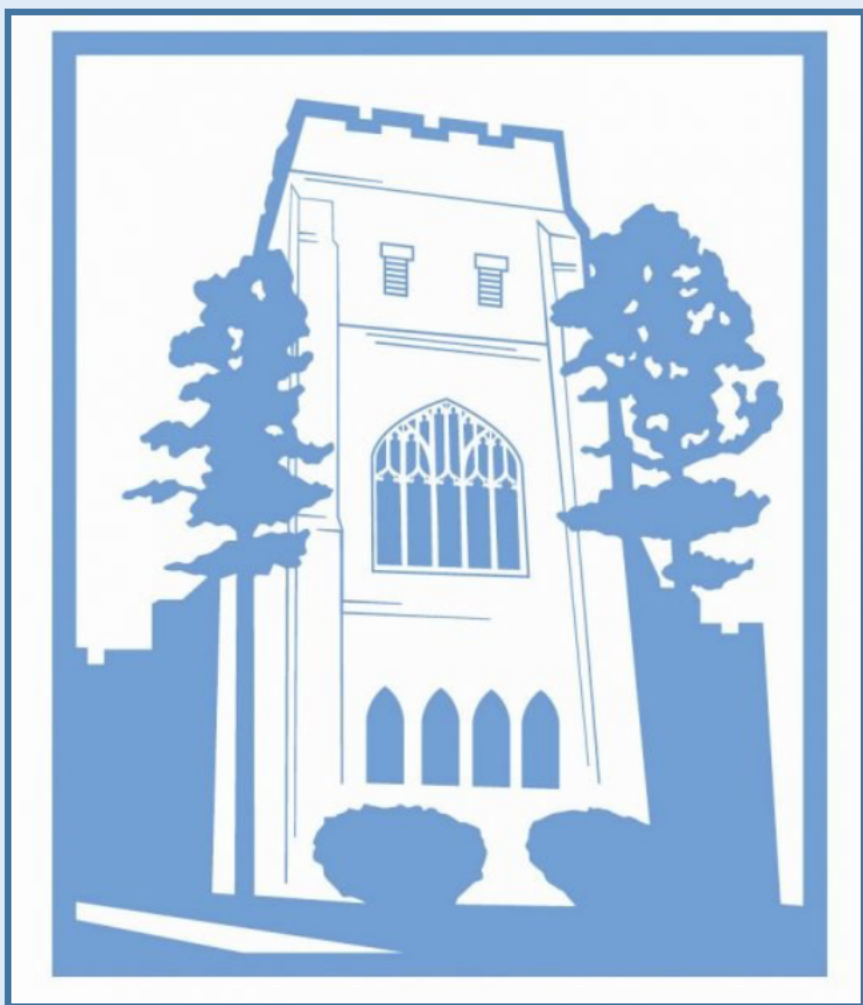


Overbrook  
Presbyterian Church



8th Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, July 30, 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: Theme and Variation Michael Burkhardt  
on "ENGLEBERG"  
(Hymn # 641, When In Our Music God Is Glorified)  
Carillon Leo Sowerby

INTROIT: O Son of God, the Source of Life 9<sup>th</sup> Century Plainsong

### ❖CALL TO WORSHIP-*Psalm 95:1-5*

LEADER: O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
PEOPLE: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!  
LEADER: For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.  
PEOPLE: In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.

❖HYMN No. 645 Sing Praise to God MIT FREUDEN ZART  
Who Reigns Above

GREETING *Pastor Carolyn Gillette*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION-UNISON

Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love.  
We have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

# HEARING THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 119:129-136

Page 538/pew Bible

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

SOLO:

Hear Ye, Israel  
Iris Fairfax, Soprano  
(Elijah)

Felix Mendelssohn

### TIME WITH CHILDREN

*Pastor Bruce 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 13:31-33, 44-52

Page 14/pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Getting in the Habit of Treasure Hunting” *Pastor Carolyn Gillette*

❖HYMN (Insert)Your Decrees, O God, Are Wondrous

HYFRYDOL

### ❖AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *Song of Faith* of the United Church of Canada

We sing of God the Spirit,  
who from the beginning has swept over the face of creation,  
animating all energy and matter  
and moving in the human heart.

We sing of God the Spirit,  
faithful and untameable,  
who is creatively and redemptively active in the world.

The Spirit challenges us to celebrate the holy  
not only in what is familiar,  
but also in that which seems foreign.

We sing of the Spirit,  
who speaks our prayers of deepest longing  
and enfolds our concerns and confessions,  
transforming us and the world.

We offer worship  
as an outpouring of gratitude and awe  
and a practice of opening ourselves  
to God’s still, small voice of comfort,  
to God’s rushing whirlwind of challenge.

Through word, music, art, and sacrament,  
in community and in solitude,  
God changes our lives, our relationships, and our world.

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

*Pastors Bruce and Carolyn 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

**Voices Raised to You We Offer**  
The Overbrook Choir

Jeffrey Biersch

*Note: When signaled, those who are able are welcomed to stand and sing the 5th stanza with The Overbrook Choir, which is on the bulletin insert.*

❖DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING FORTH

❖HYMN No. 641 **When In Our Music God is Glorified** ENGLEBERG

❖BENEDICTION

❖CHORAL RESPONSE **The Lord Bless You**

Robert Carwithen

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

POSTLUDE:

Choral, Op. 37, No. 4

Joseph Jongen

# 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: Sarah Stephens

The Overbrook Choir

Iris Fairfax, Soprano

Minister of Music: Dennis Elwell

## The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God

by Sharon Parker in memory of Ted and Norma Thomas

### 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:

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

### Deacons Delivering Flowers:

Stephanie Morris and Larry McGhee

### Following worship today

please join us for a reception to honor the 44 years of Dennis Elwell.  
All are welcome to join in this wonderful celebration.

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Every Church Member - *Minister*

The Overbrook Quartet

Iris Fairfax - *Soprano*

Lois Randel - *Mezzo-Soprano*

Toffer Mihalka - *Tenor*

Matthew Lulofs - *Bass*

## This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 30	11:30 a.m.	Celebration for Dennis Elwell
	12:00 p.m.	Meet/Greet with Pastors Bruce/Carolyn-Chapel
Wednesday, August 2	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Sunday, August 6	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum-Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour

☞ **Wednesday Morning Bible Study**-Bible Study this week led by Pastor 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 from 9:15-10:15 am. Next Sunday, August 6th, Bruce Gillette will be leading adult forum and he will be looking at Contemporary Issues from Faith Perspectives. As always, Adult Forum is an engaging faith-based discussion with hot coffee promised for all.



☞ **Today, immediately following worship, 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. Today is Dennis' last Sunday playing the organ at Overbrook Church. Thank you Dennis for many wonderful years of service.



☞ **Vacation Bible School Starts Today at 5:30 pm.** It is not too late to register! 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.

☞ **Sharing with our New Pastors:** Immediately following Dennis's celebration we will be gathering in the chapel for a small group gathering with Bruce and Carolyn. Host for this small group is Artia Benjamin.

### 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. **NOTE:** We will not be having the book bag table today after service but if you took book bags home to fill, please have them back to church by August 9.



☞ **August 6th immediately following coffee hour** there will be a brief meeting to discuss organizing a Men's Ministry for the fall. All are welcome. Any questions, please see Bruce Gillette or Sean Whalen.

## Prayer List

- ◆ The Sheau Family on the death of Trudy's mother.
- ◆ Charlotte Carpenter on the death of her friend, Kelly.
- ◆ Dennis Elwell on his last Sunday leading us in worship.
- ◆ Earlene Ford on her future endeavors after OPC.

*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. Please contact our pastors or church office if you would like us to send a prayer card to someone.

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 ([pastors@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:pastors@overbrookpresb.org), [bruce@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:bruce@overbrookpresb.org), or [carolyn@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:carolyn@overbrookpresb.org)) or call us (Office: 215-877-2744; 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



# Voices Raised to You We Offer

Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., 1923–2007

SONG OF PRAISE

Carolyn Jennings

Setting by Jeffrey Blersch



1 Voic - es raised to You we of - fer; Tune them, God, for  
2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise You; Earth and sky Your  
3 Christ, the song of Love in - car - nate, Touch - ing earth with  
4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, Kin - dle faith with -  
5 How can an - y praise we of - fer Mea - sure all the



songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute  
works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts You lend us,  
heav - en's grace, For Your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,  
in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;  
thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es -



For Your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!  
We re - turn to You to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!  
For Your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Through our hands Your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!  
Al - le - lu - ia! God, Cre - a - tor, source of life!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, Re - deem - er, Lord of life!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, Help - er, breath of life!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!

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## Your Decrees, O God, Are Wondrous

HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7 D ("Alleluia, Sing to Jesus")

Your decrees, O God, are wondrous; so we keep your law each day.  
We rejoice! Your love is endless and it leads us to obey.  
The unfolding of your teaching brings to shadowed places light,  
Till the humble and the searching understand with new delight.

Your decrees, O God, are matchless; all you say, we will embrace.  
Lord, we treasure your commandments and we celebrate your grace.  
Every day we find we're singing; in our songs, your praise is heard.  
Every day our hearts are clinging to the music of your word.

Your decrees are like a marvel; there is good news here to tell!  
So we gladly sing the gospel, play the organ, sound the bell!  
May our music rise to heaven; may our songs and spirits lift.  
For your way is gracious, given as a good and wondrous gift.

Your decrees are like a measure; they expose the ways of sin,  
Then you lead us to the treasure — That in Christ, your love will win.  
So we sing against oppression, sing of hope that conquers pain,  
Play the music of the kingdom, sing to welcome in your reign.

Biblical Reference: Psalms 119:129-136

Tune: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1830 (or 1855?) ("Alleluia, Sing to Jesus") (MIDI)

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A Hymn in Gratitude for Dennis Elwell and his Ministry of Music of 44 years at Overbrook Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania