
Overbrook Presbyterian Church



The Lord said, "I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people" (Jeremiah 31:33)

Jesus said, "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor" (John 12:26)



Worship Service
Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 18, 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

O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig, BWV 656

J. S. Bach

INTROIT

There is love

George Thalben-Ball

❖CALL TO WORSHIP-*Psalm 103:1-5*

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—

Leader: who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

People: who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

Leader: who satisfies you with good as long as you live

People: so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

❖HYMN No. 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

GREETING

Pastor Carolyn Gillette

PRAYER OF CONFESSION- (UNISON)

Love that knows no boundaries: we crowd our lives with so much activity, that it is hard to find time for you. We become so focused on ourselves, we can overlook those around us who are searching for hope. We fill our spiritual emptiness with junk, rather than feasting on your Word. God, in your abundant mercy, forgive us. Open our eyes, that we may see your new covenant written in plain sight on our hearts. Open our hearts, that we may join you in serving the broken of the world. Open our love, so we may pour it out as abundantly and graciously as your love is given to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (sung by all)

Andrew Senn

The image shows a musical score for the Kyrie Eleison. It consists of two staves of music in 4/4 time. The first staff is marked 'Organ' and 'mp'. The second staff is marked 'mf'. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.' The music is written in a simple, melodic style.

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SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖HYMN No. 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 31:31-34 Page 691/pew Bible
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Turn thy face from my sins Thomas Attwood
The Overbrook Choir
Iris Fairfax, soprano

TIME WITH CHILDREN *Pastor Bruce Gillette*
(Following Time with Children, students in Pre-K through
Grade 2 will depart for Sunday School.)

GOSPEL LESSON John 12:20-33 Page 100/pew Bible
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON “A New Covenant” Pastor Carolyn Gillette
(Following the Sermon, students in Grades 3 through 6 and High School will depart for
Sunday School. Grades 7-8 Confirmation students are asked to stay in worship.)

❖HYMN No. 215

What Wondrous Love Is This WONDROUS LOVE

❖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 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

“It is enough” from *Elijah*
Matthew Lulofs, baritone

Felix Mendelssohn

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

❖ HYMN No. 301

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

SENDING FORTH

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills

Eric Thiman

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

POSTLUDE

Herr Jesu Christ dich zu uns wend, BWV 655

J. S. 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. 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: Amarilis Stricker; Acolyte: Sam Wong
The Overbrook Choir
Iris Fairfax, Soprano
Matthew Lulofs, baritone

Today we welcome Aaron Patterson as our guest organist.

Our Director of Music, Christopher Gage, is performing
in the 41st Annual Bach Marathon at Chevy Chase
Presbyterian Church in the Washington, D. C., area.

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God on behalf of their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren in loving memory of Bob and Sally Williamson

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, Kevin Trindade and Kevin Davis

Deacons Delivering Flowers:
Terri Hunter and Sabrina Johnson

Following worship today - please join us for refreshments in the Wistar Morris Room. We would like to thank The VanRawley Family for hosting this week'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

Sun., Mar. 18	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Christian Education Meeting-Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	New Members Inquirers Lunch-
Mon., Mar. 19	7:30 p.m.	Showing of "This Evil Thing,"
Tues. Mar. 20	7:00 p.m.	Urban Suburban Book Club-Chapel
Wed., Mar. 21	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study-Chapel
	6:00 p.m.	Soup and Bread Meal
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Prayer Service-Chapel
Sat., Mar. 24	6:00 a.m.	March for Our Lives -Bus Trip
Sun., Mar. 25-Palm Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour/Ice Cream Social
	12:00 p.m.	M&O Meeting



This Monday, March 19 Play: “This Evil Thing.” is an amazing one-man play that will be performed here in OPC’s Fellowship Hall at 7:30 p.m. This play is about conscientious objectors during the First World War. This touring play (first performed in Scotland) is being coordinated by the PCUSA-supported Center for Conscience & War. Free admission with donations welcome.

Wednesday Bible Study: This Wednesday, Mar. 21, our Wednesday morning Bible study is at 10:30am, led by Pastor Carolyn. She will be teaching on the following Sunday’s reading, Mark 15:1-39, March 25.

Wednesday Lenten Meal and Prayer Service –Please join us at 6pm for Soup and 7pm in the Chapel for the last Lenten Prayer Service before Holy Week. The theme is "Lord, Teach Us to Pray" with a special focus on the Lord’s Prayer. This service will be approximately half an hour in length. Child care will be provided for the youngest children in the church nursery, if it is needed.



Bus Trip to DC to Participate in “March for Our Lives” on March 24 to Prevent Gun Violence. It is not too late to sign up there is still room on the buses. Tentative departure time is 6:00 a.m. from Overbrook Church Parking Lot; participants will return at approximately 6:00 p.m. the same day. Tickets are \$40 for the roundtrip. Please contact Bruce and Carolyn Gillette ASAP for details and to reserve tickets.



March 25: Jesus’ Execution and the Death Penalty Today On this Palm Sunday we will discuss Jesus’ death on Good Friday, how different Christians have interpreted the atonement over the centuries and why it challenges Christians to oppose the death penalty today.



Ice Cream Social

Share a Sundae Sunday-Join the New Member Committee immediately after worship on March 25th for ice cream and conversations. Make your own sundae and meet new friends. Sugar and lactose free options will be available.



The FMSC Mobile Pack is quickly approaching. Mission & Outreach is hosting a unique event for all ages. Get ready for great food, music, dancing, games, and fellowship at OPC's Hootenanny for Hunger, a Feed My Starving Children fundraiser - April 14, 2018. More details to follow.



Easter Flowers

Sign-up Sheet for Easter Flowers are in the Wistar Morris Room. Pay as you wish-if paying by check note "Easter Flowers" in the memo.



OPC Women's Retreat, Saturday, June 2, 2018-8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. The 2nd Annual OPC Women's Retreat will be on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at the IHM Conference Center in Bryn Mawr. This year's theme will be "Finding Joy" based on the Letter to the Philippians, and our leader will be Pastor Carolyn Gillette.

Cost for the day is estimated at \$40 per person. Scholarships are available. Please contact Artia Benjamin, Becky Lazo or Sabrina Johnson for more information



Coffee Hour Hosts are needed for the following Sundays in April: April 8, April 15, and April 22. Instructions for this easily accomplished, highly valued ministry are available on the OPC web site and in the church kitchen (on the microwave). All

ages can participate. Remember to keep it simple. Every week, there are always folks present to lend a hand. Coffee hour is a cherished tradition at OPC and hosts are heaped with gratitude by this congregation, who love to touch base with each other over a cup of coffee or tea after worship. For more information please contact Amarilis Stricker at 484-343-0679 or Raelyn Harman at 610-331-8972. Thank you.



Starting Next Sunday, Book Drive: Do you have any spare books lying around? Hannah Lazo and her friend, Emerson, are in Girl Scout Troop 5927 (Haverford) and are working to earn their Bronze Award by collecting new and lightly used books for an underserved elementary school in South Philadelphia. The girls are collecting books for students in grades K-8 throughout

the month of April. Please look for a donation box near the front office. If you do not have any books to spare but would like to contribute, we will have some books "for purchase" that you can choose to donate to the girls' efforts. Look for us in the Wistar Morris room starting March 25. Thank you in advance for your support! -Becky Lazo

Community Events

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Philadelphia

- 10:00 am: Gather at Arch Street Friends Meeting House
4th and Arch Streets: Ceremonial meltdown and repurposing of an assault weapon into a garden tool
- 11:00 am: Procession to Senator Toomey's Office, 200 Chestnut Street
- 11:30 am: Legal Rally at Senator Toomey's Office demanding Toomey's Co-sponsorship of S.2095, **Assault Weapons Ban of 2017**
- 12:00 Noon: Nonviolent Civil Disobedience Action*
A group of nonviolent advocates will attempt to deliver the repurposed assault weapon/garden tool to Senator Toomey and will occupy his office until he co-sponsors S.2095

*Only vetted and trained activists will be participating in the civil disobedience action. If you have not been in direct communication with Terry Rumsey, who is coordinating this part of the action, please do not attempt to join the civil disobedience.

Demand the Ban! is being sponsored by: CHARLES Foundation, Delaware County United for Sensible Gun Policy, Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence, Raw Tools, and The Simple Way.

To learn more, to download a pdf flyer, and to see a list of endorsing organizations:
www.DemandTheBan.org

Blood Drive The Palmer Apartments

Yoga Room

**Sunday, March 25, 2018
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**



**American
Red Cross**

To make and appointment please call 1-800-RED CROSS
or visit redcrossblood.org and use sponsor keyword: palmer apartments

Holy Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Palm/Passion Sunday Worship Service – March 25: Our 10:30 a.m. worship service will include our congregation processional with “Eco-Palms”. The service will include the dramatic reading of the story of Holy Week from Mark’s gospel. Pastor Carolyn Gillette’s sermon is titled “What Wondrous Love,” and the Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir will play Roberta Siebert’s arrangement of “What Wondrous Love Is This.” Later in the service, the Overbrook Choir will sing “Hosanna to the Son of David,” by Malcolm Archer. Please invite family and friends for worship and then make your own ice cream sundae (sugar-free and lactose-free options available).



Maundy Thursday – March 29: Our Maundy Thursday worship service will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will include the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper—the celebration of the last meal that Jesus shared with his disciples the evening before his arrest and crucifixion. Pastor Bruce Gillette’s sermon is titled “Something to Treasure.” Come and share in this special time of worship with Jesus’ special meal.



Good Friday – March 30: Overbrook’s Good Friday Evening Service, at 7:00 p.m., will feature John Stainer’s *Crucifixion*, an hour-long work that captures the majesty and agony of Holy Week, with soloists Toffer Mihalka, tenor, and Matthew Lulofs, baritone; traditional hymns will also be included. Earlier in the day, join us at noon for a joint service hosted nearby at St. Thomas African Episcopal Church. The service starts with Stations of the Cross; then, Pastors Bruce and Carolyn Gillette will preach. Heeding God’s Call to End Gun Violence’s Annual Good Friday Interfaith Stations and Walk in West & Southwest Philadelphia at Holy Apostles and Mediator Church (51st & Spruce Streets) starts at 4:30 p.m.



Easter Sunday – April 1: Our 10:30 a.m. worship service will include the Easter story with Pastor Bruce Gillette’s sermon, “Unfinished Easter,” and the sharing of the Lord’s Supper. Joyful music will include Bach’s Violin Sonata No. 2, played by Johnny May; “Thine Is the Glory,” presented by the Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir; the Overbrook Junior Choir singing “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”; and the Overbrook Choir singing Stanford’s “Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem.” From Handel’s *Messiah*, soloist Iris Fairfax will sing “I know that my redeemer liveth,” and the choir and congregation will sing the “Hallelujah!” chorus. Make plans to bring family, friends, and neighbors to church during this Holy Week, the most important week of the church year. The news of God’s love is for all people, of all ages, everywhere. Join us!

Prayer List

- ◆ Victor Fiorillo recovering at home from a seizure
- ◆ Deb Rottinger recovering at home from high blood pressure
- ◆ The Rev. David McMillian leg wound is improving slowly.
- ◆ Leo Miller, Vince Gilhool's nephew, receiving cancer treatment
- ◆ Rev. Lois Ann Furgess-Oler recovering from a fall.
- ◆ Ken Carroll awaiting medical test results
- ◆ Anna Lemley's father, Thomas James, battling lung cancer.
- ◆ Ed Harvey awaiting medical test results
- ◆ Charlotte Carpenter recently diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis
- ◆ Lynda Johnson home and recovering from knee surgery
- ◆ Emily Amerman and Jim Vagnoni's son Will in a recovery house and hopes it is successful.
- ◆ Andrea Gosfield, recovering from a car accident
- ◆ Ellen Burr ongoing health issues
- ◆ Gloria Justin has decided to start hospice care so that she is able to stay in her apartment.

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.

☞ 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, bruce@overbrookpresb.org or carolyn@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/COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Sara Davis, Clerk of Session , Pastors Bruce & Carolyn Gillette, Moderators

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The Overbrook Quartet

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

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.***
