
Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
Second Sunday in Lent
March 17, 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:

The Rev. Raymond Bonwell
Lay Leader: Lynn Pompa; Acolyte: OPC Youth
Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music
Toffer Mihalka, tenor
The Overbrook Choir

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God
by Olga Hoggard in loving memory of her best friend Goldie and
goddaughters, Connie and Tanya.

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:

Robert Harden, Jr., Davorka Sabljak, Aimerie Scherluebbe, Will Schick,
Trudy Sheau, and Kevin Davis

Opener/Closer:
Mike Rottinger

Deacons Delivering Flowers:
Nancy Gilhool and Suchita Fiorillo

Following worship today, please join us for refreshments in the Wistar Morris Room. We would like to thank The Whalen 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

Cantabile on “St. Patrick’s Breastplate” Joseph Cokey
(1890-1960)

INTROIT

Blessed are those who walk in the Law of the Lord Eleanor Daley
(b. 1955)

❖CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 27*)

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

Many: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One: Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

All: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

One: Wait for the Lord;

All: be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

❖HYMN No. 6

ST. PATRICK; DEIRDRE
I Bind unto Myself Today

GREETING

The Rev. Raymond Bonwell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION- (UNISON)

Merciful God,
you pardon all who repent and truly turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit,
and give us the courage and strength
to be reconciled to others;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖ GLORIA PATRI

HYMN No. 581

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Page 11/pew Bible
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SOLO

Alfred R. Gaul
"To the Lord our God belong mercies" (1837-1913)
from *The Holy City*
Toffer Mihalka, tenor

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses,
For like as a father pitieth his children,
even so is the Lord merciful to them that fear Him.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

The. Rev. Raymond Bonwell

*(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

Luke 13:31-35

Page 72/pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The. Rev. Raymond Bonwell

"Who Needs Luck?"

❖ HYMN No. 450

SLANE

Be Thou My Vision

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- (*The Heidelberg Catechism; 4.028*)

Q. How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

A. We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Lord that nothing in creation will separate us from the love of God.

For all creatures are so completely in God's hand that without God's will they can neither move nor be moved.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

The Rev. Raymond Bonwell

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

Christ Is Our Cornerstone
The Overbrook Choir

Noel Rawsthorne
(1929-2019)

❖ DOXOLOGY

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.

HYMN No. 607

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

❖ HYMN No. 840

When Peace like a River

VILLE DU HAVRE

SENDING FORTH

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

I wait for the Lord

Eric Thiman
(1900-1975)

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

POSTLUDE

Postlude

Charles Vincent
(1852-1934)



❧ This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church ❧

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
		Youth Mission Trip Interest Meeting
	11:30 a.m.	(Chapel)
	12:00 p.m.	Christian Education Committee
Monday, March 18	5:15 p.m.	Junior Choir (Choir Room)
Wednesday, March 20	5:00 p.m.	Property Committee
	6:00 p.m.	Mid-Week Lenten Soup Supper and Service
Thursday, March 21	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Saturday, March 23	8:00 a.m.	Women's Retreat @ IHM
Sunday, March 24	9:15 a.m.	Arrival for Education (Ages 3-103)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour

The cover artwork is *The Vision of the Lord Directing Abram to Count the Stars*, a woodcut by Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld (1794-1872). He was an influential figure in the Nazarene movement, an artistic school that sought to recapture the practice of earlier periods. Especially interested in reviving the art of frescoes, Schnorr looked to High Renaissance art for inspiration; later in life, he became known as a stained-glass artist.

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

Wednesday, March 20

Adult Bible Study - Reminder: Your morning Adult Bible Study has moved to Wednesday evenings during Lent beginning at 6:00 p.m. Come join us for a simple supper, study, and service as we explore the Trinity.

Sunday, March 24

Christian Education (Ages 3-103), 9:15 a.m. - Adults are welcome in McMillan Chapel at 9:15 a.m. to conclude a brief overview of the Ten Commandments. 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 ❧

Today, March 17

It's time to build the 2019 OPC Mission Team! Immediately following worship there will a student/parent information meeting regarding this summer's mission trip. Come join us in the Chapel. Special refreshments will be served, and we'll have the opportunity to view the video of OPC's previous trip to Blue Knob. We look forward to welcoming youth, grades 6-12, to a great adventure in mission.

Wednesday, March 20

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

Sunday, March 24

This will be Pastor Raymond's final Sunday at Overbrook. Throughout Worship and Coffee Hour, in both prayer and good-spirited fellowship, we will be expressing gratitude for Pastor Raymond's service and loving support of our congregation. Please join us as we wish him Godspeed and celebrate his faithfulness to our congregation. Next Sunday's sermon Title: "Inconceivable". Readings from Isaiah 55:1-9, (Psalm 63:1-8), Luke 13:1-9.

Tuesday, March 26

OPC Talks...and Walks: Please join us in the Chapel at 7:00 pm for a special presentation, "The Missions, Ministries and Majesty of Thailand." Will Schick will present an overview of his recent trip to Overbrook School and Hospital in Thailand. Refreshments will be served; all are welcome.

❧ 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!

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

- ◆ Lillian Carnahan is hospitalized for medical concerns regarding a hip replacement several years ago
- ◆ Nancy Elmore had successful cataract surgery on her right eye and is scheduled for her left eye on Monday, 3/18.
- ◆ 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

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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.
