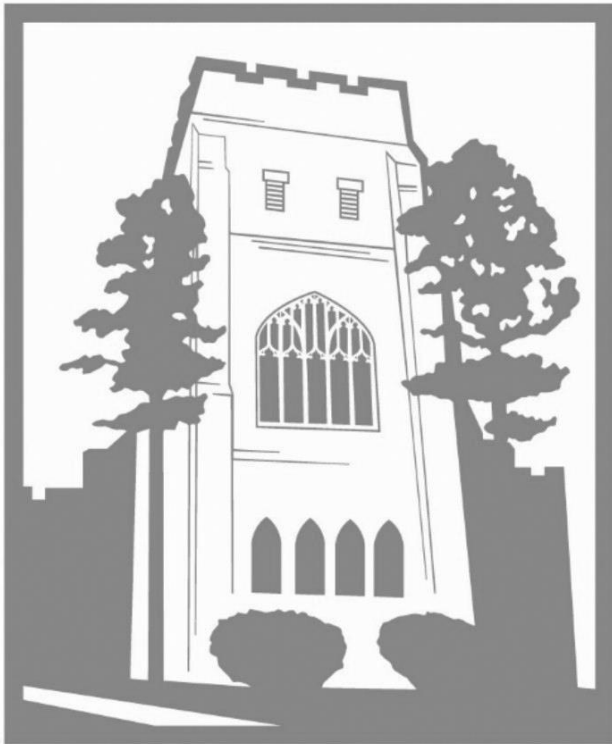


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# Overbrook Presbyterian Church

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Worship Service  
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
Communion Sunday  
July 1, 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

Berceuse

Ernest Tomlinson

### ❖CALL TO WORSHIP-(from the Iona Community)

Leader: Jesus says, "I am the Way for you."

People: And so we come to follow Christ.

Leader: Jesus says, "I am the truth for you."

People: And so we come to dwell in the light.

Leader: Jesus says, "I am the Life for you."

People: And so we come, leaving behind all else to which we cling.

### ❖HYMN No. 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above MIT FREUDEN ZART

### GREETING

*Rachel Carnahan*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION- (UNISON)

O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

### SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### ❖HYMN No. 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

## HEARING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT                  Psalm 30                  Page 478/pew Bible  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### SOLO

“If with all your hearts” from *Elijah*                  Felix Mendelssohn  
*Toffer Mihalka, tenor*

### TIME WITH CHILDREN

*The Rev. Larissa Kwong Abazia*

*(All Children are welcome 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.)*

### NEW TESTAMENT

Mark 5:21-43

Page 37/pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### SERMON

“Reaching For Grace” *The Rev. Larissa Kwong Abazia*

### ❖ HYMN No. 793

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come    ERHALT UNS, HERR

### ❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- *(excerpt from the Belhar Confession)*

We believe that God has created the world of space and time  
to be the sphere of dealings with humankind.

In its beauty and vastness,

sublimity and awfulness,

order and disorder,

the world reflects to the eye of faith

the majesty and mystery of its Creator.

We believe that God has created us

for personal relationship in which

we may respond to the love of the Creator.

Life is a gift to be received with gratitude

and a task to be pursued with courage.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

*Rachel Carnahan*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Becky Lazo*

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

"Be thou faithful" from *St. Paul*  
*Toffer Mihalka, tenor*

Mendelssohn

❖ 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 praise you singing

SANCTUS: HYMN No. 552 (sung by all)

LAND OF REST

Blessed is our brother, Jesus..."This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me." Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Therefore, as we eat this bread and drink this cup...into the glorious liberty of all the children of God.

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.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*Communion will be received by intinction. Please come forward as directed by the ushers to the two stations, take the bread, dip it into the cup, and partake. Those physically unable to come forward should notify an usher, and will be served in the pew.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

❖ HYMN No. 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing AR HYD Y NOS

## SENDING FORTH

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ RESPONSE (sung by all) HYMN No. 541, stanza 1  
God Be with You Till We Meet Again

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

### POSTLUDE

“Carillon” from 24 Pièces en Style Libre Louis Vierne



**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 Rev. Larissa Kwong Abazia – Guest Preacher

Lay Leader: Rachel Carnahan

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

Toffer Mihalka, tenor

**The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God**  
by Rachel Carnahan in loving memory of Charles Carnahan

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:

The Rev. Larissa Kwong Abazia, Rachel Carnahan,

Brad Biedermann and Margene Biedermann

## Ushers:

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

## Opener/Closer:

Buck Scott

**Deacons Delivering Flowers:**  
Jill Van Rawley and Nickie Stokes

Following worship today, please join us for refreshments in the Wistar Morris Room. We would like to thank Sharon Parker for today's coffee hour.

**This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church**

Sunday, July 1	11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour 12:00 p.m. Deacons-Chapel 5:30 p.m. Youth Group Mission Trip Meeting
Wednesday, July 4	Church Office Closed for Observance of Independence Day, Fourth of July
Sunday, July 8	10:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

☛ **Today we would like to welcome the Rev. Larissa Kwong Abazia.** She is an ordained minister and church consultant. She has served the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in a variety of ways, including as the Vice Moderator of the 221st General Assembly and currently as a member of the General Assembly Committee on Representation. She is passionate about racial and gender justice with a focus on the ways the Church is called to be the beloved community. She lives in New Jersey with her husband and soon-to-be seven-year-old son.

☛ **Bible Study** There will be no Bible Study this upcoming week due to the Fourth of July.

☞ July Worship Schedule- Next Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup> we will welcome The Rev. Dr. Shane Berg, Executive Vice President, Princeton Theological Seminary as our guest preacher. Services will continue to be held at 10:30 am.

☞ Coffee Hour Hosts are needed for the following Sundays: July 8, 15, 22, and 29. Instructions for this easily accomplished, highly valued ministry are available on the OPC web site and in the church kitchen (on the microwave). For more information please contact Amarilis Stricker at 484-343-0679 or Raelyn Harman at 610-331-8972. Thank you!

☞ VBS...on the move! *Our 2018 Vacation Bible School has a new date: July 29-August 2.*

Each evening, from 5:30-7:30 PM, OPC children and friends (pre-school through grade 5) will explore God's great creation and celebrate the theme "This is My Father's World." Bible stories will guide us as we explore the world that Jesus knew, and the world that we live in today. Each evening will be filled with exciting adventures in faith, and activities in environmental science, art, and music.

Meal time: Children are asked to bring a sandwich or simple meal; OPC will provide beverages, fresh fruit and healthy snacks for all. (In the event of a forgotten "meal bag," food will be provided.)

Vacation Bible School is a ministry of the Christian Education Committee...there is no charge to participate. Children are encouraged to practice sharing with others by bringing an offering. The offering will help provide water and seeds for drought prone areas of the world.

Registration forms are available in the church office, the Wistar Morris Room, and through the OPC website. Wish to volunteer...or have a question? Please contact Becky Lazo (rebeccalazo@hotmail.com) or Sharon Parker ([sparker614@gmail.com](mailto:sparker614@gmail.com)).



A warm welcome is extended to all children...Come explore God's wonderful world, July 29-August 2!

☛Special Summer Sundays! Although Sunday School is not in session during the summer months, *Special Summer Sundays* are! On **July 15** and **August 26**, unique Bible learning adventures are planned for children in Pre-K through Grade 5. Following *Time With Children*, teachers will welcome participants to Fellowship Hall and the Chapel for an hour of Bible exploration, music, and crafts. Come join the excitement!

☛This Month Only—“Pickup Choir” at Overbrook: Have you ever wanted to sing in the choir, but you can't make a commitment every Thursday night? Are you curious as to what singing with us might be like? Do you want to make a special musical contribution to worship on a summer Sunday? If you answered “yes” or “maybe” to any of these questions, you might enjoy a special opportunity this summer at Overbrook: an **informal “pickup choir”** that rehearses before the service and then sings in worship.

What will this choir entail? On Sunday, July 29, we will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. We will learn and rehearse a short anthem, as well as some simple service music, to sing during the worship service that day. No commitment, no midweek rehearsal—just a satisfying summer opportunity to sing together.

Who can participate? Anyone is welcome to sing with us. You do not have to be a current member of the Overbrook Choir, and there will be no pressure afterwards to join the choir for next season.

What if I don't read music? That is not a problem! The anthem will be something that can be sung well by people of various skill levels. If you have additional concerns about your singing, you can always meet with our Director of Music, Dr. Christopher Gage, sometime in the weeks leading up to July 29.

I hope that you can join us for this fun way to make music together. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Chris anytime at [music@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:music@overbrookpresb.org).

☞ **Prayer Cards**: OPC will be continuing this tradition. If anyone would like a prayer card please contact Lisa Faso, office manager in the church office.

☞ **Pastoral Care**: OPC's deacons and elders are grateful to people who let us know about pastoral needs in our church and community. We welcome visiting people and the opportunity to bring home communion to anyone who would like to receive the sacrament. Please contact any elder or deacon if you or someone you know is in need of pastoral care. You may always contact the church office with your requests also. Thank you. - OPC's Session and Deacons

### Prayer List

- ◆Marlin Newsome preparing for upcoming treatment for prostate cancer
- ◆Maureen, a former co-worker of Janet Lovely, recent diagnosed with liver/lung cancer.
- ◆Ian Jamal Richie, nephew of LaToya Richie, health issues
- ◆Patricia Ogundele recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- ◆Joyce Bridges is recovering from eye procedure.
- ◆Luis Wong is home and recovering from surgery from a broken hip. .
- ◆John Nathaniel is being released from rehab and heading home to finish his recovery.
- ◆DeDe Sherlock, Pat Dillon's sister, is continuing to have health issues.
- ◆Ed Harvey is home recovering from surgery.
- ◆Leo Miller, Vince Gilhool's nephew, is receiving cancer treatment.
- ◆The Rev. David McMillian, OPC Pastor Emeritus, recovering from knee surgery
- ◆Charlotte Carpenter is dealing with rheumatoid arthritis.
- ◆Lynda Johnson is having health concerns.
- ◆Ellen Burr has ongoing health issues.

Please contact Mike Rottinger to add names or concerns to this list Mike can be reached by email ([mike.rottinger@comcast.net](mailto:mike.rottinger@comcast.net)). You can also leave a message in the Church Office.

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The Overbrook Soloists - *Iris Fairfax, soprano; Toffer Mihalka, tenor; Matthew Lulofs, bass* |

Every Church Member - *Minister*

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***Overbrook Presbyterian Church***  
***is a welcoming and diverse Christian community***  
***that actively seeks to love and serve God,***  
***each other and the world.***

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