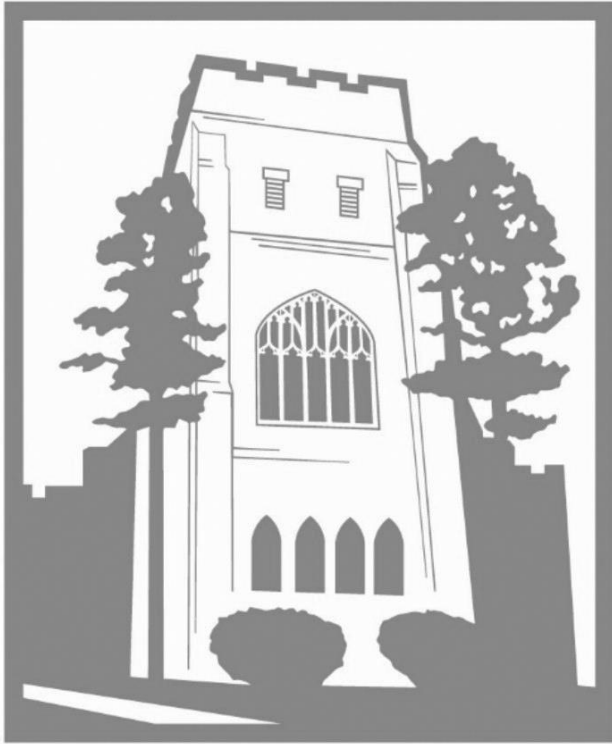

Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 22, 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

Johann Pachelbel

Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott

❖CALL TO WORSHIP-(*adapted from Psalm 100*)

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before God with joyful songs.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us and we are God's children;

People: We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and the courts of the Lord with praise;

People: Give thanks to God and praise God's name.

Leader: For the Lord is good and God's love endures forever; God's faithfulness continues through all generations.

❖HYMN No. 275

EIN' FESTE BURG

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

GREETING

Noble Brigham

PRAYER OF CONFESSION- (*UNISON*)

God of the impossible, we thank you for the many ways you make your presence known among us. We know you are faithfully present in our lives - supporting us, walking with us, encouraging us forward. Yet we confess that we often ignore your presence. We would rather live the unexamined life than be unsettled by the task of knowing you better. We would rather give into the paralysis of despair than reclaim the hard work of being centered in our identity as your people. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to be open to the power and presence of your Spirit. Help us to press on against all the challenges before us. May we be faithful ambassadors of your grace and peace in the world. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖GLORIA PATRI

HYMN No. 581

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT

Joshua 1:6-9

Page 185/pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SOLO

Leo Sowerby

Thou Art My Strength

Iris Fairfax, soprano

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Sharon Parker

(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.)

NEW TESTAMENT

Philippians 3:12-14

Page 187/pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Pressing On”

The Rev Ruth Faith Santana-Grace

❖HYMN No. 718

BOURBON

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

❖AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Apostle's 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

Noble Brigham

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

arr. Florence Price

My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord

Iris Fairfax, soprano

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

❖ HYMN No. 846

DUKE STREET

Fight the Good Fight

SENDING FORTH

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ RESPONSE

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

Max Reger

Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott

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 Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace – Guest Preacher

Lay Leader: Noble Brigham

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

Iris Fairfax, soprano

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God

By Adapeju Adebajo in loving memory of Alaba Adebajo

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**

Opener/Closer:

Jason Sheau

Deacons Delivering Flowers:

Artia Benjamin and Ellen Valudes

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

This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 22	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
Monday, July 23	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry-Williamson Rm
Sunday, July 29	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	5:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School Begins

☞ Today we would like to welcome the Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace.

The Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace serves as Executive Presbyter to the Presbytery of Philadelphia. Over her 24 years in ordained ministry, she has served both in pastoral and mid-council leadership on both west and east coasts. A graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, Ruth also has a Masters in Public Administration from Baruch College (CUNY), having served in Washington, DC and Italy in areas of economic development and municipalities for more than 15 years prior to her ordination in 1994. Married to the Rev. Dr. Edward Santana-Grace, they are parents to Dakota, a recent graduate of Harvard, and David who lives in Italy. They are grandparents to Mia (7) and Sophia (4).

☞ July Worship Schedule- Next Sunday, July 29th, we will welcome The Rev. Raymond Bonwell, Corporate Secretary of The Board of Pensions. Services will be held at 10:30 am.

☞ Prayer shawl ministry gathers at 7 p.m. this Monday, July 23 in the Williamson Room to knit and crochet prayers and blessings. This group makes shawls and lap blankets to be given as prayers in times of need and celebration. Meetings include conversation, fellowship, and quiet time to simply be at peace and work. All are welcome. Questions or want to learn these crafts: Contact Mary Lou Ryce at marylou.ryce@gmail.com.

☞ Wednesday Bible Study is on hiatus. Christian Education looks forward to starting Bible study again in the near future. Be on the lookout for more information in the August Newsletter.

☞ Coffee Hour Hosts are needed for the following Sundays: Aug. 5, 12 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!

☞ There is still time to register, Vacation Bible School begins next week, Sunday July 29. VBS will run every evening, from 5:30-7:30 PM until Thursday August 2. 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." More information and 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).

☞ Seedlings for VBS Students! As part of our VBS program, *This is My Father's World*, the VBS team would like to give each child the opportunity to plant a young tree. We hope to gather at least 30 seedlings! Seedlings are now sprouting all around our community. We are looking for seedlings of different varieties,

and especially ones that can be measured in inches, rather than in feet. Please contact Sharon Parker (sparker614@gmail.com) if you would like to contribute a seedling...or schedule a “digger.”

☞ **School Supplies** - As we have done in previous years, we ask your generosity in donating school supplies to fill at least 30 bookbags for the children at the Village. There is a list of items that are needed at the Mission Table in coffee hour. Don't want to shop? Then buy from our supplies or give a donation to cover costs. All filled bookbags are due at the Village by August 13. Please direct questions to Nancy Gilhool, gilhoolfam@verizon.net.

☞ **Donations** and offerings may be made online at: www.overbrookpresb.org. Click on the yellow “Donate” button.

Prayer List

- ◆ Nancy Wall fell and broke her hip and will be undergoing surgery.
- ◆ Frank Fairfax, Iris's father, was in the hospital with pneumonia.
- ◆ Sandy Niccoli, Jim Vagnoni's sister, suffered a stroke and is in rehab.
- ◆ Luis Wong and his caregivers for his many ongoing challenges.
- ◆ Marlin Newsome is recovering from surgery at his sister's home and would appreciate emails and texts.
- ◆ Maureen, former co-worker of Janet Lovely, has been recently diagnosed with liver/lung cancer.
- ◆ Ian Jamal Richie, nephew of LaToya Richie, has health issues
- ◆ Patricia Ogundele recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- ◆ Joyce Bridges is recovering from an eye procedure.
- ◆ John Nathaniel has been released from rehab and is at home to finish recovery.
- ◆ DeDe Sherlock, Pat Dillon's sister, is now in rehab.
- ◆ The Rev. David McMillian, OPC Pastor Emeritus, recovering from knee surgery.
- ◆ Charlotte Carpenter and her husband are moving to England.
- ◆ Lynda Johnson is having health concerns.
- ◆ Ellen Burr has ongoing health issues.

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 in the Church Office.

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The Overbrook Soloists

Iris Fairfax, *soprano*; 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.***
