)

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP - *from Psalm 29*

One: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Many: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

One: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

Many: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, “Glory!”

All: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

❖ HYMN No. 282

DOWN AMPNEY

Come Down, O Love Divine

GREETING

The Rev. Raymond Bonwell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION-(UNISON)

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
making us part of the body of Christ.

We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
separated from one another.

We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
and show reluctance to welcome one another.

We allow the past to hold us captive.

In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin.

Fulfill the promises of our baptism
so that we may rise to new life,
and live together in grace.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖ GLORIA PATRI

HYMN No. 581

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 43:1-7 Page 631/pew Bible
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SOLO Frances Allitsen
 The Lord Is My Light (1848-1912)
 Iris Fairfax, soprano

TIME WITH CHILDREN *The Rev. Raymond Bonwell*
(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 3:15-17, 21-22 Page 56/pew Bible
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *The Rev. Raymond Bonwell*
 “C’mon In! The Water is Fine!”

❖ HYMN No. 286 TRENTHAM
 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- *(The Confession of 1967; Part II: The Ministry of Reconciliation; Section B. The Equipment of the Church; 3. Baptism. 9.51)*
By humble submission to John’s baptism, Christ joined himself to humanity in their need and entered upon his ministry of reconciliation in the power of the spirit. Christian baptism marks the receiving of the same Spirit by all his people. Baptism with water represents not only cleansing from sin but a dying with Christ and a joyful rising with him to new life. It commits all

Christians to die each day to sin and to live for righteousness. In baptism the church celebrates the renewal of the covenant with which God has bound God's people to God's self. By baptism, individuals are publicly received into the church to share in its life and ministry, and the church becomes responsible for their training and support in Christian discipleship. When those baptized are infants, the congregation, as well as the parents, has a special obligation to nurture them in the Christian life, leading them to make, by a public profession, a personal response to the love of God shown forth in their baptism.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

*At the called congregational meeting on December 16, 2018, members elected the following individuals to these respective offices. Those previously ordained will just be installed; the balance will be ordained and installed. While terms are typically three years (referred to as classes), it is appropriate to elect individuals to shorter terms to fill unexpired terms. Individuals may be elected to a second consecutive three-year term (indicated by **).*

ELDERS

To be ordained and installed to a one-year term as Elder:

Larry McGhee (Class of 2019)

To be ordained and installed to a three-year term as Elder: (Class of 2021)

Elaine Blodgett

Elizabeth Mendoza

Herbert Brabham

To be installed to a three-year term as Elder: (Class of 2021)

Richard B. Owens

*Aimerie Scherluebbe***

DEACONS

To be ordained and installed to a three-year term as Deacon: (Class of 2021)

Mary Lou Ryce

To be installed to a three-year term as Deacon: (Class of 2021)

Nancy Elmore

*Terri Hunter***

Nancy Gilhool

*Carol Tulba***

Statement on Ordination

The Rev. Raymond Bonwell, Moderator

Introduction of Deacons and Elders
To Be Ordained and Installed

Sara K. Davis, Clerk of Session

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

The congregation is asked to respond with the text in bold.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

The Questions of Ordination

Questions to the Congregation

Sara K. Davis, Clerk of Session

Do we, the members of the church, accept as ruling elders Elaine Blodgett, Herbert Brabham, Elizabeth Mendoza, Richard B. Owens, and Aimerie Scherluebbe,

and accept as deacons Nancy Elmore, Nancy Gilhool, Terri Hunter, Mary Lou Ryce, and Carol Tulba, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?
We do.

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

The Prayer of Ordination and the Laying on of Hands

All ordained elders, deacons, and ministers of Word and Sacrament are welcome to come forward, with thanks for those concluding their service.

Declaration of Ordination and Installation, and Welcome to Ministry

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

The Rev. Raymond Bonwell

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

Frederick Arthur Gore Ouseley
From the rising of the sun (1825-1889)
The Overbrook Choir

From the rising of the sun
unto the going down of the same
my name shall be great, among the Gentiles;
and in every place incense shall be offered up unto my name:
for my name shall be great among the heathen,
thus saith the Lord!

❖ 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. 725

NYLAND

O Jesus, I Have Promised

SENDING FORTH

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

Donald Cashmore

The Lord is high above all nations (1926-2013)

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

POSTLUDE

Johann Pachelbel
Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam (1653-1706)
("Christ, our Lord, to Jordan came")



☞ This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church ☞

Sunday, January 13	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Session Gathering (Chapel)
	12:00 p.m.	Deacons (Williamson)
Monday, January 14	5:15 p.m.	Junior Choir (Choir Room)
Tuesday, January 15	7:00 p.m.	Session
Wednesday, January 16	10:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
Thursday, January 17	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Friday, January 18	11:30 a.m.	RPM Cafe
Sunday, January 20	9:15 a.m.	Arrival for Education (Ages 3-103)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour

The cover artwork is *The Baptism of Christ*, created in 1615 by Mesrop of Khizan (1560-1652), a prominent Armenian manuscript illuminator. The Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, is shown entering Jesus's soul from above. At the same time, one can see Jesus stepping on the head of a dragon; in Christian artwork, a dragon is symbolic of evil. The tradition of Armenian illumination was the practice of illustrating manuscripts with elaborate scenes, which became known for their vibrant colors and elongated figures. Many artists incorporated contemporary culture into their illuminations; for example, one Gospel Book depicts the four evangelists (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) as Armenian bishops rather than ancient philosophers.

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

Wednesday, January, 16

Adult Bible Study, 10:00 a.m. – “The Doctrine of Election.” This Adult Bible Study will include *predestination*, and is in week two of four. Interested in meeting in the evening / weekend? Miss a week and need the handouts? Please send a note of interest to Pastor Raymond at pastor@overbrookpresb.org.

Sunday January. 20, 2019

Christian Formation, 9:15 a.m. – Adults have an opportunity to model for younger individuals the discipline of lifelong learning and faith formation. Adult Christian Education (formerly Adult Forum) continues a four-week overview of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) with a focus on Matthew 5 (including the Beatitudes). It's never too late to start!

New Sunday School time for children and youth – Classes will begin at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday. Christian Education staff will be on hand at 9:15 a.m. to greet students in Fellowship Hall as they arrive.

☞ Looking Ahead: OPC Happenings ☞

Tuesday, January 15

Session Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Session meetings are open to observers. If you would like to attend a Tuesday Session meeting as an observer, please RSVP ahead of time to the Clerk of Session at skdavis@verizon.net. Meetings generally last two to two-and-a-half hours. If a confidential matter should arise, the Session may elect to go into executive session, in which case all observers would be asked to leave.
—Sara Davis, Clerk of Session

Friday, January 18

The RPM Café, 11:30-1:00 p.m. Join us for a musical and culinary tour of the world. Expanding our cafe menu, we'll be featuring global cuisine. The soups of the day will be won-ton and Italian wedding! In addition to enjoying international music, participants will have the opportunity to experiment with indigenous instruments from across the globe. Passports are not required, but, in addition to your sandwich/salad, please pack your sense of humor and spirit of adventure! The RPM Cafe is a ministry of the Congregational Life Committee; there is no charge to participate. Guests are always welcome. Please sign up in the Wistar Morris Room after worship, or contact Sharon Parker (sparker614@gmail.com).

Sunday, January 20

You are welcome to participate in Christian Education (Ages 3-103) at 9:15 a.m. Readings will be 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 and John 2:1-11. Your Sermon will be "Listen to Your Mother."

Monday, January 21

Martin Luther King, Jr., Day – Overbrook is a registered Philadelphia MLK Day of Service site, and all are welcome to participate. Please join us at 9:00 a.m. on January 21 as we work together to serve our broader community. There will be service opportunities for all ages. We request that preschool and elementary students be accompanied by an adult. To volunteer to serve, please visit the OPC website or sign up in the Wistar Morris Room following worship.

Tuesday, January 29

OPC members and friends will be cooking and serving dinner for the clients of the Life Center of Eastern Delaware County (aka the shelter) on Tuesday, January 29. Please contact Nancy Gilhool if you would like to help shop or cook, or Janet Bowker if you would like to help serve. The minimum age for serving is 11 years old.

February 2

Hootenanny for Hunger, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Congregational square dance and chili supper with activities for all ages. Tickets will be on sale in the Wistar Morris following worship. All proceeds will benefit *Feed My Starving Children*. Come join the fun!

❧ General Announcements ❧

Coffee Hour Hosts are needed for 2019. 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 microwave). For more information, please contact Raelyn Harman at 610-331-8972 or Artia Benjamin. Thank you!

PNC Committee Process Update: The Overbrook Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) continues its work. We have heard neutral pulpit sermons from Presbytery endorsed pastors. We will reconvene soon as a group to discuss impressions and next steps. Another update to the congregation will be given during worship service on 1/27/19. Please pray for us as we continue our charge of evaluating and proposing a pastoral candidate who we believe will faithfully serve the needs of our church family.

Sermon Notes

Prayer List

- ◆ Pat Dillon is scheduled for right hip replacement surgery at Bryn Mawr Hospital on Monday, January 14.
- ◆ Prayers for Becky Lazo's mom, who is undergoing some bloodwork and recovering from a cold.
- ◆ Lynda Johnson is scheduled for ambulatory surgery on January 11, January 25, and February 4.
- ◆ Gwen Harden continues to recover from gallstone surgery.
- ◆ Ernestine Harris, mother-in-law of Lynn Pompa, has successfully undergone several cardiac procedures, and we pray for a quick recovery.
- ◆ Dick Williamson is undergoing medical testing.
- ◆ Terri Carter is home recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- ◆ Wayne Gage, Chris Gage's father, is recovering from a heart procedure.
- ◆ 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).

You can also leave a message with the Church Office.

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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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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Dr. Christopher Gage - *Director of Music*
Sharon Parker - *Director of Christian Education*
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.***
