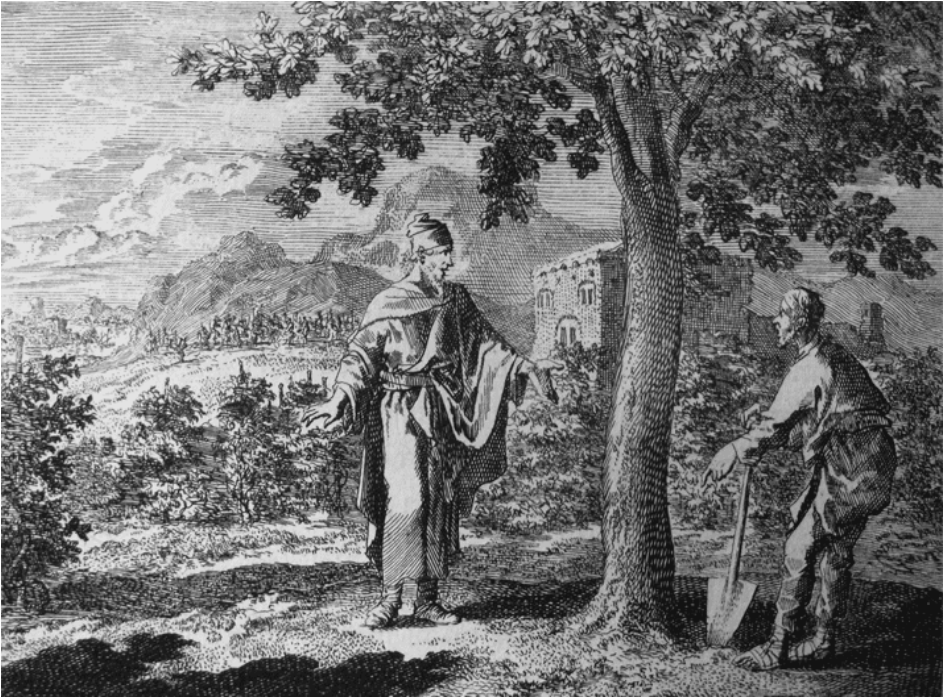

Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
Third Sunday in Lent
March 24, 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: Jason Duckworth; 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

in honor of the faithful service of our pastor, Rev. Raymond Bonwell

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:

Dick Williamson., Susy Brandt, Laurie Geers, Bob Kaercher,
Jonathan Kopsick, Richard Owens, Peter Seidel, and Judy Williamson

Opener/Closer:

Phil Sheau

Deacons Delivering Flowers:

Artia Benjamin and Mary Lou Ryce

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

Felix Mendelssohn
Grave—Andante from Organ Sonata no. 2 (1809-1847)

INTROIT

George Thalben-Ball
Herein is love (1896-1987)

❖CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 63*)

One: O God, you are my God, I seek you,

Many: my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,

One: Because your steadfast love is better than life,

Many: my lips will praise you.

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,

All: for you have been my help,

and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

❖HYMN No. 134

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

GREETING

The Rev. Raymond Bonwell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION- (UNISON)

Merciful God,

you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.

We humbly confess our sins and ask 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.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.

In your great compassion,

cleans us from our sin.

Do not cast us away from your presence,

or take your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation

and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖ GLORIA PATRI

HYMN No. 581

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 55:1-9

Page 644/pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SOLO

Soliloquy

Iris Fairfax, soprano

John Wesley Work, Jr.
(1871-1925)

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 13:1-9

Page 71/pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Inconceivable!”

The. Rev. Raymond Bonwell

❖ HYMN No. 435

IN BABILONE

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- (*Confession of 1967* 9.20)

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in humanity. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which humanity is reconciled to God and to one another. The Holy Spirit enables us to receive forgiveness as we forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as we make peace among ourselves. In spite of their sin, the Holy Spirit gives us power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all humanity.

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

Jesus, So Lowly
The Overbrook Choir

Harold Friedell
(1905-1958)

❖ 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. 541

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

RANDOLPH

SENDING FORTH

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

Protect us, O Lord

Donald Cashmore
(1926-2013)

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

POSTLUDE

Temple March

James Lyon
(1735-1794)



☞ This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church ☞

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
Monday, March 25	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	5:15 p.m.	Junior Choir (Choir Room)
Tuesday, March 26	7:00 p.m.	OPC Talks-Chapel
Wednesday, March 27	6:00 p.m.	Mid-Week Lenten Soup Supper and Service
Thursday, March 28	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Saturday, March 30	9:00 a.m.	Contraction Contest-Wistar Morris
Sunday, March 31	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 Parable of the Barren Fig Tree*, an etching by Jan Luyken (1649-1712). Luyden was a Dutch poet, engraver, and illustrator, known especially for his illustration of *Martyrs Mirror*, a 1660 book that documented the stories of Christian martyrs. This particular illustration is from the “Bowyer Bible,” an illustrated edition of the Bible completed by Robert Bowyer in 1795.

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

Wednesday, March 27

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 31

Christian Education (Ages 3-103), 9:15 a.m. - Adults are welcome in McMillan Chapel at 9:15 a.m.. 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 24

Today is 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.

Looking Ahead: OPC Happenings (Cont'd)

Tuesday, March 26

OPC Talks...*and Walks*: Please join us in the Chapel at 7:00 p.m. 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.

Wednesday, March 27

The Lenten Supper and Study Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. continues with the leadership of the Rev. Dr. Adam Hearlson. All are welcome to join us! 6:00 p.m. for a simple supper, study and service as we explore the Trinity.

Sunday, March 31

Please join us next Sunday, 3/31 as our new pastor, Rev. Dr. Adam Hearlson (affectionately known as Adam, or Pastor Adam), preaches for the first time as a member of our OPC church family! We invite you to stay immediately after worship service on 3/31 for a fellowship luncheon, hosted by the PNC, to welcome Pastor Adam and his family. We'll have a chance to break bread, meet and greet the entire Hearlson family!

Friday, April 5

The Women's Dining Circle will gather on Friday, April 5 at Elizabeth Cosgriff's home at 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited to come for fellowship and dinner and we will sponsor Laurel House. Laurel House is a comprehensive domestic violence agency serving individuals, families and communities throughout Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. The mission of Laurel House is to advocate for and empower those impacted by domestic violence by providing crisis intervention, safe haven, supportive programs and resources and to advance social change through preventative education and through community training and collaboration to foster a coordinated response to domestic abuse. If you haven't received your invite, it is because we don't have your email address. We want to include all women of the church community. Please contact Carol Rozmiarek at carolmroz@gmail.com or 267-252-8051 to update your information.

Sunday, April 7

CeaseFirePA is having their 2019 Keystone Courage Award honoring Fred Guttenberg on Sunday, April 7, 2019 from 5:30-7:30pm. Reception, program, and light supper will be served at R2L restaurant on 37th floor of Two Liberty Place. Special guest Senator Bob Casey will be present to support this great event. Dr. Miriam Harden is on the board of CeaseFirePA and she would love to have a few members attend the event to support the important work they do for common sense gun reform. They have sponsorship opportunities that you may be interested in that

are on the website or if you just want to attend the event it is \$150.00 per person. Please RSVP by March 29, Business Attire. If you have any questions call 215-923-315 or email rhona.gerber@ceasefirepa.org.

Sunday, April 14

I scream, you scream, we all scream for the ICE CREAM SOCIAL. During coffee hour on Sunday, April 14, the New Member Committee will host an Ice Cream Social. Be sure to bring a friend that Sunday to worship and you never know who you might meet.

☞ 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.

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. A sign up genius has also been sent out through Realm to sign up for Easter Flowers.

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

- ◆ Prayers for the family, and all for who mourn the passing of Nyani O'Leary. Nyani became ill and died while traveling to Africa to visit with family.
- ◆ Prayers of gratitude for the faithful service and devoted ministry of our Bridge Pastor, Rev. Raymond Bonwell.
- ◆ Prayers for Rev. Dr. Adam Hearlson as he begins his ministry at Overbrook on March 26.
- ◆ Lillian Carnahan is hospitalized for medical concerns regarding a hip replacement several years ago.
- ◆ 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 recovering from a stroke.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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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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.
