
Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
Epiphany Sunday
Communion Sunday
January 7, 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

Puer nobis nascitur

Pierre Dandrieu

INTROIT

The Lord hath visited and redeemed us George Thalben-Ball

❖CALL TO WORSHIP-*Isaiah 60:1-6*

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

People: For darkness shall cover the earth,
And thick darkness the peoples;

Leader: but the Lord will arise upon you,
And his glory will appear over you.

People: Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

❖HYMN No. 151 We Three Kings of Orient Are KINGS OF ORIENT

GREETING

Pastor Carolyn Gillette

PRAYER OF CONFESSION- (UNISON)

O God, our guide, who once used a star to lead people to Christ, we confess our poor sense of direction. We let ourselves become confused, easily distracted, and lose our way. We fail to follow the signs you provide. Forgive our waywardness, O God. Lead us to the Christ so that we may follow his way to you. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖HYMN No. 581 Glory Be to the Father GLORIA PATRI

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 3:1-12 Page 181/pew Bible
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH CHILDREN *Pastor Bruce Gillette*
(All Children are welcomed to remain in worship for Communion, should parents so wish, children in Pre-K through Grade 2 may gather in the nursery following Time with Children.)

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 2:1-12 Page 1/pew Bible
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON “The Word to the Wise” Pastor Carolyn Gillette

❖HYMN No. 152

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

❖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

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 J. Elvey

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

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...

SANCTUS: HYMN No. 562 (Sung By All)

Schubert

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

INVITATION TO THE TABLE AND THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion will be received in the pews today. 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 hold your bread till all are served so that all may partake together. And then 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.

COMMUNION SOLO

Maria Wiegenglied (“Mary’s Lullaby”)
Iris Fairfax, soprano

Max Reger

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God,
you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
You have fed us with the bread of life,
and renewed us for your service.
Help us who have shared Christ’s body and received his cup,
to be his faithful disciple
so that our daily living
may be part of the life of your kingdom,
and our love be your love
reaching out into the life of the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

❖ HYMN No. 853

We Are Marching in the Light of God

SIYAHAMBA

SENDING FORTH

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

Lo, a light shines down

Eleanor Daley

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

POSTLUDE

Fugue from *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*

Dieterich Buxtehude

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: Stephanie Kindt, Acolyte: Maya Stricker
The Overbrook Choir
Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

Today's bulletin is the crèche that was handmade by former OPC member, Joan Taubel.

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.

Communion Servers:

Trudy Sheau, Terri Hunter, Edelene Carroll, Larry McGhee,
Caroline Skinner, Phil Sheau, Davorka Sabljak and Karen Wong

Ushers:

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

Deacons Delivering Flowers:

Suchita Fiorillo and Stephanie Morris

Following worship today - please join us for refreshments in the Wistar Morris Room. 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

Sunday, Jan. 7 th	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
Tuesday, Jan. 9 th	7:00 p.m.	Session
Wed., Jan. 10 th	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study-Chapel
Sunday, Jan. 14 th	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service with Ordination Installation of New Elders/Deacons
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour

☞ Today, everyone is invited to come join Peter Seidel, art teacher and Overbrook member, from 1:30-3:00pm for “**The Art of Christmas Season Seven Centuries of Sacred Art at the Philadelphia**” at the **Philadelphia Art Museum**. Everyone is to gather on the 2nd floor balcony in the Great Hall of the Philadelphia Art Museum at 1:30pm. The cost is “Pay what you wish” Sunday at the museum. There is plenty of parking at the museum or member can carpool from the church right after service



☞ Wednesday Bible Study- This Wednesday, Jan 10th, 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 lectionary reading, John 1:43-51, January 14th.

☞ Calling All Artists of all Ages-We welcome member’s artwork for the front cover of the Sunday Worship Bulletin. If you or a child is interested in drawing or sketching a picture please contact Pastor Bruce or Carolyn.

**WE CAN END
GUN VIOLENCE**

Adult Forum on January 14: Gun Violence-

Join us on the January 14, at 9:15 a.m. in the McMillian Chapel for a presentation and discussion on gun violence. The next day Overbrook Presbyterians and friends will celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day with service projects, including making t-shirts with the names of all the victims of gun violence in Philadelphia in 2017. Our discussion leader will be Bryan Miller, Executive Director of Heeding God's Call to End Violence.

**YOUTH
GROUP**

Middle School and High School Youth Groups will meet next Sun., Jan. 14 at 5 p.m. for pizza and to help set up for MLK day the next day



**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

Can you imagine enjoying dinner out and at the same time providing a meal for a hungry child at no extra cost?! This year, the Overbrook Presbyterian Church community can enjoy a weekly meal out and contribute to one of the Church's most vital ministries – **Feed My Starving Children**. So get ready, mark your calendars for the **third Wednesday** of the month, **January through April**. This Month's "We Care Wednesday" is **January 24th 2018** at the **Panera Bread in Wynnewood Shopping Center** on Lancaster Pike. Please join us. See you at Panera Wynnewood. 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.



Mark Your Calendar: OPC Youth Mission Trip 2018 - We have dates and a location for next summer's youth mission trip! Trip Dates are Saturday, August 4 - Saturday, August 11, 2018. OPC youth and leaders will be working with West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy and Workcamps, Inc.

WVMAW has a close relationship with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, particularly in times of disaster recovery. They work to repair houses and improve the lives of residents near the Greenbrier/White Sulphur Springs area in Southern West Virginia. This area had major flooding in the summer of 2016. About half the homes in the area were damaged or destroyed.

We will be staying in a church social hall. The church has wonderful outdoor space, a picnic shelter, an indoor recreation room, plenty of spread out space for cots/air mattresses, and a fully equipped kitchen.

We will be doing repairs or renovations on a home for a family in need. Work may involve installing flooring, putting up sheet rock, doing some painting, rebuilding a deck or constructing a ramp. Youth will be taught the skills they need to improve a family's home. There will be time on Wednesday for a recreational activity in the area, and we will have opportunities to interact with members of our host church and community. Cost is TBD but will be in the general range of last year's trip.

Please contact Pastor Carolyn at 302-528-1797 for more information.



Committee Reports for the Annual Meeting-

Just a reminder to all committee chairs that committee reports for the annual congregation meeting are due into the office



☞ Martin Luther King Day of Service:

Monday, January 15 - Martin Luther King, Jr. lived his life serving God and serving others. On Monday, January 15, from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. join us in the Fellowship Hall, Wistar Morris Room, Chapel and Kitchen as we serve God and others in honor of Dr. King.

We will begin with a litany in remembrance of Dr. King at 9:00 a.m. Then at 9:15 a.m., we will go to our service stations. There will be activities for people of all ages— from preschoolers through older adults. Service projects will include:

- placing crosses with T-shirts on the lawn for “Heeding God’s Call” in memory of victims of gun violence in the city of Philadelphia
- making soup and breakfast bags for Aid for Friends, an organization that provides meals for people who are homebound in Philadelphia and surrounding counties
- making children’s artwork to include in the breakfast bags (this was specifically requested, and it is a project that young children can help with)
- assembling health kits for people in need
- sewing simple dresses for girls, for “Little Dresses for Africa”
- beautifying our church building and property

A simple pizza lunch will be provided. Please sign up in advance in the Wistar Morris Room or through sign up genius, so we have enough supplies, work activities, and lunch for everyone. Thank you!

Questions? Please contact Pastor Carolyn Gillette at carolyn@overbrookpresb.org or 302-528-1797.

Prayer List

- ♦ Sharon Parker during her service in Myanmar
- ♦ Emily Amerman and Jim Vagnoni's son, Will going through transitions
- ♦ Peter Seidel having back issues
- ♦ Dick Williamson having back issues
- ♦ Andrea Gosfield recovering from a car accident
- ♦ Ellen Burr ongoing health issues
- ♦ Gloria Justin is 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:

Sara Davis, *Clerk of Session*, *Pastors Bruce & Carolyn Gillette*, *Moderators*

Jeff Bowker, *Co-Chair-Property*, Rachel Carnahan, *Chair-Worship/Music*, Edelene Carroll, *Chair-Personnel*, Raelyn Harman, *Chair-Congregational Life*, Ron Homer, *Chair-New Members*, Anil “Bob” Kothari, *Chair-Finance*, Deborah Rottinger, Jane Rozmiarek, Kate Shackelford-*Treasurer*, Aimerie Scherluebbe, *Chair, Mission & Outreach*, Will Schick, *Chair-Stewardship*, Jason Sheau, *Chair-Christian Education*, Sean Whalen, *President, Board of Trustees*, Eileen Wiggins, and Karen Wong.

OPC Deacons:

Mike Rottinger, *Moderator-Board of Deacons*

Artia Benjamin, Brad Biedermann, Suchita Fiorillo, Angie Goodall, Terri Hunter, Sabrina Johnson, Larry McGhee, Stephanie Morris, Elienne Paul, Mike Rottinger, Davora Sabljak, Nickie Stokes, Nicole Stokes-Robinson, Carol Tulba, and Ellen Valudes.

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Carol Rozmiarek - *Financial Secretary*

Leonard Robbins - *Church Custodian*

Every Church Member - *Minister*

The Overbrook Quartet

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

Toffer Mihalka, *tenor*; Matthew Lulofs, *bass*