

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 Revs. Bruce and Carolyn Gillette - Co-Pastors
Lay Leader: Margene Biedermann
Matthew Lulofs, Baritone
Minister of Music: Dennis Elwell

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God

By Adepeju Adebanjo in memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Adebanjo and her sister Alaba Adebanjo

Childcare -

Is available during the worship service. Worship is for all ages, but should your infant or preschooler become restless during worship, excellent child-care 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.

Deacons Delivering Flowers:

Ellen Valudes and Sabrina Johnson

Following worship today - please join us for Cool Refreshments in the Wistar Morris Room. We would like to thank LaToya Richie for today's refreshments. 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.

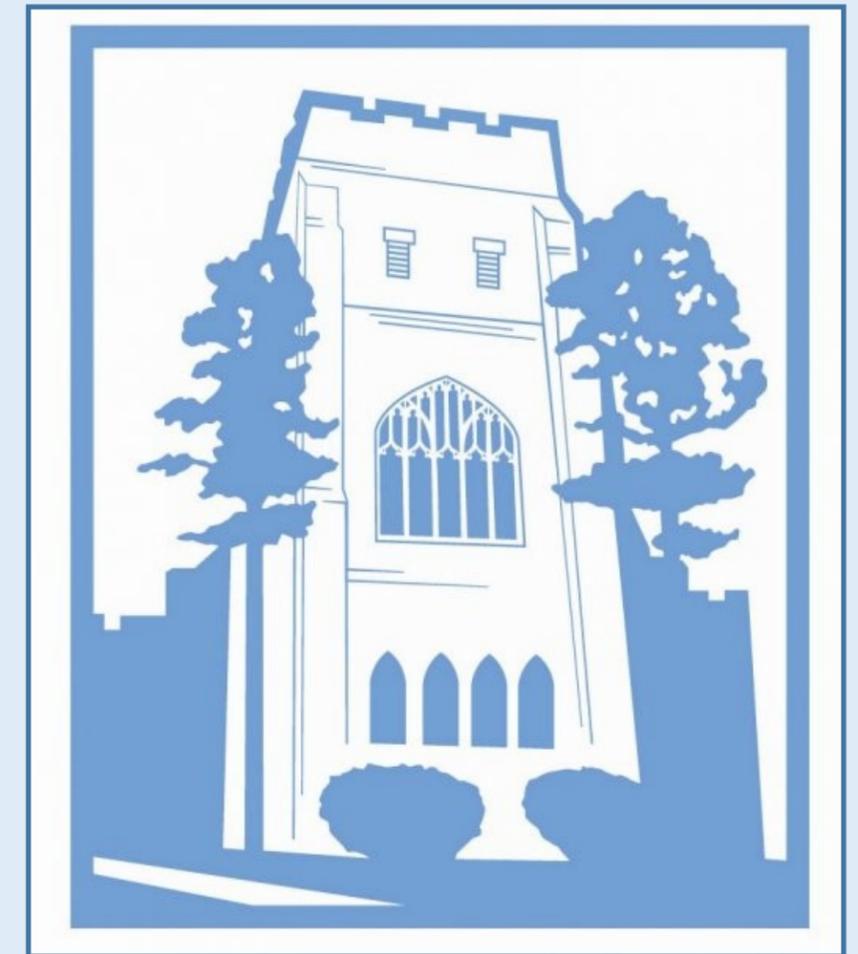
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The Overbrook Quartet
Iris Fairfax -*Soprano*
Lois Randel-*Mezzo-Soprano*
Toffer Mihalka-*Tenor*

Overbrook Presbyterian Church



7th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 23, 2017

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

PRELUDES: Suite from “Water Music” George Frideric Handel
Allegro vivace; Air; Hornpipe
(Celebrating the 300th Anniversary of the First Performance of “Water Music,” July 17, 1717)
God, Whose Farm Is All Creation Mark Sedio

❖CALL TO WORSHIP-Genesis 28:16; Psalm 139:11-12; Matthew 13:29-30

LEADER: Like light that scatters the darkness,
PEOPLE: surely the Lord is in this place!
LEADER: Like wheat gathered up at the harvest,
PEOPLE: the kingdom of heaven is near.

❖HYMN No. 34 Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being RUSTINGTON

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
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 8:12-25 Page 147/pew Bible

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SOLO: Lift Up Your Eyes Peter I. Tschaikowsky
Matthew Lulofs, Baritone

TIME WITH CHILDREN Pastor Carolyn Gillette
(Following the Time with Children, children may return to their families and worship with the congregation. PRE-K through Grade 2 are welcome in the Nursery)

GOSPEL READING Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 Page 14/pew Bible

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SERMON “When Weeds Happen” Pastor Bruce Gillette

❖HYMN (insert) A Farmer In a Field ST. THOMAS 6.6 8.6
 (“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”)

❖AFFIRMATION OF FAITH-Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS Pastors Bruce and Carolyn Gillette

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SERVICE OF WHOLENESS AND HEALING WITH THE
LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING WITH OIL

Those desiring the laying on of hands and anointing with oil may come forward, and kneel or bow. If you have special prayer requests, please share them with one of the ministers, elders or deacons.

You may choose to come forward for prayer, or you may choose to remain in the pew and offer a quiet prayer to God.

CONCLUDING PRAYER (UNISON) St. Augustine of Hippo

Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ.
Rest your weary ones.
Bless your dying ones.
Soothe your suffering ones.
Pity your afflicted ones.
Shield your joyous ones;
And all for your love's sake. Amen.

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 God So Loved the World John Stainer
Matthew Lulofs, Baritone arr. William Stickles

❖DOXOLOGY HYMN No. 607

❖PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

❖HYMN NO. 36 For the Fruit of All Creation AR HYD Y NOS

❖BENEDICTION

❖CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
HYMN NO. 541 God Be With You Till We Meet Again RANDOLPH

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

POSTLUDE: Psalm XIX-The Heavens Declare the Glory of God
Benedetto Marcello

This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 23	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Mission & Outreach-Chapel
Sunday, July 30	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum-Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Celebration for Dennis Elwell
	12:00 p.m.	Meet/Greet with Pastors Bruce/Carolyn-Chapel

☞ **Wednesday Morning Bible Study**-There will be no bible study this coming Wednesday, July 26th. Bruce and Carolyn will be away on continuing education. Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, August 2nd with Bruce Gillette. He will be teaching on the following Sunday's lectionary reading, Matthew 14:13-21, August 6th.

☞ **Adult Forum** meets each Sunday in the Chapel at 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m. Next Sunday, July 30th, Bruce Gillette will be leading adult forum. He will discuss and explore ways we can care for God's creation and also save money. As always, adult forum is an engaging faith based discussion with hot coffee promised for all.



☞ **Calling all gardeners!** Broad Street Ministries has a large garden which is housed at Carousel House near the Mann Music Center and the Please Touch Museum. They are in need of some hands to help weed and harvest produce which is used in the meals prepared at BSM. BSM feeds between 200 and 400 guests at each meal served there. **Date: Tuesday July 25, Time: 5:30 -7:30 PM.** Children are welcome helpers! Please see Deb Rottinger to sign up at coffee hour or email her at rottinger@woodlynde.org



☞ **Next Sunday join us for a celebration for Dennis Elwell.** For nearly 44 years, Dennis has led Overbrook Presbyterian Church in its musical praise of God with outstanding music. July 30th is Dennis' last Sunday playing the organ at Overbrook Church. The Overbrook Choir will sing in this special service. Please encourage your family and friends to join us for our 10:30 a.m. worship service followed by a special reception. You might consider wearing Phillies-related attire in honor of Dennis' favorite baseball team. You are also invited to contribute toward a financial gift from the church to Dennis. Please make checks out to "Overbrook Presbyterian Church" and write "Gift for Dennis" on the memo line. Checks may be handed to Stewardship Committee Chair Will Schick (he will wear a red Phillies hat during the July refreshments after worship) or mailed to our church office. Thank you for helping Overbrook Church honor Dennis and thank him for many wonderful years of service.



☞ **Vacation Bible School** will be Sunday, July 30 to Thursday, August 3, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This year VBS has a mission theme: "Clean Water for All God's Children!" Daily Bible stories— all based on a water theme— will include the creation story, Jesus' baptism, Jesus talking with the Samaritan woman at the well, and more. Children will learn that water is a good gift from God, that we are called to be good stewards of water, and that water is a gift to be shared. Registration forms are available in the church office. Thank you.

✚ Sharing with our New Pastors: The next chance for a small group gathering is on Sunday, July 30 after Dennis's celebration in the Chapel. Host for this small group is Artia Benjamin, (215-477-9209 or New-Life5125@aol.com)

The Book bag Project



Thanks for a wonderful response to the book bag project. Two bags are complete, 15 are partially filled, and 13 have been taken home to be filled. What we need today are supplies to complete the partially filled bags. Come visit us at the mission table for more details. NOTE: We will not be having the book bag table next Sunday, July 30. To those who took book bags home to fill, please have them back to church by August 9.



✚ Week of July 24th: I will be on vacation from July 24-July 28th. Roseann Christian will be filling in Monday-Thursday, 9-3pm. Roseann, was the previous office manager at OPC. - Lisa

Prayer List

- ♦ The Sheau Family on the death of Trudy's mother.
- ♦ Charlotte Carpenter on the sudden death of her friend, Kelly
- ♦ Amos and Eilenne Paul on the recent marriage of their daughter Maiki Paul
- ♦ Maiki Paul on her recent marriage to Travis West.

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.

JUST A LITTLE
Reminder

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.

✚ Two Before One Rule: Do you know this rule? Take the challenge to practice it now at church. "Two before One" means that you talk to two persons you don't know well or at all before you talk to one you do know. In this way you might just greet a first time visitor and get a chance to know him or her. Or you may make a new friend among the members of the congregation. Two before one puts the other before ourselves. Two before one extends the open hand and heart of fellowship.

Pastoral
CARE

Pastoral Care: We are grateful to people who let us know about pastoral needs in our church and community. Please contact us by email or by phone: 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. 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. Thank you. Pastors Bruce & Carolyn Gillette

A Farmer in a Field

Matthew 13:24-30, 35-43

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1. A far - mer in a field sow-ed good and heal - thy seeds. But
2. The wheat grew tall and strong, but this - tles flour - ished too. The
3. The far - mer wise - ly said, "They'll grow as one to - day, But
4. O Lord we want to know why e - vil pro - spers here. Why,
5. God, may we hum - bly see the har - vest still is yours; And

1. in the co - ver of the night, some - bo - dy plan - ted weeds.
2. wor - kers saw the mix of them and won - dered what to do.
3. when we har - vest all the wheat, we'll throw the weeds a - way."
4. next to love and jus - tice grow such ha - tred, pride and fear.
5. one day we'll be blessed to find that love is what en - dures.

Music: St. Thomas (Williams), melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)



We Want Your Input for Adult Learning Opportunities This Fall at Overbrook Church:

Pastors Bruce and Carolyn Gillette enjoy teaching. In addition to planning a variety of activities for children and youth, we also want to plan learning opportunities for adult church members and friends. We would appreciate your responses (*circle or check*) to the following options, as well as your own ideas about what you would like to see offered.

Sunday Morning Forum: We will continue to offer a variety of topics and speakers relating faith to life. Which of the following would be of interest to you?

- ◆ Church members who have been immigrants telling their stories
- ◆ Different ways to pray
- ◆ Health and wholeness
- ◆ Speakers from local missions supported by Overbrook Church
- ◆ Spirituality for Families
- ◆ Prison Nation
- ◆ Faithful Living in a Time of Violence and Terrorism
- ◆ The Bible and Racial Justice
- ◆ Grieving Well
- ◆ What difference does prayer make?
- ◆ Your suggested topics (please describe here):

We are also thinking of offering a Bible study for adults at the same time as the Sunday forum. Possible topics:

- ◆ The Bible from Scratch (the New Testament for Beginners)
- ◆ The Book of Revelation
- ◆ Women in the New Testament
- ◆ The Parables of Jesus
- ◆ Disciple Bible Study - a year-long, in depth study

Active Parenting for Parents of Children Ages 5 - 12 (as well as parents of younger and older children) is a very popular, video-based discussion series that is now in its fourth edition. This will be offered either on a weeknight or on a Saturday. Pastors Bruce and Carolyn Gillette wrote the church guide for this program. Please let us know if you are interested in participating in this six-week series, and if so, when you would like the class to be held.

Weeknight Bible study, either on the coming Sunday's scripture readings, or on one of the topics mentioned above for the Sunday morning Bible study. Would you be interested in a weeknight Bible study, and if so, which nights are you available on topics?

Wednesday lectionary study group will continue weekly from 10:30 am to Noon