
Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
Palm Sunday
March 25, 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

❖CALL TO WORSHIP-*Psalm 118:1-2. 19-24*

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

People: **This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

People: **The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

Leader: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

People: **This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

❖BLESSING OF THE PALMS

❖PROCESSION

ONE: Let us go forth in peace

ALL: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

While singing the hymn, we will process into the Sanctuary in the following order:

Purple banner

White banner

Overbrook Choirs

Congregation

Lay Leader and Pastor

*As we enter the church, we will all process down the center aisle,
then up the side aisles to our seats.*

❖HYMN DURING THE PROCESSION (on next page)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Please keep repeating the hymn until the procession is complete.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

Fine

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King!

to Refrain

GREETING

Pastor Carolyn Gillette

PRAYER OF CONFESSION- (UNISON)

We confess that we are not so different
from those who welcomed Christ into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday
yet later shouted 'Crucify him!' or remained silent in the face of injustice.
We have betrayed you too, Lord Jesus
by our sins both secret and known.
Yet you died for people like us,
and you rose on the third day that we might be redeemed.
For the sake of Jesus Christ do not hold our sins against us.

Jesus Christ, our King of glory,
we have not been outspoken for you.
We have not called for your death,
but neither have we shouted of your greatness,
nor expressed delight in the salvation you have won for us.
Help us to see your glory, draw us closer to you
that we may become more faithful, and more joyful
servants of the King.

KYRIE ELEISON (sung by all)

Andrew Senn

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff is for the organ, starting with a rest and then playing a series of notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The second staff is for the voice, starting with a rest and then playing a series of notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The first staff is marked *mp* and the second staff is marked *mf*.

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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

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 11:1-11 Page 44/pew Bible
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Wondrous Love arr. Roberta Siebert
The Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir

TIME WITH CHILDREN

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

GOSPEL LESSON

**The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ
According to the Gospel of Mark**
Mark 14:32-15:39

See Insert

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“What Wondrous Love Is This” 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. 198

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty

ST. DROSTANE

❖ 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

Hosanna to the Son of David
The Overbrook Choir

Malcolm Archer

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

❖ HYMN No. 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross HAMBURG

SENDING FORTH

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

Behold the cross displayed George Thalben-Ball

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

POSTLUDE

Fantasia super "Valet will ich dir geben," BWV 735 J. S. Bach

Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church
We are glad you are worshipping 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: Keedra Carroll; Acolyte: Johnny May
The Overbrook Choir
Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

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:

Dick Williamson, Susy Brandt, Laurie Geers, Bob Kaercher,
Jonathan Kopcsik, Lori Mason, Peter Seidel and Judy Williamson

Deacons Delivering Flowers:

Jill Van Rawley and Nickie Stokes

Following worship today - please join us for refreshments in the Wistar Morris Room. We would like to thank the New Member Committee 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. 25	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour-Ice Cream Social
	12:00 p.m.	M&O Meeting-Chapel
Wed., Mar. 28	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study-Chapel
Thurs., Mar. 29	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service-Sanctuary
Fri. Mar. 30	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service-Sanctuary
Sun., Apr. 1 –Easter Sunday		
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour



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

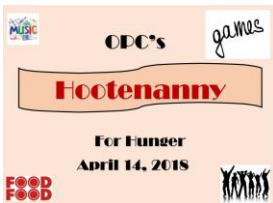


Today is the last day to Sign-up for Easter Flowers. The sign-up sheet is in the Wistar Morris Room. Pay as you wish—if paying by check, note “Easter Flowers” in the memo.

Wednesday Bible Study- This Wednesday, Mar. 28, our Wednesday morning Bible study is at 10:30 am, led by Pastor Bruce. He will be teaching on the following Sunday’s reading, Mark 16:1-8.



Starting This 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



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..



Who doesn't love pizza? Skip making dinner and enjoy Pizza with a Purpose all day on Tuesday, March 27th at California Pizza Kitchen, 4040 City Ave., Philadelphia! The Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack will earn 20% of all sales from this California Pizza Kitchen event. Please come out and help make a

difference! Be sure to pick up a flyer in the Wistar Morris Room during Coffee Hour or on one of the tables around the church to assure we get credit for the sale.



Please let us know what you're thinking. As a church community, we have undergone some pretty massive transitions in the past year. And we church leaders want to take a quick pause here to see how we're doing. To do so, we need your honest feedback. In-person and phone conversations are always best for feedback. But that may not be in your comfort zone right now. We all communicate in different ways. We welcome your emails or written letters too. We have a feedback box at the outside office for anything you want to write. While you do not have to put your name on anything, we prefer you do. We want to be responsive and we can't respond if we don't know who shared the information. We have formed a Communications Committee - Raelyn Harman, Jane Rozmiarek, Sean Whalen, Pastor Bruce Gillette and Karen Wong - to help elicit your thoughts and ensure any and all feedback be considered by Session or the appropriate committee.



Reminder: There will be no Adult Forum, Sunday School or Confirmation Class on Easter Sunday, April 1st. All children are welcome to stay in worship, but should parents wish, children in PreK through Grade 2 may gather in the nursery following Time with Children.



Parking Reminder. Remember, as we go into Holy Week, overflow parking is available in the Overbrook Train Station lot. There is no permit or fee needed on weekends. Please be considerate of those who need to park close to the church, and think about parking farther away if you are able.

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE



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: 1) **Overbrook's Good Friday Evening Service:** During this 7:00 p.m. worship service we will remember Jesus' death on the cross with special music that 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. The service will also include traditional Good Friday hymns. 2) Join us Good Friday at noon for a joint service hosted nearby at St. Thomas African Episcopal Church. The service starts with Stations of the Cross and then Pastors Bruce and Carolyn Gillette will be preaching in this worship service with other local pastors. 3) 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. (carpooling available from Overbrook Presbyterian Church).



Easter Sunday – April 1: Our 10:30 a.m. worship service will include the gospel telling of the Easter story with Pastor Bruce Gillette's sermon, "Unfinished Easter" and the sharing of the Lord's Supper. An extended period of preludes includes Bach's Violin Sonata No. 2, played by Johnny May, and "Thine Is the Glory," a setting of the popular hymn arranged by Margaret Tucker and presented by the Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir. During the service, the Overbrook Junior Choir will offer "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright," arranged by David Johnson, and the Overbrook Choir will sing Charles Villiers Stanford's "Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem." In addition, our soprano soloist, Iris Fairfax, will sing "I know that my redeemer liveth" from the *Messiah* of G. F. Handel. Finally, a beloved Overbrook tradition will continue as the "Hallelujah!" chorus, from the same work, is sung by the choir and congregation as a response to the benediction, concluding our joyful worship service celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Make plans to bring family, friends and neighbors to church during this Holy Week that is the most important week of the church year. Adults, youth and children are welcome. The good news of God's love is for all people, of all ages, everywhere. Join us!

Prayer List

- ◆ Victor Fiorillo adjusting to life after being hospitalized for a seizure and side effects of medications.
- ◆ The Rev. David McMillian leg wound is improving slowly.
- ◆ Leo Miller, Vince Gilhool's nephew, receiving cancer treatment
- ◆ Ken Carroll is undergoing radiation treatment
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Ellen Burr ongoing health issues

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.

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The Overbrook Quartet: *Iris Fairfax, soprano; Lois Randel, mezzo-soprano; Toffer Mihalka, tenor; Matthew Lulofs, bass* | Every Church Member - *Minister*

Overbrook Presbyterian Church
is a welcoming and diverse Christian community
that actively seeks to love and serve God,
each other and the world.
