
Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 19, 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

Nun danket alle Gott

J. S. Bach

INTROIT

Open to Me the Gates of Righteousness

Eric Thiman

❖CALL TO WORSHIP-*Psalm 95*

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 God's presence with thanksgiving;

People: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

❖HYMN No. 367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

GREETING

Pastor Bruce Gillette

PRAYER OF CONFESSION-*UNISON*

Merciful God,

you have given us so much-

all that we need, you hand has provided.

You have bless us with skills and talents,

intending that we use them

for the sake of others,

to your glory.

But we have failed to give as we ought,

and have guarded for ourselves

that which you have called us to share with others.

Forgive our selfish ways,

and by your good Spirit

enable us gladly to serve you by serving others;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Judges 4:1-7
Page210 /pew Bible

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ich heb mein Augen auf zu dir (Psalm 123) Heinrich Schütz
The Overbrook Quartet
(*translation*)

1. Ich heb mein Augen auf zu dir,
Herr Gott ins Himmels Throne,
und warte darauf mit Begier,
wann mir dein Hülfe komme,
gleichwie ein Knecht muß sehn allein
dem Herren in die Hände sein,
so deiner Gnad ich lebe.

1. I lift my eyes to you,
Lord God in heaven's throne,
and wait with desire
for your help to come to me,
as a servant must look only
to the hands of the Lord,
so I live for your grace.

2. Gleichwie ein Dienstmagd hält die Weis,
die da liebt ihre Frauen,
drum auf derselben Händ mit Fleiß
ihr Augen stetig schauen:
Also auch unsre Augen sehn
zu dir, Herr, wenn du auf wirst stehn,
uns Gnade zu beweisen.

2. As a maidservant keeps the way
in which she loves her mistress,
eyes constantly attending
to her needs with diligence:
so also our eyes look
to you, God, until you encompass us
to show us grace.

3. Sei uns gnädig du treuer Gott,
wend nicht von uns dein Güte,
sonst werden wir dem Feind zu Spott,
wo du uns nicht behütest;
denn unser Seel ist voller Schmach,
der Hoffärtig uns gar veracht,
die stolze Rott uns höhnet.

3. Be merciful to us, faithful God,
do not turn from us your kindness,
lest we become the scorn of the enemy,
where you do not protect us;
for our soul is full of disgrace,
the arrogant despise us,
the proud hold us in contempt.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Pastor Carolyn Gillette

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

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:14-30

Page 27/pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“You Got Talent”

Pastor Bruce 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.336

We Gather Together

KREMSER

❖ 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.

❖ RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

-Eric Marshall and Ashley Marshall

-Wilda Hayward

-Carolynn Jackson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Pastor Bruce Gillette

MINUTE OF MISSION

Jim Vagnoni

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Edward Bairstow

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

❖ HYMN No. 742

We Will Walk with God SIZOHAMBA NAYE

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

O send out thy light

George Thalben-Ball

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

POSTLUDE

Processional

William Mathias

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. 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: Bob Harden, Jr., Acolyte: Maya Stricker

The Overbrook Choir

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

Today's bulletin cover is by the artist, Annette Gandy Fortt.

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God by Becky, Hannah & Nathan Lazo in loving memory of Dick Leach, our dad and pop.

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, Noble Brigham, Ken Carroll, John Mason, Mary Scott, Jason Sheau, Alan Sigler, Nickie Stokes, and Adepeju Adebajo

Deacons Delivering Flowers:

Elienne Paul and Mike Rottinger

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. 19 th	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	CE Meeting-Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	M&O Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	High School Youth Group
	8:00 p.m.	Men's Group at Schick's for Eagles Game
Tuesday, Nov. 21 st	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
Wednesday, Nov. 22 nd	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study-
Sunday, Nov. 26 th	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour



Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service-This Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.: Please plan to join Overbrook Church members and friends for a simple service in our sanctuary.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study- This week's Bible Study (November 22nd) will be led by Pastor Bruce Gillette. He will be teaching on the following Sunday's lectionary reading, Matthew 25:31-46, November 26th.

☞ High School Youth Group-Tonight: Bring your own bag supper. Extra food will be available for those who forget or don't have time to pack something. Topic: Ten Ways to Pray. We'll continue the Youth Room mural, and enjoy supper, discussion and activities.

☞ Tonight The Overbrook Men's Group 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 at 8:00, 8:30 kickoff.



☞ Advent Study of Handel's Messiah: Join Overbrook Church members and friends for a four week Advent celebration of *The Messiah*. The choir will sing selections from *The Messiah*, the pastors will preach on the related biblical texts, and there will be Bible studies on the same texts as well. *The Bible study will be offered at three different times, beginning on Sunday, November 26, at 9:15 a.m.; Monday, November 27, at 7:00 p.m.; and Wednesday, November 29, at 1:00 p.m.* Each class will continue for a total of four weeks; you are welcome to come to all the sessions or any of them individually. Join us!



☞ OPC's Annual Fair Trade Market-December 2nd and 3rd -Get that holiday shopping out of the way by purchasing fair trade goods from around the globe. Mission and Outreach committee is looking for helpers to set up on Friday, December 1st, sales clerks on Saturday, December 2nd and Sunday, December 3rd and a cleanup crew after the sales ends on Sunday. Please contact Janet Bowker, Deb Rottinger or Jane Rozmiarek if you can help.



MESSIAH SING-ALONG

☞ Sunday December 3rd at 3:00pm -Mark your calendars for this year's Messiah Sing! We will be continuing this beloved tradition featuring the Overbrook Quartet and organist Paul Fleckenstein. Feel free to bring your own score, or you may purchase one at the concert. A free-will offering will be collected to benefit the music ministry of Overbrook Presbyterian Church.



☞ HOLIDAY GIVING – 2017 - ADOPT A FAMILY - Each year at this time, the OPC congregation helps poor families experience the wonder of Christmas by adopting several families for gift giving. Beginning today, we participate in an “Adopt-A-Family” program through which we purchase gifts to fulfill the wish lists of children and parents that otherwise could not afford them. This is a nice opportunity to engage your children in giving to less fortunate people. As in previous years, about 15 individuals, mostly children, are identified by a local agency, and OPC members can select one or more people to fulfill their Christmas wish. You may purchase gifts or provide funds to buy one or more gifts on your person’s wish list. A table and member of the Mission and Outreach Committee will be in the Wistar-Morris room after the service where you can review the lists and decide whom to choose.

All gifts must be brought to the church *on or before Sunday December 17th*. Thank you for participating again this year. Speak to Emily or Jim Vagnoni for more information.

❧ 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

- ◆ Jeff Bowker on the recent death of his brother-in-law
- ◆ Sabrina Johnson as she starts a new job endeavor
- ◆ Martia Patino-Treat as she continues to be 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.

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.

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.

OPC Deacons:

Mike Rottinger, *Moderator-Board of Deacons*

Artia Benjamin, Brad Biedermann, Suchita Fiorillo, Angie Goodall, Terri Hunter, Sabrina Johnson, Larry McGhee, Stephanie Morris, Elienne Paul, Mike Rottinger, Davorka Sabljak, Nickie Stokes, Nicole Stokes-Robinson, Carol Tulba, and Ellen Valudes.

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Every Church Member - *Minister*

The Overbrook Quartet

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

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