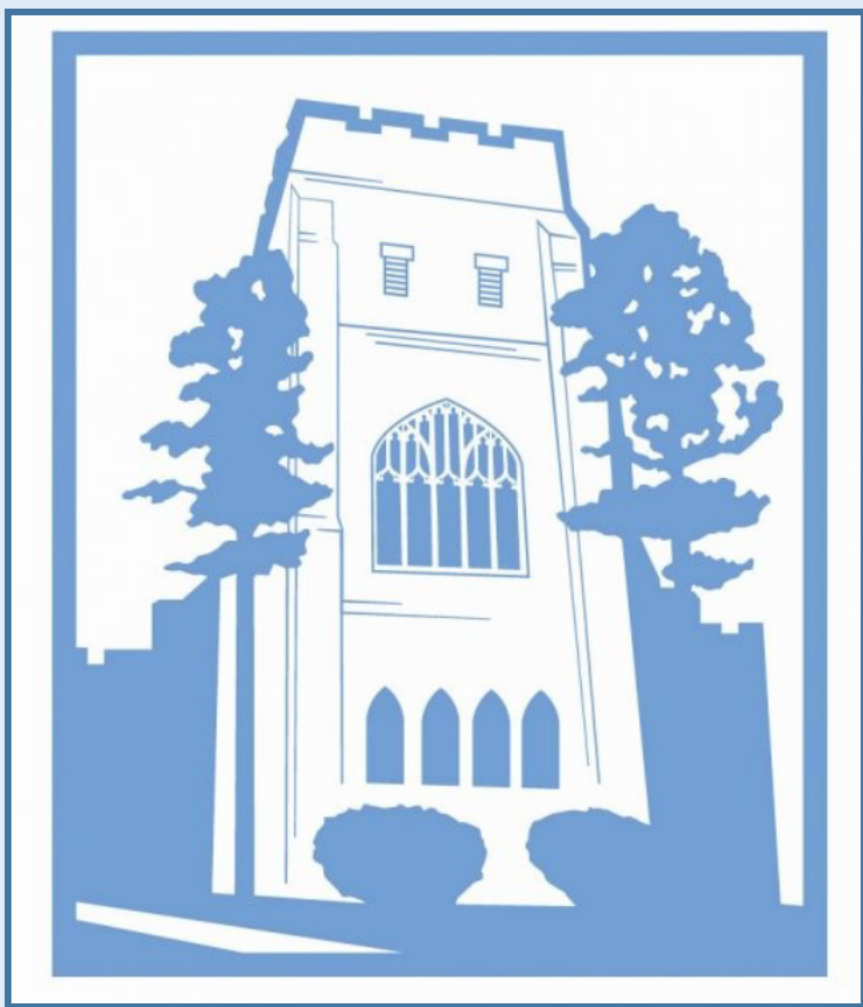


Overbrook  
Presbyterian Church



The Sixth Sunday in Eastertide  
Sunday, May 21, 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

PRELUDE: Chant de Mai (May Song), Op.53, No.1 Joseph Jongen

INTROIT: Praise Ye the Lord Donald Cashmore

### ❖ CALL TO WORSHIP (from PSALM 66)

ONE: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,  
MANY: who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.  
ONE: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done  
for me.  
MANY: Truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my  
prayer.  
ALL: Let us worship God!

HYMN No. 645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above MIT FREUDEN ZART

GREETING *Pastor Carolyn Gillette*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION-(UNISON)

Maker and giver of all, forgive us when we are too preoccupied to notice your presence in our lives: when we walk through our lives and fail to see you abiding with, within, and around us; when we walk through holy moments and fail to savor your presence, instead feeling abandoned in the vast sweep of life as each day rushes at us with its demands. Open our eyes to your presence, God of love, that we may lean on you-for you uphold all of creation in tenderness and power. Amen.

### SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALLELUIA-HYMN No. 586

ALLELUIA 7

SHARING OF PEACE -(*The Peace of Christ Be With You*”, “*And Also With You*”)

# HEARING THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 17:22-31 Page 129/Pew Bible  
The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEMS: **Rejoice, Hallelu** -Words and Music by M. Thomas Thangaraj (India/USA)  
*The Overbrook Junior Choir*  
Margene Biedermann, Director; Victor Fiorillo, Shruti  
Lead Singers: Ne'hemiah Cuvilly, Julianna Johnson, Hannah and Rachel Trindade

**Amen Siyakudumisa** Words: South Africa/Xhosa, Music :S.C. Molefe  
Lead Singers: Ne'hemiah Cuvilly, and Hannah Trindade

### 2016-2017 Junior Choir Members

Lillian Baker, Emma Biedermann, Ne'hemiah Cuvilly, Aria Fiorillo,  
Zubin Fiorillo, Blake Hotek, Julianna Johnson, Andrew Paul, Emanuel Ritchie,  
Mikaela Ritchie, Hannah Trindade, Rachel Trindade, Simon Trindade, and Sarah Whalen

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

GOSPEL READING John 14:15-21 Page 103/Pew Bible  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Promise of Presence" Pastor Carolyn Gillette

❖HYMN No. 654 In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful IN THE LORD I'LL  
BE EVER THANKFUL

(During the Sermon Hymn, students in Grades 3-12 will depart for Sunday School)

❖AFFIRMATION OF FAITH-Apostles' Creed Page 35  
Glory to God Hymnal

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS Pastors Bruce and Carolyn Gillette

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER-debts/debtors Page 35  
Glory to God Hymnal

OFFERING                      **Praise Is Due to You, O God in Zion**                      William Mathias

*(One of three works commissioned for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary service of Overbrook Presbyterian Church, on Sunday, October 29, 1989. Known as the Barnard Commissions, the other two works included an Introit, for brass, percussion and organ, and the Centennial Hymn, intended to sung by all, as penned by Jane Parker Huber, sung to the tune: WEYMOUTH, composed by Theodore P. Ferris in 1941.)*

*The Overbrook Choir*

Praise is due to you, O God in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed.

O you who hear prayer! To you shall all flesh come on account of sins.

When our transgressions prevail over us, forgive them.

Blessed is the one whom you choose and bring near to dwell in your courts!

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple!

Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it:

thou gently enrichest it with the river of God.

Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof:

Thou makest it soft with showers: Thou blessest the springing thereof.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness, and thy paths drop fatness.

They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness,

and the little hills rejoice on every side.

The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered with corn;

They shout for joy, they also sing!

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

Amen.

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION-(UNISON)

Gracious God, you are the Lord of heaven and earth. You sent Christ your Son to fully reveal your abundant and deep love for all you have created. We long to be more like Jesus who kept your commandments in every respect. Let our thoughts and deeds be directed by your Spirit of truth, who lives in our hearts. Use these gifts and offerings to advance our church ministries, so that our neighbors will experience your loving care. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

SENDING FORTH

❖ HYMN NO. 306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

ThreeFold Amen

Anonymous

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

POSTLUDE:

Trumpet Allemande

Anthony Holborne

# 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 Carolyn Gillette - Co-Pastors  
Lay Leader: Deb Rottinger, Acolyte: Emanuel Richie

The Overbrook Choir

The Overbrook Junior Choir

Jr. Choir Director: Margene Biedermann

Victor Fiorillo, Shurti

Ne'hemiah Cuvilly, Julianna Johnson, Lead Singers

Hannah and Rachel Trindade, Lead Singers

Minister of Music: Dennis Elwell

## 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, Bob Kaercher, Jonathan Kopcsik,  
Lori Mason, Peter Seidel, and Judy Williamson.

### Deacons Delivering Flowers:

Artia Benjamin and Davorka Sabljak

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

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The Overbrook Quartet

Iris Fairfax -*Soprano*

Lois Randel-*Mezzo-Soprano*

Toffer Mihalka-*Tenor*

Matthew Lulofs-*Bass*

## This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 21	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Mission & Outreach - Chapel
Wednesday, May 24	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Sunday, May 28	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum- Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	4:00 p.m.	Installation Service - Bruce/Carolyn Gillette

☞ **Wednesday Morning Bible Study:** Bible Study will continue this week led by Pastor Bruce Gillette. He will be teaching on the following Sunday's gospel lectionary reading, John 24:44-53, The Ascension of the Lord.

☞ **Adult Forum** meets each Sunday in the Chapel from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. This week we will be starting a five week online series based on what does it mean to be Presbyterian. This series will introduce the basic rhythm of life all Presbyterians are asked to be a part of. Today's topic was "A People of Grace". Next week, the series will continue and the title will be "Wicked Bad", discussing why do we talk about sin and evil. If you would like to know more about this series you may visit [www.theoacademy.com](http://www.theoacademy.com) for videos and discussion guides. As always, adult forum is an engaging faith based discussion with hot coffee promised for all.



☞ **Share a Sundae Sunday:** Immediately following worship today there will be ice-cream sundaes for all. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends and re-connect with the old ones. There will be sugar and lactose free options available for those with dietary restrictions. Everyone is invited to enjoy a sundae!

☞ **Today is Levite Sunday:** The ancient tribe of Levi took care of the Jewish Temple. Everyone was invited to wear levis today so that after worship and enjoying a sundae, volunteers will help take care of our church building (inside and out) and church grounds. Volunteers of all ages are welcome for this time of fellowship and service. If you can't help today, please ask a property committee member for jobs that may available at other times.

☞ **Farmer's Market:** Will run every Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the parking lot here at OPC.

**About the Market:** Established in 2008, this market is located at the Overbrook Presbyterian Church, and has a loyal following of residents in the neighborhood who make this market a regular part of their Saturday mornings.

### Look for:

Forest View Bakery - 72 miles to market from Lancaster, PA  
(Breads, sticky buns, moon pies, jams, jellies, relishes and more)

Walnut Springs Farm - 112 miles to market from East Berlin, PA  
(Early berries and asparagus, in season sweet corn, peaches and more)

Homestead Gardens - 68 miles to market from Ephrata, PA  
(Seasonal fresh vegetables)





Next Sunday is the **Installation Service for Pastors Bruce & Carolyn Gillette**: Please mark your calendars now to plan to attend our Philadelphia Presbytery's special worship on May 28, 4:00 p.m., at Overbrook Presbyterian Church to install Bruce and Carolyn Gillette as our co-pastors. The Rev. Dr. Charles "Buz" Myers will be the guest preacher. Dr. Myers is a Presbyterian minister and a professor of religious studies at Gettysburg College where he has been awarded the top teaching prizes by the students and faculty. He is the author of a bestselling book on Mark's Gospel for lay people, a very popular teacher and preacher in churches and conferences on weekends as well as leading a weekly Bible study in a state prison. The Overbrook Choir and Dennis Elwell will provide special music for this service. A reception will follow the service. Anyone interested in helping with the reception following service please contact Artia Benjamin at [newlife5125@aol.com](mailto:newlife5125@aol.com).

☞ **Children's Sunday School**: The last day for Sunday School will be May 28th. During the summer months there will still be nursery for children infants through Grade 2.



☞ **Tuesday, May 30**: Nancy Gilhool wants to alert you that is the next day that we prepare and serve a meal to the clients at the Life Center of Eastern Delaware County. We cook about 200 servings of a healthy entrée and surround that with bread, vegetables, salad and dessert. Cooking is done at church during the day, and serving begins at the shelter around 6:45. We love those who faithfully help each time we cook and serve, but we would love to see some new faces, too. Please contact Nancy at [gilhool-fam@verizon.net](mailto:gilhool-fam@verizon.net) to ask questions and volunteer. Many thanks.

### Prayer List

- ◆ Margene Biedermann is retiring as Director of OPC's Junior Choir.
- ◆ Sabrina Johnson on the death of her aunt.
- ◆ Mike and Deb Rottinger on the wedding of their daughter, Jessica.
- ◆ Lynn Pompa on his recent diagnosis with Parkinson's disease
- ◆ Denise, the daughter-in-law of Calvin Marshall, on her recent diagnosis of breast cancer
- ◆ Jane Bevan – health problems
- ◆ Phil Amerman, Emily Amerman's brother, and Emily and her two siblings; Phil is on hospice.
- ◆ Pastor Carolyn's mother, Jane Winfrey, is out of ICU and may soon move to rehab.
- ◆ Aimerie Scherluebbe and her recent diagnosis of Hashimoto's thyroiditis

*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.*



**Don't forget 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

**Pastoral Care**: We are grateful to people who let us know about pastoral needs in our church and community. Please contact us by email ([pastors@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:pastors@overbrookpresb.org); [bruce@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:bruce@overbrookpresb.org); or [carolyn@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:carolyn@overbrookpresb.org)) or call us (Office: 215-877-2744; 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. 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. Thank you. Pastors Bruce & Carolyn Gillette