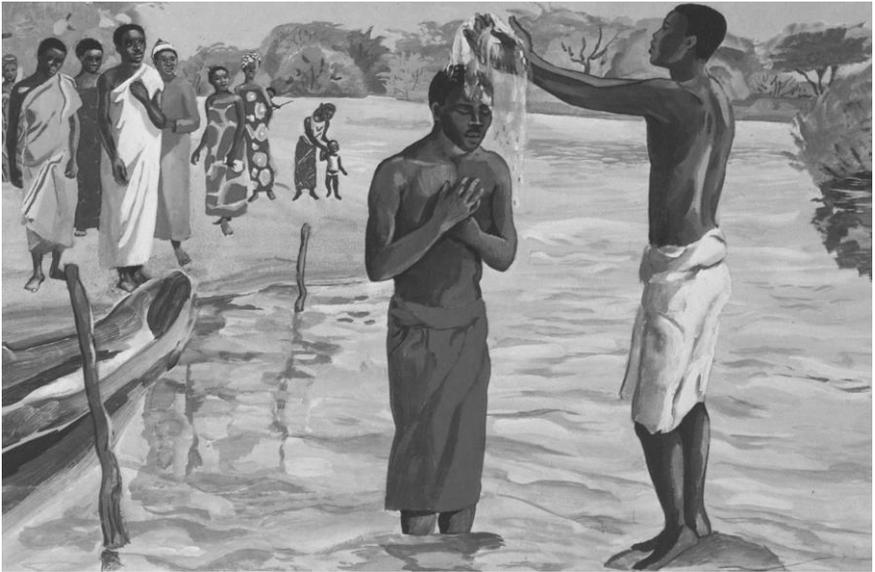

Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
November 18, 2018
10:30 a.m.

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.

Leading Worship Today:

The Rev. Raymond Bonwell

Lay Leader: Aimerie Scherluebbe; Acolyte: Kendi Long

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

Molly McDonald, mezzo-soprano

The Overbrook Choir

The Overbrook Junior Choir

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:

Max Mason, Adepeju Adebajo, Noble Brigham, Ken Carroll,

Mary Scott, Jason Sheau, Alan Sigler, and Nickie Stokes

Opener/Closer:

Mike Rottinger

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 Stewardship Committee for today's coffee hour. 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

Andante religioso from Sonata IV

Felix Mendelssohn
(1805-1847)

INTROIT

The Lord is our strength

Donald Cashmore
(1926-2013)

❖CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 16*)

One: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

Many: I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

One: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

Many: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

All: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

❖HYMN No. 336

We Gather Together

KREMSER

GREETING

Aimerie Scherluebbe

PRAYER OF CONFESSION- (UNISON)

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong.

We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you.

We have turned from our neighbors,
and refused to bear the burdens of others.

We have ignored the pain of the world,
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.

In your great mercy forgive our sins
and free us from selfishness,

that we may choose your will
and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖ GLORIA PATRI

HYMN No. 581

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hebrews 10:11-25

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ANTHEM

For These Blessings
The Overbrook Junior Choir
with Margene Biedermann, piano

Natalie Sleeth
(1930-1992)

Gracious God, for every blessing
we would bring Thee thanks alway.
Every gift Thy love expressing
to Thy children day by day.
Father, all Thy creatures, great and small,
give Thee now our thanks unending
for these blessings, one and all.

Help us live, forever sharing
from the plenty we receive,
that the world may know Thy caring,
and in Thee, in truth believe.
Father...

TIME WITH CHILDREN

The Rev. Raymond Bonwell

*(Following the Time with Children, children in pre-K through Grade 2
will depart for Sunday School.)*

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 13:1-8

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Do Whatever You Want” *The Rev. Raymond Bonwell*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Profession of Faith

❖ Renunciations

ONE: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

MANY: I do.

ONE: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in His grace and love?

MANY: I do.

ONE: Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying His word and showing His love?

MANY: I will.

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- (*The Westminster Larger Catechism; 7.277*)

Q. 167. How is our Baptism to be improved by us?

A. The needful but much neglected duty of improving our Baptism, is to be performed by us all our life long,

especially in the time of temptation,

and when we are present at the administration of it to others,

by serious and thankful consideration of the nature of it

and of the ends for which Christ instituted it,

the privileges and benefits conferred and sealed thereby,

and our solemn vow made therein;

by being humbled for our sinful defilement,

our falling short of, and walking contrary to,
the grace of Baptism and our engagements;
by growing up to assurance of pardon of sin,
and of all other blessings sealed to us in that sacrament;
by drawing strength from the death and resurrection of Christ,
into whom we are baptized,
for the mortifying of sin, and quickening of grace;
and by endeavoring to live by faith,
to have our conversation in holiness and righteousness,
as those that have therein given up their names to Christ,
and to walk in brotherly love,
as being baptized by the same Spirit into one body.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (*Prayer and the Pouring of Water*)

RESPONDING TO OUR COVENANT BEFORE GOD

*(Starting with the front rows, all are welcome to approach the Baptismal Font,
reach in, and take a stone as a tangible reminder of your baptismal vows.
For those who wish, you may also bring your pledge card to the front.
After withdrawing a stone, you may place your pledge card in the basket.
There are additional pledge cards in your bulletin for your use.)*

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Aimerie Scherluebbe

SHARING OF PEACE (*“The peace of Christ be with you,” “And also with you”*)

(During the sharing of the peace, students in Grades 3-12 will depart for Sunday School.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER-*Debts/Debtors*

Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*

OFFERING

Felix Mendelssohn

Grant, O Lord, thy grace unbounded

The Overbrook Choir

Molly McDonald, mezzo-soprano

Grant, O Lord, thy grace unbounded,
bend thine ear unto my prayer;
thus thy wrath for sins recounted,
never more shall I endure.

Wilt thou always care and comfort,
and abide mine enemy?
Must I languish, weak and helpless,
and by thee forgotten be?

(English text by Robert Campbell)

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

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.

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

❖ HYMN No. 716

BEACH SPRING

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

SENDING FORTH

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

George Thalben-Ball

Heaven and earth shall pass away (1896-1987)

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

POSTLUDE

Nun danket alle Gott

Sigfrid Karg-Elert
(1877-1933)

This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 18	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Christian Education-Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	New Members Committee- Williamson Room
Monday, November 19	5:15 p.m.	Junior Choir-Choir Room
Tuesday, November 20	7:00 p.m.	Urban Suburban Book Club/Chapel
Sunday, November 25	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Mission & Outreach-Chapel
	4:00 p.m.	Advent Wreath Workshop & Dinner

☞ **JESUS MAFA.** John baptizes Jesus, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, Tenn. JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings were selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings.

☞ Looking Ahead: Adult Christian Education

Sun. Nov. 25, 2018, 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum – “Faithful Questions at College.” Please join our guest preacher, the Rev. Megan LeCluyse, who serves on staff at the Christian Association of the University of Pennsylvania, in a discussion about her experiences of people wrestling with questions of faith while in college.

Wed. Nov. 28, 2018, 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study – “Jonah”. No class on Wed. Nov. 21. Now is a perfect time to join this overview of the Old Testament, as we spend the next several weeks with a careful read of Old Testament minor prophet Jonah – come see why it is so much more than a whale of a tale!

Sun. Dec. 2, 2018, 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum – “Member Orientation.” Are you curious to know more about what it is at stake in Presbyterian polity and theology? Is Presbyterianism new to you, or did you learn this too long ago? Join us for this two week series. This is also an opportunity to join Overbrook Presbyterian Church; only members can vote at the congregational meeting immediately after worship on December 16 to elect Elders, Deacons, and members of the 2019 Nominating Committee! Please contact Pastor Raymond at pastor@overbrookpresb.org for more information!

Looking Ahead: OPC Happenings

The Church Office will be closed Thursday 11/22 and Friday 11/23 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Sunday, November 25: Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.

- ♦ Join us next Sunday with our guest preacher, The Rev. Megan Lecluyse. Worship service readings will be Psalm 93 and John 18:33-37. The sermon title will be “Kids of the Kingdom.”
- ♦ Advent Wreath Workshop and Dinner, 4:00-6:00 p.m. All are invited to an Advent Wreath-making workshop and dinner in the Wistar Morris Room. Participants will make a tabletop Advent wreath for home use during the season. All supplies will be provided, including daily Advent devotions to use in your home. In the spirit of Overbrook fellowship, an informal meal will be served. While there will be no cost to make a wreath or to enjoy the meal, a free-will offering basket will be available to assist with the costs of supplies and materials. RSVP by November 18. You may sign up in the Wistar Morris Room following worship, or send an e-mail to Sharon Parker (sparker614@gmail.com). All ages are welcome.

Tuesday, November 27: OPC Talks... and Walks, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Join us in the Chapel as we welcome Movita Johnson-Harrell, Supervisor of the Victim's Service Unit of the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office. She has been aptly described as “a warrior woman working to annihilate gun violence.” Movita is the founder of the Charles Foundation, named in honor and in memory of her son, Charles Andre Johnson, a victim of gun violence.

Saturday and Sunday, December 1-2, Fair Trade Market – Join us for OPC's Fair Trade Market where you can find holiday gifts from around the world, all made by people who receive a fair wage for their labor, will be ready for purchase. Save the dates and the hassle of finding parking at a mall. Come cross off items from your shopping list. *Hours are from 9:00 to 3:00 on Saturday and 9:00 to 12:30 on Sunday.* Hope to see you there.

Sunday, December 2 – 3:00 pm – OPC's 24th Annual Messiah Sing - Don't miss this beloved tradition featuring Paul Fleckenstein, organist, Christopher Gage, conductor and the OPC Soloists, Iris Fairfax, soprano, Molly McDonald, alto, Toffer Mihalka, tenor and Matthew Lulofs, bass. This event is open to the public - There is no charge for admission - but a free will offering to benefit the music ministry at Overbrook is greatly appreciated.

🌀 Looking Ahead: OPC Youth Happenings



Snow What? It's time for "Frosty's *Sleep Under!*"

Young "Overbrookers" are invited to join the fun on November 30, from 6:00-9:00 PM. We'll be celebrating the change of seasons with PJ's, PBJ's (and other goodies), a special film, and games. Feel free to come in your comfy pajamas. This special evening is designed for children age 4 through grade 4. Parent helpers (*with clearances*) will be warmly welcomed. There will be no charge to attend "Frosty's *Sleep Under.*" RSVP: Sharon Parker (sparker614@gmail.com) by November 25.



November 24: Escape Room Adventure! 3:30 PM - 8:00PM

We'll be building our team skills, hunting for clues, and trying like crazy to escape the room! We've reserved two escape rooms, each able to accommodate 10 quick thinking participants. We'll go out for pizza or tacos following the adventure. **The Super discounted rate of \$10.00 per person includes escape room and an informal dinner.** Drivers, with clearances will be needed. *This event is for youth in Grades 6-12.* Friends are welcome. Since tickets are limited, RSVP...asap!

December 2: Philly Phield-trip: Worshipping at Arch Street Presbyterian (... and enjoying lunch at the Christmas Village) 9:30-2:00 PM

We start our trip with a blessing by Pastor Raymond in the Chapel...then walk to the Overbrook Station to catch the 10:06 train to begin our adventure. From Suburban Station, we'll cross the street to Arch Street Presbyterian (founded in 1816) to participate in worship. Following the service, we're heading to the Christmas Village at City Hall for lunch. There is no cost for transportation; each participant will also receive a \$5.00 contribution to off-set the cost of lunch. Students should bring additional money for an offering, and for their lunch. Parent chaperones (with clearances:) are welcome to join in this adventure! **RSVP by November 30...so that OPC can purchase our train tickets in advance.** *This event is for youth in Grades 6-12.* Friends are welcome!

🌀 Mission and Outreach committee sponsors the Fair Trade Market and could use some help with setup, sales, cashiering, and cleanup. If you have some time to offer on Friday, November 30 for setup and/or Saturday, Dec.1 or Sunday, Dec. 2 for sales or clean-up, please contact Janet Bowker at jbowker@friendscentral.org. Many OPC members are expert at all these tasks, but, if you want to learn more, come join the fun!

☞ OPC Photo Directories – Don't forget to stop by the table in the Wister Morris Room where we are distributing the new, photo directories. They are free - one to each family listed in the directory whether or not you had your photo taken. We don't want to unnecessarily spend money on postage to mail it to you. This is the last Sunday we will have a table set up. You may also stop by the church office to pick one up during regular office hours. Please call me at 610-331-8972 if you have any questions. Thank you. Raelyn Harman



Coffee Hour Hosts are needed for the following Sundays in December: 16, 23 and 30. Instructions for this easily accomplished, highly valued ministry are available on the OPC web site and in the church kitchen (on the microwave). For more information please contact Raelyn Harman at 610-331-8972 or Artia Benjamin. Thank you!

☞ Donations and offerings may be made online at www.overbrookpresb.org. Click on the yellow "Donate" button.

Prayer List

- ◆ The Rev. David McMillan, who will be undergoing knee surgery on November 20.
- ◆ Wendy Wall's and her family on the recent death of her cousin.
- ◆ Dornell Guthrie and her family on the recent death of her niece.
- ◆ Terry Carter recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- ◆ Wayne Gage, Chris Gage's father, is recovering from a heart procedure.
- ◆ We congratulate Kristan and Kevin Davis on the birth of their new baby girl.
- ◆ Jessica Canning, a friend of Eileen Wiggins, is recovering from brain surgery.
- ◆ Diane Kaercher, Gail Kaercher's sister-in-law, is hospitalized in Indiana for a ruptured colon.
- ◆ Christopher, Peggy Boatwright's grandson, is home and recovering from his medical issues.
- ◆ John Nathaniel is still recovering from a recent 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 in the Church Office.

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