
Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
First Sunday in Lent
March 10, 2019
10:30 a.m.

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:

Guest Preacher

Lay Leader: Eileen Wiggins; Acolyte: OPC Youth

Janet Tebbel, guest organist

Matthew Lulofs, baritone

Elizabeth Mendoza, cello

The Overbrook Choir

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God

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, Mary Scott, Jason Sheau,
Alan Sigler, Nickie Stokes and Peju Adebajo

Opener/Closer:

Mike Rottinger

Deacons Delivering Flowers:

Peju Adebajo and Nancy Elmore

Following worship today, please join us for refreshments in the Wistar Morris Room. We would like to thank The VanRawley Family for today's refreshments. All are welcome!

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

O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

INTROIT

Make me to know thy ways, O Lord

Eleanor Daley
(b. 1955)

❖CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 63*)

Leader: O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

People: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

All: So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

❖HYMN No. 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

GREETING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION- (*UNISON*)

We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness and set our course anew, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖GLORIA PATRI

HYMN No. 581

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 58:6-11

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SOLO

Felix Mendelssohn

“O God, have mercy upon me” from *St. Paul* (1809-1944)

Matthew Lulofs, baritone

O God, have mercy upon me,
and blot out my transgressions
according to Thy loving-kindness,
yea, even for Thy mercy's sake.

Deny me not,
O cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy spirit from me, O Lord.
Lord, a broken heart, and a contrite heart,
is offered before Thee.

I will speak of Thy salvation,
I will teach transgressors,
and sinners shall be converted unto
Thee.

Then open Thou my lips, O Lord,
and my mouth shall shew forth Thy
glorious praise.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

(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.)

GOSPEL LESSON
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

John 4:5-11, 27-30

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SERMON

Guest Preacher

“Put Down the Old Bucket”

❖HYMN (on next page)

ASSAM

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus 344

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of three systems. The first system is marked 'Unison' and 'C'. The second system is marked 'F' and 'C'. The third system is marked 'C/G', 'D9/A', 'G7/B', and 'C'. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, with the first line starting at the beginning of the first system and the fourth line ending at the end of the third system. The melody is simple and suitable for a unison or small group setting.

1 I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de -
 2 The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be -
 3 Though none go with me, I still will fol - low, though none go
 4 Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de -

cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
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 with me, I still will fol - low, though none go with me, I still will
 cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low

Je - sus— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
 fore me— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
 fol - low— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
 Je - sus?— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.

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❖ 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

Eileen Wiggins

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (*using Debts/Debtors*)

Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*

SHARING OF PEACE (*"The peace of Christ be with you," "And also with you"*)

OFFERING

Walter Pelz

O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

(b. 1926)

The Overbrook Choir

Elizabeth Mendoza, cello

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

❖ HYMN No. 697

HENDON

Take My Life, and Let It Be

SENDING FORTH

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

Renew us by thy grace, O Lord

Donald Cashmore

(1926-2013)

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

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major

Dieterich Buxtehude

(1637-1707)



❧ This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church ❧

Sunday, March 10	9:15 a.m.	Arrival for Education (Ages 3-103)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Deacons (Chapel)
	1:00 p.m.	OPC Youth Theater Trip
Monday, March 11	5:15 p.m.	Junior Choir (Choir Room)
Tuesday, March 12	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday, March 13	6:00 p.m.	Mid-Week Lenten Soup Supper and Service
Thursday, March 14	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Friday, March 15	11:30 a.m.	RPM Cafe
Sunday, March 17	9:15 a.m.	Arrival for Education (Ages 3-103)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Christian Education Committee

The cover artwork is *Christ and the Samaritan Woman*, a painting by Duccio di Buoninsegna (c. 1250-1318). His work bears similarities to Byzantine art in its use of gold-leaf embellishments and its angular figural style. Highly skilled at painting colorfully with tempera and showing great detail, Duccio was also one of the first painters to place subjects in architectural settings.

We welcome our guest organist, **Janet Tebbel**. Ms. Tebbel is a former music educator who now concentrates on carillon performance and handbell conducting and ringing. She is carillonneur of First United Methodist Church in Germantown and Miraculous Medal Shrine, Philadelphia. She also serves as the handbell director at Abington Presbyterian Church.

☞ Looking Ahead: Christian Education (Ages 3-103) ☞

Wednesday, March 13

Adult Bible Study - Reminder: Your morning Adult Bible Study will be on Wednesday evenings starting this coming Wednesday, March 13, at 6:00 p.m. Come join us for a simple supper, study, and service as we explore the Trinity.

Sunday, March 17

Christian Education (Ages 3-103), 9:15 a.m. - Adults are invited to meet Rev. Raymond Bonwell in the chapel. Children and Youth will meet in Fellowship Hall starting at 9:15 a.m. and then will go to their respective classrooms to begin Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

☞ Looking Ahead: OPC Happenings ☞

If you have not done so, make sure you pick up your Lent in a Bag as you are leaving worship, today. Please take one per household. Lenten Bags have been prayerfully prepared by members of Overbrook Presbyterian Church. We are most grateful for the diverse congregations whose previous work inspired and informed this practice. May the Lord bless us and keep us as we travel on our Lenten journey.

Wednesday, March 13

Soup Supper and Lenten Devotional Service will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Wistar Morris Room.

Friday, March 15

The R.P. M. Cafe will be open for business on March 15, and our business is shared learning, fellowship, a fine meal...and high-spirited humor. Originally launched as the Retired Persons Ministry, the RPM Cafe now welcomes all people of a certain age, and you get to determine that certain age. All are welcome. The Cafe will be serving a choice of homemade soups (Chicken Pastina Bisque; and Pasta e Fagioli with beef), desserts, and a selection of beverages. BYO salad or sandwich. March 15 is also "National Dumbstruck Day," and we're going to amaze ourselves with fresh perspectives! Our program will examine the impact of music on physical, mental and spiritual well-being, and will be accented by a special instrumental performance. Elizabeth Mendoza and Lynn Pompa will share their musical gifts with us. Please join us at the Cafe on March 15. Friends are welcome. The RPM Cafe is a ministry of the Congregational Life Committee; there is no charge to participate. Reservations are encouraged...RSVP to sharon@overbrookpresb.org, or sign-up in the Wistar Morris Room following worship.

Saturday, March 23

Overbrook Women's Retreat - Last Chance! Today is the last day to sign up and pay to attend this event—don't miss it! This year's topic is based on Jesus's encouraging words, "Your faith has made you well." The cost is \$40 and includes breakfast and lunch. Tickets and more information available during coffee hour.

☞ General Announcements ☞

Mid-Week Lenten Soup Suppers and Service will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays throughout Lent. Please contact Sharon Parker if you would like to assist with the supper preparations.

Coffee Hour - We would like to thank Peggy Kaercher and Pat Ogundele, who graciously volunteered to be the contact people for coffee hour. We are still in need of hosts for April. Let's keep this beloved ministry going for 2019. Signups for coffee hour are available on the OPC web site and in the church kitchen (on the door). For more information, please contact Peggy Kaercher at 610-642-2906 or Pat Ogundele at 610-668-1309. Thank you!

Final Weekend for Narberth Community Theater's production of West Side Story; You don't want to miss this play. It is sure to entertain you with this familiar and popular modern-day Romeo and Juliet story. Revenues from those tickets are being donated 100% to Feed My Starving Children. See Jeff Bowker for these tickets.

The Finance Committee is looking for new members! If you have an interest in the church finances, enjoy diving into budget variances, or just want something to do on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., please join us! Reach out to Stephanie Morris, Sara Davis, or Lainie Blodgett if interested.

A new ministry is starting soon, and we would like your help. To provide hospitality and welcome to members and visitors, GREETERS will soon be at every door as you make your way into the church on Sunday. We hope to have individuals, couples, or families to serve as the first face of our congregation to those who visit, assist with directions, help with little kids or older folks.

You are not an usher. You are not a bouncer! Training and support will be provided as you get started. Greeters should be able to stand for at least 15 minutes and can sit inside the doors if the weather is bad. Times will be arranged to cover the hours between 9:15 (start of Sunday School) to about 10:45 a.m. on Sunday morning, but you need not commit to the entire time.

Please sign up in coffee hour; you may also contact Sharon Parker, Eileen Wiggins, or Rachel Carnahan. We hope to talk to you more about this ministry and to answer your questions. Thank you!

Prayer List

- ◆ Don Carver is scheduled for knee surgery on March 26.
- ◆ Becky Lazo's uncle, Craig Lazo is battling esophageal cancer.
- ◆ Artia Benjamin's cousin, Dolores Harrison, is currently hospitalized and recovering from a stroke.
- ◆ Nyani O'Leary became ill while visiting her family in Ghana and is in a hospital there.
- ◆ Joe Duckworth, father of Jason Duckworth, is currently hospitalized.
- ◆ Eric Long's father, Bill Long, is recovering from his surgery for cancer removal.
- ◆ Judy Kelly Johnson, Danielle Long's mother, is recovering well from a partial hip replacement.
- ◆ Lynda Johnson is scheduled for ambulatory surgery to improve circulation in her veins.
- ◆ Gwen Harden continues to recover from gallstone surgery.
- ◆ Dick Williamson is undergoing medical testing.
- ◆ Wayne Gage, Chris Gage's father, has received new treatment for his heart condition.
- ◆ John Nathaniel continues to recover from a stroke.
- ◆ Ellen Burr is experiencing ongoing medical concerns

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 with the Church Office.

Sermon Notes

OPC SESSION MEMBERS:

The Rev. Raymond Bonwell, Moderator

Sara Davis, Clerk of Session; Stephanie Morris, Treasurer

** indicates second consecutive term

Class of 2019	Class of 2020	Class of 2021
Jeffrey Bowker**	Rachel Carnahan**	Elaine Blodgett
Raelyn Harman**	Kevin Davis	Herbert Brabham
Larry McGhee	Becky Lazo	Elizabeth Mendoza
Deborah Rottinger	Will Schick**	Richard Owens
Eileen Wiggins	Karen Wong**	Aimerie Scherluebbe**

OPC DEACONS:

Mike Rottinger, Moderator, Board of Deacons

Brad Biedermann, Treasurer; Jill Van Rawley, Secretary

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Class of 2019	Class of 2020	Class of 2021
Artia Benjamin	Peju Adebajo	Nancy Elmore
Suchita Fiorillo	Brad Biedermann**	Nancy Gilhool
Angie Goodall**	Sabrina Johnson**	Terri Hunter**
Michael Rottinger**	Alan Sigler	Mary Lou Ryce
Nickie Stokes	Jill Van Rawley	Carol Tulba**

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The Rev. Raymond Bonwell - *Bridge Pastor*

The Rev. David McMillan - *Pastor Emeritus*

Dr. Christopher Gage - *Director of Music*

Sharon Parker - *Director of Christian Education & Church Administration*

Lisa Faso - *Office Manager*

Carol Rozmiarek - *Financial Secretary*

Leonard Robbins - *Church Custodian*

The Overbrook Quartet:

Iris Fairfax, *soprano*; Molly McDonald, *alto*;

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.***
