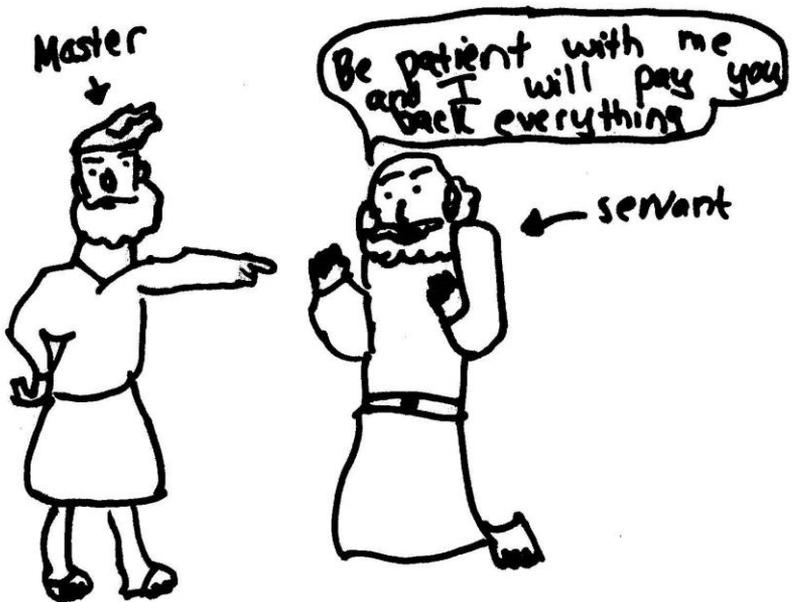


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# Overbrook Presbyterian Church

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Matthew 18:21-35



Worship Service  
Second Sunday after Pentecost  
Communion Sunday  
June 3, 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

Andante religioso from Sonata IV Felix Mendelssohn

INTROIT

Come, let us bless the Lord our God Donald Cashmore

❖CALL TO WORSHIP-Psalm 32:1-7

Leader: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

People: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Leader: While I kept silence, my body wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

People: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Leader: Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not hide my iniquity;

People: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Leader: Therefore let all who are faithful  
offer prayer to you;

People: at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters  
shall not reach them.

Leader: You are a hiding place for me;

People: you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

❖HYMN No. 649

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

GREETING

Pastor Carolyn Gillette

PRAYER OF CONFESSION- (UNISON)

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you  
with our whole heart and soul  
and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
In your mercy,  
forgive what we have been,  
help us amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖HYMN No. 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

## HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139:1-6, 13-18

*Please join in singing the refrain at the beginning of the psalm  
and where indicated by the symbol  $\mathring{R}$ . The verses are located on the next page.*

*refrain*

Lord, you have searched me out and known me.

*Verses (sung by the choir):*

1. Lord, you have searched me out;  
O Lord, you have known me.
2. You know my sitting and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.
3. You trace my journeys and my resting places  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
4. Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
5. You press upon me behind and before  
and lay your hand upon me.
6. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it. *℞*
13. For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
14. I will thank you because I am marvelously made;  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
15. My body was not hidden from you,  
while I was being made in secret and woven  
in the depths of the earth.
16. Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book;  
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them. *℞*
17. How deep I find your thoughts, O God!  
how great is the sum of them.
18. If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours. *℞*

## PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

TIME WITH CHILDREN

*Pastor Bruce Gillette*

*(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.)*

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:21-35

Page 19/pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Precious Gift”

*Pastor Carolyn Gillette*

❖HYMN (insert)

We Do Not Proclaim Ourselves ABERYSTWYTH

❖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*

MINUTE FOR MUSIC

*Dr. Christopher Gage*

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

Cantique de Jean Racine  
*The Overbrook Choir*

Gabriel Fauré

❖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...**

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**

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.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God,

may we who have received this sacrament

live in the unity of your Holy Spirit,

that we may show forth your gifts to all the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

❖HYMN No. 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

## SENDING FORTH

❖BENEDICTION

❖CHORAL RESPONSE      Ten-Fold Amen

Ann Ker

*Today's extended postlude lasts approximately 8 minutes.  
Please consider staying to hear it, or  
depart quietly to allow others to listen.*

POSTLUDE

Introduction and Passacaglia in D minor

Max Reger

On its surface, the concept of the passacaglia is simple: a repeated bass line, subject to variations in the upper voices. This relatively open form allows composers to be as restrained or elaborate as they wish. Arguably the most famous passacaglia is J. S. Bach's Passacaglia in C minor, which is featured in the Disney movie *Fantasia*.

Max Reger saw his music as the continuation of German musical tradition, an heir to the rich compositional legacy of Bach. His **Introduction and Passacaglia in D minor** begins with an explosive array of sound before, very quietly, the theme in the bass is heard for the first time. Over the course of the piece, the variations get louder and more complex before a brilliant finale in D major. Be sure to listen to how the gradual buildup of sound shows off our beautiful instrument at Overbrook.

## 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: Amos Paul, Acolyte: Emmanuel Richie

The Overbrook Choir

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

Today's bulletin cover is drawn by Emanuel Richie

**The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God**  
by Jim Stephens in loving memory of Mary and Everett Stephens

**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:**  
Adepeju Adebajo, Artia Benjamin, Edelene Carroll, Suchita Fiorillo,  
Terri Hunter, Nathalie May, Jill Van Rawley, Davorka Sabljak

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

**Opener/Closer:**  
Phil 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 The Overbrook Choir for today's coffee hour. 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, June 3	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	M&O Meeting-Chapel
	5:30 p.m.	Mission Trip Planning Meeting-Chapel
Monday, June 4	2:00 p.m.	Lifetouch Photographs
	7:00 p.m.	Climate Group-Williamson Room
Tuesday, June 5	1:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
	2:00 p.m.	Lifetouch Photographs
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
Wednesday, June 6	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study-Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Property Committee
Friday, June 8	2:00 p.m.	Lifetouch Photographs
Saturday, June 9	10:00 a.m.	Lifetouch Photographs
Sunday, June 10	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum
(Baptism Sunday)	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Deacons' Picnic

🌀 **Bibles for Second Graders:** Overbrook Church second graders will receive their Bibles on today during the worship service. Each student will receive a beautifully illustrated *Contemporary English Bible* that is at an age-appropriate reading level.



🌀 **Today marks the last Sunday that the Overbrook Choir** will sing before the summer. During today's service, we will recognize people who have made this musical year possible, including those members of the choir who have been singing for a significant number of years. At coffee hour, we will offer a fond farewell to our mezzo-soprano soloist and section leader, Lois Randel, by celebrating her service to this congregation.



🌀 **Starting on Monday, June 4, Lifetouch will be starting our photo directory.** Reminder postcards went out to all who signed up for this coming week. Also due to the high demand for photo session appointments we have added an additional date to the schedule - THURSDAY, JUNE 21st, 2p-9p. If you haven't scheduled your appointment yet, there are now more choices available. You can schedule yourself (and family) by following the links on [Overbrookpresb.org](http://Overbrookpresb.org) or stop by the sign-up table before or after worship this Sunday. Help us meet our goal of 100% participation - everyone treasures their church photo directory.

**Bible Study**- This week's Bible study will be at 10:30am and will be led by Pastor Bruce. He will be teaching on Mark 3:20-35, the lectionary reading for Sunday, June 10.



Next Sunday, June 10, we will be celebrating the Baptism of Isaac Taiwo and Isidora Kehinde Gosfield, son and daughter of Andrea and Alex Gosfield.



Come join us Next Sunday, June 10 at 9:15 a.m. for Adult Forum. We will be continuing our six-session small group Bible study which captures live and unscripted conversations between Tim Keller and a group of people to address their doubts and objections to Christianity. Will Schick will be the discussion leader. The next session in the series is titled *Why Is the Church Responsible for So Much Injustice?*



**Congregational Picnic: Sunday, June 10**, following worship. There will be food, fellowship, live music, and games. If you would like to volunteer with set up around 9am on the 10th, please see Mike Rottinger during coffee hour this Sunday.



Special Congregational Meeting on June 17: Session has called a special meeting of the congregation to be held following worship on Sunday, June 17 to act on a motion to dissolve the co-pastoral relationship with the Reverends Bruce and

Carolyn Gillette, effective June 30, 2018. We hope that all members of Overbrook who are able will attend this meeting.



Coffee Hour Hosts are needed for the following Sundays: June 17, 24 and July 1, 8. 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!



If anyone has a member of their family that is graduating this year please send the names and where they are graduating from so that we can recognize their accomplishments in our July newsletter. We are asking for all names be submitted by June 8. Please see Artia Benjamin – [newlife5125@aol.com](mailto:newlife5125@aol.com).

### Prayer List

- ◆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.
- ◆Dornell Guthrie recovering from knee and hand surgery.
- ◆Joyce Bridges is recovering from eye procedure.
- ◆Luis Wong is home and recovering from surgery from a broken hip. .
- ◆John Nathaniel is in rehab and welcomes visitors.
- ◆DeDe Sherlock, Pat Dillon's sister, is continuing to have health issues.
- ◆Ed Harvey is home recovering from surgery. He is very grateful for prayers by his church family.
- ◆Leo Miller, Vince Gilhool's nephew, is receiving cancer treatment.
- ◆The Rev. David McMillian, OPC Pastor Emeritus, is thankful to be recovering from knee surgery!
- ◆Thomas James, father of Savannah England (formerly Anna Lemley) is battling lung cancer.
- ◆Charlotte Carpenter is dealing with rheumatoid arthritis.
- ◆Lynda Johnson is having health concerns.
- ◆Ellen Burr has ongoing health issues.

Please contact Pastors Bruce or Carolyn to add names or concerns to this list. Bruce and Carolyn can be reached by email or cell phone. You can also leave a message in the Church Office or speak 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](mailto:pastors@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:

Sara Davis, Clerk of Session , Pastors Bruce & Carolyn Gillette, Moderators  
Kate Shackelford & Stephanie Morris, Co-Treasurers

Jeff Bowker, Rachel Carnahan, Edelene Carroll, Kevin Davis, Raelyn Harman,  
Anil “Bob” Kothari, Becky Lazo, Deborah Rottinger, Jane Rozmiarek,  
Kate Shackelford, Aimerie Scherluebbe, Will Schick, Sean Whalen,  
Eileen Wiggins and Karen Wong.

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*Every Church Member - Minister*

The Overbrook Quartet

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

*Toffer Mihalka, tenor; Matthew Lulofs, bass*

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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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## Ten Reasons to Invite Families and Friends to Worship on June 17

1) **Jesus Christ is preaching this Sunday.** While Overbrook Presbyterians and friends have heard many wonderful sermons since our this congregation was founded in 1889, none is better than the sermon by the Head of the Church. On June 17 we will hear from the one whom millions of people call Lord and Savior.

2) **This Greatest Sermon of All Time will be Preached This Sunday.** The Sermon on the Mount found in the Gospel of Matthew, chapters 5-7, is simply the best sermon ever preached. We often hear a few verses from the Bible on any Sunday. This Sunday, worshippers will hear Jesus' whole sermon, all three chapters divided into different parts, and thus get to hear its full, inspiring message in one service.

3) **This Greatest Sermon Will Be Read by the Body of Christ.** The Apostle Paul describes the Church as the Body of Christ made up of many members who all need each other (see 1 Corinthians 12:12-31). Twenty Overbrook Presbyterians, from ages 5 to 90's will take turns reading parts of the Sermon on the Mount. Different voices speak to different people in different ways. The combination of diverse voices sharing Jesus' sermon is awesome.

4) **The Holy Spirit Will Speak to Us This Sunday Morning Through the Bible.** Every Sunday we have a prayer for illumination as part of the worship service asking for God to help us hear anew what he is saying to us. Here is a popular prayer of illumination, *“Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.”* We believe God answers prayers and will again tomorrow as we hear Jesus' Sermon.

5) **This Sermon Has Changed Lives and the World Down Through History.** The Russian novelist Leo Tolstoy wrote a book, *What I Believe*, about the Sermon on the Mount. An Indian lawyer Mahatma Gandhi read Tolstoy's book and it inspired him to apply Jesus' nonviolent teachings to bring independence to the second most populated country in the world. A young German minister read Jesus' sermon and wrote his own reflections on it that were later titled *The Cost of Discipleship*; the book inspired millions after its author, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, was

killed by the Nazis. A young Baptist preacher read Jesus' sermon and news reports about Gandhi's work; Martin Luther King, Jr.'s nonviolent civil rights work changed the United States for the better for all. An electrician working Polish shipyard was inspired by Jesus' sermon and King's nonviolent work; Lech Walesa organized his fellow workers and helped to nonviolently end communism there which helped to end the Cold War. Episcopal priest Desmond Tutu followed Jesus' teachings in the Sermon on the Mount to help end oppression in South Africa.

6) **We Will Sing New Hymns Inspired by This Greatest Sermon.** Overbrook Pastor Carolyn Gillette has written four new hymns to well-known hymn tunes that are paraphrases of Jesus' teachings. One of the best ways to learn anything is to sing it; most of us can say the alphabet easily by singing it. These hymns will help us remember Jesus' teachings. Carolyn's hymns are now in more than twenty different denominational hymnals and other worship resources.

7) **More Special Music Will be Presented This Sunday.** Our Director of Music will be leading an informal hymn sing starting at 10:10 a.m. on June 17 so you can sing some of your favorite hymns. Chris will also be providing his usual outstanding organ music during the service and accompanying one of the Overbrook Quartet soloist for more exceptional music.

8) **We Will Pray for Others and Ourselves.** Every Sunday we have times in worship to pray for others (and have the option to sign prayer cards for them) and also for ourselves.

9) **We Support Christ's Work Through the Offering.** We praise God not only with our voices, but also serve him with our pocketbooks and billfolds. Our offering goes to support furthering Jesus' teaching in our church and world.

10) **The Worship Service is at Overbrook Presbyterian Church.** This is a wonderful congregation of loving Christians who warmly welcome all, joyfully worship and faithfully serve God.