
Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
Epiphany of the Lord
Communion Sunday
January 6, 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
Lay Leader: Ron Homer; Acolyte: Emma Biedermann
Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music
Matthew Lulofs, baritone
The Overbrook Choir

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God
by the Laurie Geers in loving memory of Ann T. Geers in honor of her 99th
Birthday Anniversary, 1/5/19.

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:

Phil Sheau, Tyrone Frisby, Ron Homer, Jane Krumrine, Jim McDaniel, Carol
Tulba and Sean Whalen

Communion Servers:

Sabrina Johnson, Carol Tulba, Edelenne Carroll, Jason Sheau, Karen Wong,
Phil Sheau, Peju Adebajo and Larry McGhee

Opener/Closer:

Jason Sheau

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 Bowker's 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

Das alte Jahr vergangen ist, BWV 614
("The old year has gone away")

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

INTROIT

How brightly shines the morning star

Philipp Nicolai
(1556-1608)

❖CALL TO WORSHIP-*from Psalm 72*

One: Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.

Many: **May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.**

One: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.

Many: **In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound,
until the moon is no more.**

All: For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor
and those who have no helper.

He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.

From oppression and violence he redeems their life;
and precious is their blood in his sight.

❖HYMN No. 151

KINGS OF ORIENT

We Three Kings of Orient Are

GREETING

The Rev. Raymond Bonwell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION- (UNISON)

God of glory,
you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,
to reveal your love for all people.

We confess that our sin and pride
hide the brightness of your light.

We turn away from the poor;

we ignore cries for justice;
we do not strive for peace.

In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,
and baptize us once again with your Spirit,
that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory
shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖ GLORIA PATRI

HYMN No. 581

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 60:1-6 Page 649/pew Bible
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SOLO

Peter Cornelius

“The Kings” from *Weihnachtslieder*, op. 8 (1824-1874)

Matthew Lulofs, baritone

Three kings have come from the eastern land:
A star hath led them to Jordan's strand.
And in Judaea are asking the Three
Where the newborn Saviour of earth may be?
With gold and myrrh and incense so rare
They seek to worship the Infant there.

How brightly shines now the light on high
As to the manger the kings draw nigh:
They look with rapture upon the boy,
They bend before Him o'ercome with joy,
With gold and myrrh and incense so rare
They all adore the Infant there.

O child of man! bend thou also low!
The kings went thither, o with them go!
The star of mercy, compassion's star,
Shall point thee the pathway to Him afar,
And fail thee gold and incense so rare,
Give then thy heart to Jesus there!
Give Him thy heart!

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
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Matthew 2:1-12

Page 2/pew Bible

SERMON

The Rev. Raymond Bonwell
“Starry-Eyed Surprise”

❖HYMN No. 150

DIX

As with Gladness Men of Old

❖AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- (*The Confession of 1967; Part I: God's Work of Reconciliation; Section B. The Love of God*)

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of humanity's mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals God's love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

The Rev. Raymond Bonwell

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

Arise, shine, for thy light has come
The Overbrook Choir

George Elvey
(1816-1893)

❖DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...we sing the ageless hymn of glory:

SANCTUS (sung by all)

HYMN No. 552

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ....

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion will be received in the pews today. There will be gluten-free bread in the center of the tray. The Deacons and Elders will bring the trays to your pew and pass it to you, first the bread and then the cup. Take the bread when it comes to you, pass the plate on, and partake of your bread when you are ready (this demonstrates how Christ comes to each of us individually). When the trays of glasses come to you, take a glass, pass on the tray, and hold the glass until all are served. Then all will drink together (this demonstrates the unity of the Church Universal).

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of majesty and light,
you hold the whole world in your hand.

So we give you our great praise
that in Jesus Christ all people may see your glory.

We thank you for revealing Jesus to be your Son,
and for claiming our lives in baptism
to be his glad disciples.

By your Spirit,

may peace descend upon us
that we may follow him with grateful hearts.

Take us and all we have to be useful in your service,

God of all nations,

in the gracious name of Jesus Christ, your Son,

by the power of your Holy Spirit,

now and forever.

❖HYMN (on next page)

WAS LEBET, WAS SCHLEBET

O Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness

Text: John S. B. Monsell (1811-1975)

Melody from *Choral-buch vor Johann Heinrich Reinhardt*, Üttingen, 1754

Harmonization by *The English Hymnal*, 1906

❖BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH

❖CHORAL RESPONSE

G. T. Thalben-Ball

God is light

(1896-1987)

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

POSTLUDE

Dieterich Buxtehude

Excerpt from *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern* (1637-1707)



Prayer List

- ◆ Congratulations to Lynn and Patrice Pompa on the birth of their first grandson, Victor Isaiah Pompa. Dad and mom are doing well.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Luis Wong is now in the Salvation Army Rehab center in Roxborough.
- ◆ The Rev. David McMillan is recovering from knee surgery.
- ◆ Terri Carter is home recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- ◆ Wayne Gage, Chris Gage's father, is recovering from a heart procedure.
- ◆ Jessica Canning, a friend of Eileen Wiggins, is in hospice following brain surgery.
- ◆ John Nathaniel is still recovering 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). You can also leave a message with the Church Office.

1. O wor - ship the Lord in the beau - ty of ho - li - ness;
 2. Low at his feet lay thy bur - den of care - ful - ness:
 3. Fear not to en - ter his courts in the slen - der - ness
 4. These, though we bring them in trem - bling and fear - ful - ness,
 5. O wor - ship the Lord in the beau - ty of ho - li - ness;

bow down be - fore him, his glo - ry pro - claim;
 high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
 of the poor wealth thou wouldst reck - on as thine:
 he will ac - cept for the name that is dear;
 bow down be - fore him, his glo - ry pro - claim;

with gold of o - be - dience, and in - cense of low - li - ness,
 com - fort thy sor - rows, and an - swer thy prayer - ful - ness,
 truth in its beau - ty, and love in its ten - der - ness,
 morn - ings of joy give for eve - nings of tear - ful - ness,
 with gold of o - be - dience, and in - cense of low - li - ness,

kneel and a - dore him: the Lord is his name.
 guid - ing thy steps as may best for thee be.
 these are the off - erings to lay on his shrine.
 trust for our trem - bling and hope for our fear.
 kneel and a - dore him: the Lord is his name.

☞ This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church ☞

Sunday, January 6	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	1:30 p.m.	The Art of Advent tour w/Peter Seidel at Phila. Art Museum
Tuesday, January 8	1:00 p.m.	Worship and Music Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
Wednesday, January 9	10:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.	Property Committee
Thursday, January 10	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice
Sunday, January 13	9:15 a.m.	Arrival for Education (Ages 3-103) Welcoming Program for Children/Youth Anticipated beginning for Adult Christian Education
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Deacons-Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	Personnel Committee-Williamson

The cover artwork is *Adoration of the Magi*, painted by Andrea Mantegna (1431-1506) around 1460. It is part of three works that were commissioned for a private chapel in the Castle of St. George in Mantua, Italy. This painting, the largest of the three, depicts the Magi as representations of the three stages of human life. In addition, the Virgin Mary is shown wearing a crown of angels, which is a common theme in Orthodox art.

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

Wed. January. 9, 2019, 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study – “The Doctrine of Election”. This four week Adult Bible Study will include predestination. Interested in meeting in the evening / weekend? Please send a note of interest to Pastor Raymond at pastor@overbrookpresb.org.

Sun. January. 13, 2019: 9:15 a.m.

“Christian Formation (Ages 3 – 103)” – 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 ☞

Today, January 6, 2019

"The Art of Advent: seven centuries of great sacred art at the Philadelphia Museum of Art" tour. All are welcome to join our very own Peter Seidel, art teacher and Overbrook member, on this tour of the art museum. We will gather on the second-floor balcony of the Great Hall in the Philadelphia Museum of Art at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the museum is "pay as you wish."

Sunday, January 13, 2019

Ordination and Installation of Elder/Deacons during worship. Readings will be Isaiah 43:1-7; and Luke 3:15-17, 21-22. Sermon Title is "C'mon In! The Water is Fine!".

Friday, January 18, 2019

The RPM Cafe will be open for business from 11:30-1:00 PM. 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, there will be opportunities for participants 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).

Monday, January 21, 2019

Martin Luther King Day - Overbrook is a registered Philadelphia MLK Day of Service site, and all are welcome to participate. Please join us at **9:00 AM** 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 sign-up to serve, please visit the OPC website or sign-up in the Wistar Morris Room following worship.

February 2, 2019

Hootenanny for Hunger 6:00-9:00 PM Congregational square dance and chili supper with activities for all ages. Tickets go on sale next Sunday following worship. All proceeds will benefit *Feed My Starving Children*.

☞ 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!

Sermon Notes

Scots Confession 3.21 “We acknowledge and confess that now in the time of the gospel we have two chief sacraments, which alone were instituted by the Lord Jesus and commanded to be used by all who will be counted members of his body, that is, Baptism and the Supper or Table of the Lord Jesus, also called the Communion of His Body and Blood. These sacraments, both of the Old Testament and of the New, were instituted by God not only to make a visible distinction between God’s people and those who were without the Covenant, but also to exercise the faith of God’s children and, by participation of these sacraments, to seal in their hearts the assurance of his promise, and of that most blessed conjunction, union, and society, which the chosen have with their Head, Christ Jesus.”

Scots Confession 3.23 “But we hold that the Supper of the Lord is only for those who are of the household of faith and can try and examine themselves both in their faith and their duty to their neighbors. Those who eat and drink at that holy table without faith, or without peace and goodwill to their siblings, eat unworthily. This is the reason why ministers in our Kirk make public and individual examination of those who are to be admitted to the table of the Lord Jesus.”

Westminster Confession 6.141 “The visible Church, which is also catholic or universal under the gospel (not confined to one nation as before under the law), consists of all those throughout the world that profess the true religion, together with their children; and is the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ; the house and family of God, through which men are ordinarily saved and union with which is essential to their best growth and service.”

Book of Order, Directory of Worship: W-3.0409: Theology of the Lord’s Supper
The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding. If some of those who come have not yet been baptized, an invitation to baptismal preparation and Baptism should be graciously extended. Worshipers prepare themselves to celebrate the Lord’s Supper by putting their trust in Christ, confessing their sin, and seeking reconciliation with God and one another. Even those who doubt may come to the table in order to be assured of God’s love and grace in Jesus Christ.

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The Overbrook Quartet:

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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.***
