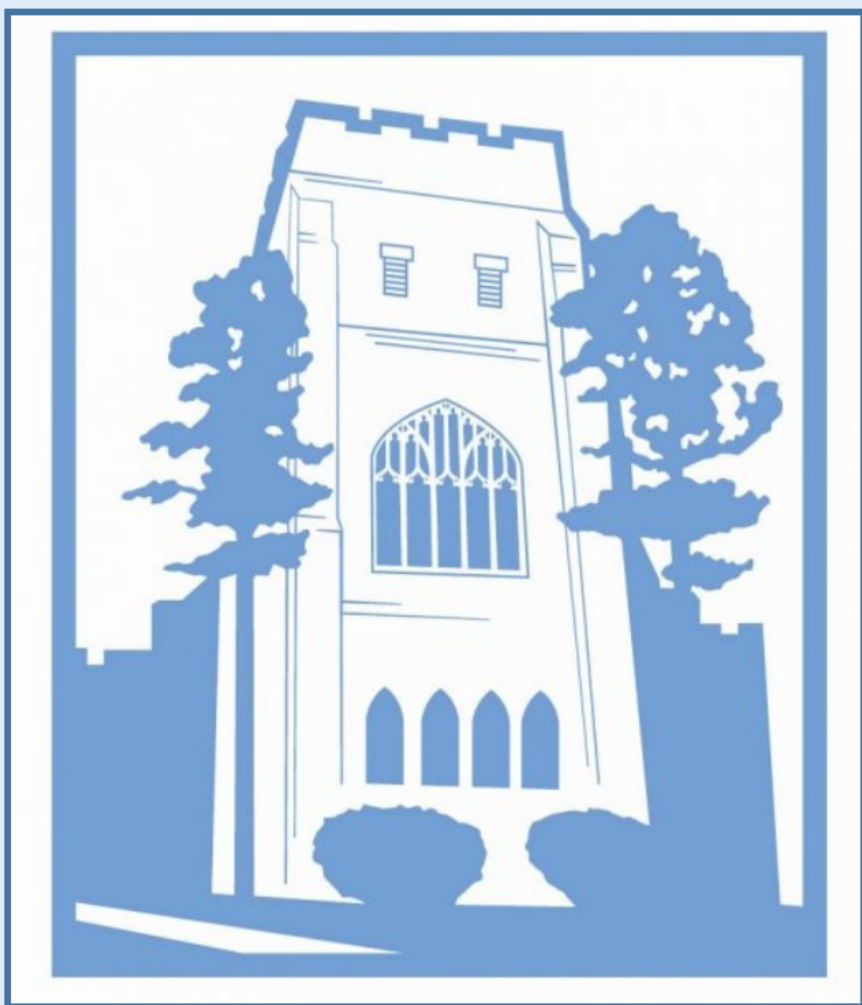


Overbrook
Presbyterian Church



2nd Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 12, 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.

GATHERING IN

PRELUDES: Prelude on "NETTLETON" Gerre Hancock
(Nicodemus Sought Out Jesus)
Symphony No. 5, Op, 42: Adagio Charles Marie Widor

INTROIT Let Us Rejoice! John Yarrington

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: This is the day the Lord has made!

MANY: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

ALL: Let us worship our God.

HYMN No. 35 Praise Ye the Lord LOBE DEN HERREN

GREETING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and merciful God, you know our hearts and you know our lives. We confess to you that which causes separation, that which causes pain, that which causes distress, and that which breaks down. We confess to you our part in those things. And in humility and hope, we ask for your help to do better, to reconcile, to heal, to soothe, to build up. So may we love you and neighbor, and follow our Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE (*See Insert*) Malcom Archer

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

HEARING THE WORD

ANTHEM O Divine Redeemer Charles Gounod
Iris Fairfax-Soprano

TIME WITH CHILDREN Carolyn Gillette
(All children are welcome to remain in worship for this Sunday. Should parents so wish, children in Pre-K through Grade 2 may gather in the nursery following Time with Children)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 121

Page 539
Pew Bible

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

“I Lift My Eyes”

Bruce Gillette

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 3:1-17

Page 88
Pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

“New Birth as New People”

Carolyn Gillette

❖HYMN (*See Insert*) Nicodemus Sought Out Jesus

NETTLETON

❖AFFIRMATION OF FAITH-*from The Glory of God*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; 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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Bruce Gillette

LORD'S PRAYER

debts/debtors

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

OFFERING
OFFERTORY

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA;
arr. David M. Cherwien

The Overbrook Choir

God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.
Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.
Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

*Note: All who are able are invited to stand when signaled, and sing with The Overbrook Choir,
Hymn #307, Stanza 4 (Save us from weak resignation.....)*

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

❖ HYMN NO. 700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me I'M GONNA LIVE

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE TwoFold Amen Anonymous

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

POSTLUDE: If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee BWV 642
Johann Sebastian Bach

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 Carol Gillette - Guest Ministers

Lay Leader: Eileen Wiggins Acolyte: Tara Paul

The Overbrook Choir

Iris Fairfax: Soprano

Minister of Music: Dennis Elwell

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

By the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, in loving memory of Bob and Sally Williamson

Ushers:

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

Deacons Delivering Flowers:

Sabrina Johnson and Nickie Stokes

❖ Stand as you are able.

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.

Following worship today - please join us for Coffee Hour in the Wistar Morris Room. We would like to thank Amarilis Stricker 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.

OVERBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Jason Sheau, Karen Wong - *Class of 2017*
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Aimerie Scherluebbe, Sean Whalen - *Class of 2018*
Jeff Bowker, Raelyn Harman, Deborah Rottinger,
Kate Shackelford, Eileen Wiggins - *Class of 2019*
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The Overbrook Quartet

Iris Fairfax - *Soprano*

Lois Randel - *Mezzo-Soprano*

Toffer Mihalka - *Tenor*

Matthew Lulofs - *Bass*

Kyrie

John Weaver

mp. Lord have mer-cy up-on us.

mp.

Christ have mer-cy up-on us. Lord have mer-cy up-on us.

This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 12	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	11:30 a.m.	Special Congregational Meeting
	12:00 p.m.	Deacons Meeting-Chapel
Wednesday, March 15	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Service
Sunday, March 19	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour

☞ **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** - Anyone with a yen to pry in God's Word, please join us in the Chapel on Wednesday's morning from 10:30-12:00pm. The Topic is "Everything You Ever Wanted to Ask but Never Could" Biblical topics, theological concepts, the Reformed take on social issues...you name it, we have it, all set in the context of the Scripture from whence those concepts arise.

☞ **We love our little ones** - Let's keep them safe and within our range of vision. Following Sunday School and worship, children are to remain in the Wistar Morris Room and Fellowship Hall. The OPK basement rooms are closed on Sunday, as is the stage in Fellowship Hall.

☞ **March's Adult Forum** - *What Did I Miss?* Building on our theme for February, Adult Forum will continue the exploration of missing chapters of history, especially as they pertain to underrepresented peoples and social justice. Join as we search for the truth of the past and the hope for the future. Adult Forum meets each Sunday from 9:15-10:15 am in the Chapel. The welcome is warm...and the coffee is hot.

☛ **CALL FOR SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** – Immediately following worship **today**, Session is calling for a **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** to be held. The business for that meeting is twofold. First, to elect the new minister for OPC. And second, to approve the Terms of Call (salary, housing, etc.) for that minister. No other business shall be conducted at that meeting.



As a way of making the transition easier for our new pastor, the PNC is putting together what we are calling a quickie photo directory. Rather than hiring a company to do it, we are collecting photos of our mem-bers and friends either in hard copy format or in jpeg format. If you would like to be included in the directory please do one of the following:

1. Email a jpeg file of a picture of you and your family to OPC office manager Lisa Faso at office@overbrookpresb.org.
2. Mail or drop off a snapshot of the picture you want included.
3. Look for Will Schick or Larry McGhee at coffee hour after the service on **March 12th** and ask one of them to take a quick picture of you.

Please include your name(s) spelled correctly. Please, too, include your email and/or phone number if you would like that information to be included. We're sure that our new pastor will appreciate an up-to-date directory, so please consider submitting your photo today.



Thank you OPC, for your overwhelming response to our call for FMSC. We will continue to sell M&Ms along with Nancy Gilhool's beautiful handmade bags, so be sure to stop by during coffee hour to see this week's new patterns! Keep your eyes out for a link to sign up for a two hour slot on April 22nd to help pack meals. We will pack 108,864 meals for those with the greatest need. We need 544 volunteers to get this done. Just a reminder that all gifts can be made out to Feed My Starving Children and add Mobile Pack #1704-148MI to the memo line of your check. If you need additional information or if someone would like to sponsor our MobilePack please do not hesitate to contact Becky Lazo.

☛ **Once Upon A Mattress** - Join OPC community and friends for an afternoon at the theater, when "Once Upon a Mattress" wraps up its run on **Sunday, March 19, at 1:00 pm**. All the proceeds from the special performance will go to the church, so let's have a sell-out crowd! The musical is a delightful, family-friendly adaptation on the old fairy tale "The Princess and the Pea." Tickets are on sale for \$20 per person or \$60 for families at coffee hour. Admission includes lunch before the show and an intermission snack. Don't miss out.

☛ **INQUIRER'S CLASS - Sunday, March 26 at Noon** - If you have been visiting with us and are curious about what it might mean to unite with Overbrook Presbyterian Church as a member, then this class is for you. While it commits you to nothing, the class will open to you the "stuff" that makes OPC what it is. We will talk about the way we are organized and we will introduce you to key folks here at OPC, but we will also talk about the core values here at OPC. And we would love to hear your story about how you came to worship with us.