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# Overbrook Presbyterian Church

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Worship Service  
23rd Sunday after Pentecost  
November 12, 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.*

❖=Stand as you are able.

## GATHERING IN

PRELUDE:

Adagio from Symphony no. 3

Louis Vierne

INTROIT:

Blessed Be His Glorious Name Forever

George Thalben-Ball

❖CALL TO WORSHIP-*Psalm 95:1-2*

LEADER: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

PEOPLE: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our  
salvation!

LEADER: Let us come into his presence with  
thanksgiving;

PEOPLE: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of  
praise!

❖HYMN No. 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

GREETING

*Becky Lazo*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION-UNISON

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love.

We have not loved our neighbors,

and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖ HYMN No. 581    **Glory Be to the Father**    GLORIA PATRI

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 17:10-11  
Page 676/pew Bible

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 78:1-7

Hasidic traditional,  
tr. Willard F. Jabusch

*Unser Herrscher*  
Joachim Neander

O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's Word.

O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest - hood, God has\_come, has come to you.

*Verses (sung by the choir)*

1. Hear my teaching, O my people;  
    incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2. I will open my mouth in a parable;  
    I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
3. That which we have heard and known, and what our forebears have told us,  
    we will not hide from their children.
4. We will recount for generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and  
    the power of the Lord,  
    and the wonderful works he has done.

**Refrain**

5. He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a new law for Israel,  
    which he commanded them to teach their children.
6. That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn;  
    that they in their turn might tell it to their children.
7. So that they might put their trust in God,  
    and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments.

**Refrain**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

*The Rev. Dr. James Foster Reese*

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

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:13-21

Page 70/pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Don’t Spell Moniy With an I”

*The Rev. Dr. James Foster Reese*

*(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.725

**O Jesus, I Have Promised**

NYLAND

❖ 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

*Becky Lazo*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Rev. Dr. James Foster Reese*

THE LORD'S PRAYER-*debt/debtors*

*Glory to God Hymnal, Page 35*

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

OFFERING

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending *Richard Hillert*

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING FORTH

❖ HYMN No. 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross *HAMBURG*

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

Show Us Thy Mercy, O Lord

*Eric Thiman*

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

POSTLUDE:

Excerpt: Offertoire from *Mass for the Parishes*

*François Couperin*



**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 Rev. Dr. James Foster Reese – Guest Pastor

Lay Leader: Becky Lazo, Acolyte: Zubin Fiorillo

The Overbrook Choir

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

Today's bulletin cover is The Parable of the Rich Fool by Rembrandt, 1627

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God  
by Raelyn & Gopal Subramanian in loving 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:**

Larry McGhee and Angie Goodall

Following worship today - please join us for refreshments in the Wistar Morris Room. 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

Sunday, Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Deacons
Monday Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Overbrook Green Team, Chapel
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study on Revelation
Tuesday, Nov. 14 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Session
Wednesday, Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study-Chapel
Sunday, Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum on Gratitude
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	CE Meeting-Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	M&O Meeting
	8:00 p.m.	Men's Group at Schick's for Eagles Game

**🌿Welcome to The Rev. Dr. James Foster Reese** –Today The Rev. Dr. James Foster Reese will be leading us in worship He is a graduate of Knoxville College, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary & the University of Pittsburgh. He has served in ministries in the United States and Kenya. Dr. Reese was the first director of the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s Racial Ethnic Ministry Unit in Louisville. In July 2017, the National Black Presbyterian Caucus honored him with their Drum Major for Justice Award, recognizing him for his commitment to the biblical principles of justice. He gave the charge to the Gillette's when they were installed as the co-pastors of Overbrook Presbyterian Church. The Gillette's are visiting their daughter Catherine in Virginia and will be back tonight.

☛ This Monday Night: The Book of Revelation in 60 Minutes! Have you ever wondered about how to understand the mysterious last book of the Bible? If so, join us on Monday November 13th at 7:00 p.m. for the last session of *The Bible from Scratch* series (you do not need to have attended previous classes). Pastors Bruce and Carolyn are leading these classes.

☛ Wednesday Morning Bible Study– This week's Bible Study (November 15th) will be led by Pastor Carolyn Gillette. She will be teaching on the following Sunday's lectionary reading, Matthew 25:14-30, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

☛ Sunday Adult Forum – November 19<sup>th</sup> – Gratitude as a Spiritual Discipline–What does it mean to have an attitude of thankfulness? Sure the theme of thankfulness appears often in the Bible, but what does that mean? Are Christians to appear happy even if they are not? Not at all. True Christian thankfulness is not the same as having a positive outlook or looking on the bright side of things. Christian thankfulness draws us closer in intimacy with the God who cares about every human need and closer to Jesus who wept over the needs of the people of Jerusalem. Prayers of gratitude are usually expressed side by side with prayers of deep intercession for the needs of the world. God calls us to be thankful *in* all things, not *for* all things. Pastor Bruce Gillette will lead this discussion. Come join us for fellowship and learning on this topic Sunday morning, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am in the chapel.

☛ Overbrook Men are invited to meet at Will & Sue Schick's house 1220 Denbigh Lane, Wayne, PA to watch the Eagles demolish the Cowboys in the nationally broadcast Sunday night football game November 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00, 8:30 kickoff.

☛ Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service: Please plan to join Overbrook Church members and friends for a simple service on Tuesday, November 21, 7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary.





✿Church Wide Advent Study -A church wide Bible study for Advent on *Handel's Messiah* will begin on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am. This study will also be offered at other times during each week of Advent.

✿Overbrook Church Advent Devotional Writers Needed: The worship committee is putting together an Advent devotional booklet for church members and friends to use in December, with meditations written by Overbrook Church members. Each page will be a simple, half-page meditation (scripture text, reflection, and brief prayer). You may reflect on a scripture for the season or an Advent hymn text, or you may share a meaningful personal story based on an Advent theme. Devotional writers may include adults, families, youth and Sunday School classes. Suggestions for biblical texts for Advent and other tips for writing a devotional are available from the pastors. Please contact Pastor Bruce or Pastor Carolyn for more information or to volunteer to write one of these devotional pages. Thank you!

### Prayer List

- ◆ Martia Patino-Treat is being treated for arthritis.
- ◆ Lynn Pompa continues to have health issues.
- ◆ Jane Bevan continues to have health concerns.
- ◆ Gloria Justin is now in the Quadrangle recovering from a car accident.
- ◆ Barbara Rittenhouse is in rehab recovering from the same accident.

*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](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. 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.

OPC Session Members/Committee Members:

Sara Davis, Clerk of Session , *Pastors Bruce & Carolyn Gillette*, Moderators, Jeff Bowker, Co-Chair-Property, Rachel Carnahan, Chair-Worship/Music, Edelene Carroll, Chair-Personnel, Raelyn Harman, Chair-Congregational Life, Ron Homer, Chair-New Members, Anil “Bob” Kothari, Chair-Finance, Deborah Rottinger, Jane Rozmiarek, Kate Shackelford, Treasurer, Aimerie Scherluebbe, Chair-Mission & Outreach, Will Schick, Chair-Stewardship, Jason Sheau, Chair-Christian Education, Sean Whalen, President, Board of Trustees, Eileen Wiggins, and Karen Wong.

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**Dr. Christopher Gage** - Director of Music

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**Leonard Robbins** - Church Custodian

**Every Church Member** – Minister

**The Overbrook Quartet**

**Iris Fairfax**-Soprano, **Lois Randel**-Mezzo-Soprano,

**Toffer Mihalka**-Tenor, **Matthew Lulofs**-Bass