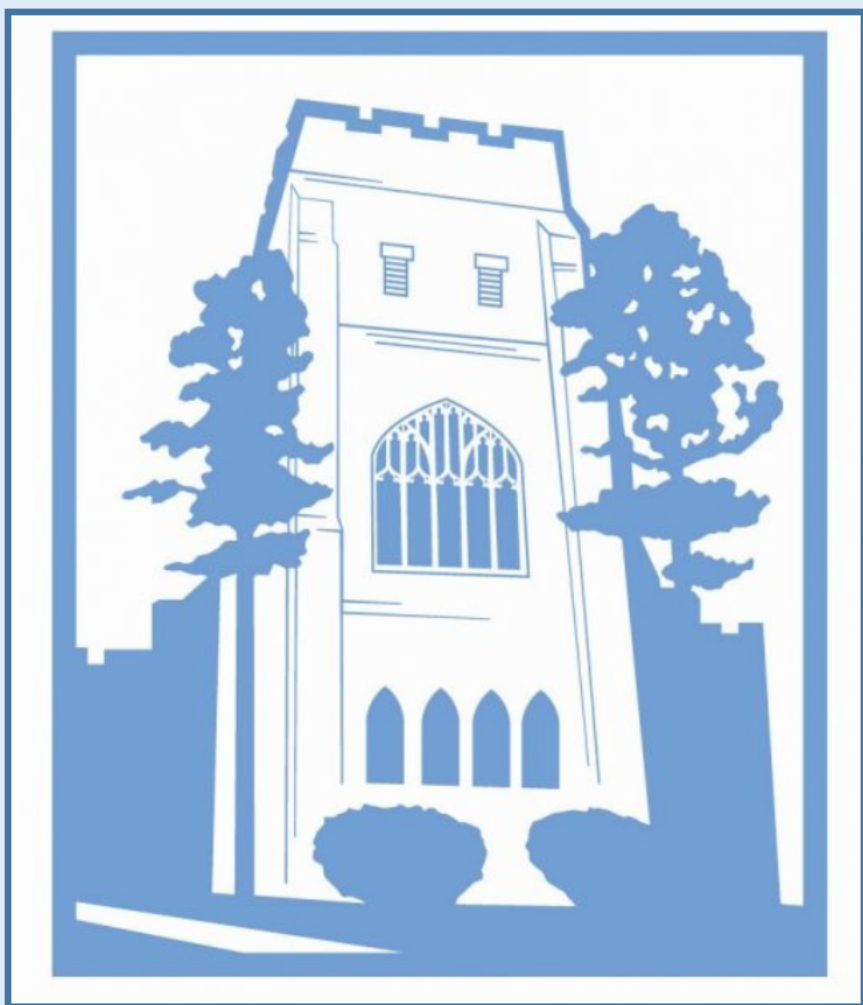


Overbrook  
Presbyterian Church



Ascension Sunday  
Sunday, May 28, 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

PRELUDES:                      Flute Solo    Thomas Arne  
  (Remembering Thomas Arne’s Birthday, May 28, 1710)  
  Folk Tune    Percy W. Whitlock  
  (Remembering Percy Whitlock’s Birthday, June 1, 1903)

INTROIT:                              God Is Gone Up    Eric H. Thiman

### ❖ CALL TO WORSHIP (from PSALM 47)

ONE:                      Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy.

MANY:                      Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our Sovereign,  
  sing praises.

ONE:                      For God is Sovereign over all the earth; sing praises with all your skill.

MANY:                      God reigns over the nations; God sits upon heaven’s holy throne.

ALL:                      Let us worship God!

HYMN No. 263                      All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!                      CORONATION

GREETING    Pastor Bruce Gillette

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION-(UNISON)

Eternal God, you meet us as we are. Forgive us our unwillingness to be your disciples without counting the cost. You ask us to serve you and yet we think of every reason why we should not serve. We have not fully understood your suffering for our sake. We have strayed from you way and done only those things that come easy. Challenge us to be bold in our living for you. We have neglected your truth while pursuing the whims of the world. Open our minds to understand your words and ways. Strengthen us to live according to your hold word. Through Christ, our teacher and healer. 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    Ephesians 1:15-23    Page 181/Pew Bible  
The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEMS:    O God, You Speak Your Beauty Every Hour    Howard Helvey  
*The Overbrook Choir*

O God, you speak your beauty every hour, from soaring peaks to valleys fed by springs.  
In every living soul and fragrant flower your handiwork is seen creation sings!  
As people in your image, we aspire and live to mirror your creative fire.  
O risen Christ, we seek to understand the vastness of your wide embracing love.  
With mercy from your gentle,  
guiding hand we move from depths below to heights above.  
May we, with hearts uplifted by your grace, extend your love to every land and race.  
O Spirit, giving breath to all the earth, we grow in strength from your clear flame.  
O Wind of Heaven, recalled at our rebirth, the world awaits the unity we claim.  
With zeal we strive assisted by your might, to fill the earth with ever lasting Light.

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

GOSPEL READING    Luke 24:44-53    Page 85/Pew Bible  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

SERMON    “Why We Are Blessed”    *Pastor Bruce Gillette*

❖HYMN No. 264    At the Name of Jesus    KING'S WESTON  
*(During the Sermon Hymn, students in Grades 3-12 will depart for Sunday School)*

❖AFFIRMATION OF FAITH-*from The Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, where he sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from whence he shall 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 the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

*Pastors Bruce and Carolyn Gillette*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER - *debtors/debtors*

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*Glory to God Hymnal*

OFFERING

Recessional

Reginald De Koven

(In Honor of Memorial Day and Those Veterans We Remember)

Matthew Lulofs, Baritone

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING FORTH

❖ HYMN NO. 394 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* WESTMINSTER ABBEY

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

*Peace I Leave With You*

Anonymous

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

POSTLUDE:

Trumpet Tune in D

David N. Johnson

# 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: Trudy Sheau, Acolyte: TBA

The Overbrook Choir

Minister of Music: Dennis Elwell

## The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God....

By Don and Winnie Carver in memory of their parents

## 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:

Phil Sheau, Tyrone Frisby, Ron Homer, Jane Krumrine,  
Jim McDaniel, Carol Tulba, and Sean Whalen.

## Deacons Delivering Flowers:

Nickie Stokes and Terri Hunter

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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Every Church Member-*Minister*

The Overbrook Quartet

Iris Fairfax -*Soprano*

Lois Randel-*Mezzo-Soprano*

Toffer Mihalka-*Tenor*

Matthew Lulofs-*Bass*

## This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 28	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	4:00 p.m.	Installation Service-Bruce/Carolyn Gillette
Wednesday, May 31	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Saturday, June 3	9:00 a.m.	Farmers Market-Parking Lot
Sunday, June 4	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 at 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m. We are continuing with our series based on what does it mean to be Presbyterian. This series introduces the basic rhythm of life all Presbyterians are asked to be a part of. Next week, the series will continue and the title will be "Who do you say that I am". 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.



**Today is the Installation Service for Pastors Bruce & Carolyn Gillette at 4:00 p.m.:** 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.

☞ **Children's Sunday School**-Today is the last day for Sunday School. During the summer months there will still be nursery for children infants through Grade 2.

☞ **Tuesday, May 30th** -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 [gilhoolfam@verizon.net](mailto:gilhoolfam@verizon.net) to ask questions and volunteer. Many thanks.

☞ **Saturday, June 10th**- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, along with Larry Farmbry will be sponsoring a "Shredding Event" in the OPC parking lot on Saturday, June 10, from 10:00 a.m. til noon.



☛ Congregational Picnic-Sunday, June 11th- following worship. There will be food, fellowship, music and games.



☛ **Two Before One Rule: Do you know this rule?** Take the challenge to practice it now at church. “Two before One” means that you talk to two persons you don’t know well or at all before you talk to one you do know. In this way you might just greet a first time visitor and get a chance to know him or her. Or you may make a new friend among the members of the congregation. Two before one puts the other before ourselves. Two before one extends the open hand and heart of fellowship.

### Prayer List

- ♦ John Nathaniel on the death of his mother
- ♦ Amira Arsllic, friend of Trudy Sheau, on her recent diagnosis with a brain tumor
- ♦ Sabrina Johnson on the death of her aunt and her grandfather
- ♦ 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.

*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.*



**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** Pastoral Care: We are grateful to people who let us know about pastoral needs in our church and community. Please contact us by email or by phone: [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 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. 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