
Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
Christ the King
November 25, 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. Megan LeCluyse
Lay Leader: Becky Lazo; Acolyte: Emma Biedermann
Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music
Matthew Lulofs, baritone
The Overbrook Choir

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God
by Sharon Parker in gratitude for her family.

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:
Robert Harden, Jr, Davorka Sabljak, Aimerie Scherluebbe,
Will Schick, Trudy Sheau and Kevin Davis

Opener/Closer:
Jason Sheau

Deacons Delivering Flowers:
Jill Van Rawley and Nicole Stokes

Following worship today, please join us for refreshments in the Wistar Morris Room. Today is Volunteer Appreciation Sunday! Coffee Hour is offered in honor of all who support the ministries of OPC. 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

CWG

Improvisation: "Lead On, O King Eternal"

INTROIT

G. T. Thalben-Ball

Blessed be his glorious name forever

(1896-1987)

❖CALL TO WORSHIP (*based on Rev 1:4, 8*)

One: Grace and peace from the Lord God,

Many: **who was and is and is to come.**

One: Grace and peace in Jesus Christ,

Many: **the Alpha and the Omega. Let us worship God.**

❖HYMN No. 260

HYFRYDOL

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

GREETING

Becky Lazo

PRAYER OF CONFESSION- (*UNISON*)

Sovereign God, we confess we have given idols power over us, the idols of power and wealth, fame and security. We confess we have fallen into the ways of this world and have forgotten our kindred in Christ.

We have lost sight of the reign of God here on earth, and instead have allowed the idols of the world to rule over us.

Forgive us. Call us into Your reign, to declare You the One who has power over us because Your power is love. Call us to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to work for justice, show mercy, and love one another in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖GLORIA PATRI

HYMN No. 581

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

Psalm 98

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ANTHEM

“Day and night are thine”
from *Gott ist mein König* (“God Is My King”)
Matthew Lulofs, baritone

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Day and night are Thine.
Thou makest the sun and moon and the stars
to move in their appointed course.
Of all the earth Thou hast set the borders.

(English text by an anonymous author)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

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

GOSPEL LESSON
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

John 18:33-37

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SERMON

The Rev. Megan LeCluyse
“The Kids of the Kingdom”
(*Following the Sermon, students in Grades 3-12 will depart for Sunday School.*)

❖ HYMN No. 264

KING’S WESTON

At the Name of Jesus

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- (*from the PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal...

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Becky Lazo

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER-*Debts/Debtors*

Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*

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

OFFERING

Christ is the King
The Overbrook Choir

Donald Busarow
(1934-2011)

❖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. 269

LANCASHIRE

Lead On, O King Eternal!

SENDING FORTH

❖BENEDICTION

❖CHORAL RESPONSE

Seek ye first God's Kingdom

G. T. Thalben-Ball
(1896-1987)

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

POSTLUDE

Finale on "Hyfrydol"

Henry Coleman
(1888-1965)



Today we welcome the Rev. Megan LeCluyse. Rev. Megan LeCluyse is the Campus Minister and Director of the Christian Association at Penn, as well as the Celebration Team Leader at First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. When she's not working, you'll find her running, knitting while watching tv, or exploring Philadelphia. It is a joy for her to be back worshipping with the wonderful congregation at OPC!

The cover artwork is "Christ the King of Kings," a seventeenth-century painting from Greece. In it, Christ is shown holding the New Testament in his left hand and making the gesture of blessing with his right hand. This particular depiction, known as Christ Pantocrator ("Christ the Ruler of All"), is unique to the Eastern Orthodox Church and portrays Christ as judge and ruler of humanity.

This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 25	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Mission & Outreach-Chapel
	4:00 p.m.	Advent Wreath Workshop & Dinner
Monday, November 26	5:15 p.m.	Junior Choir-Choir Room
Tuesday, November 27	7:00 p.m.	OPC Talks/Chapel
Wednesday, November 28	10:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
Friday, November 30	6:00 p.m.	Frosty's Sleep Under
Saturday, December 1	8:00 a.m.	Men's Group
	9:00 a.m.	Fair Trade Market
Sunday, December 2	9:00 a.m.	Fair Trade Market
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum
	9:30 a.m.	OPC Youth Trip
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	3:00 p.m.	Messiah Sing

☞ Looking Ahead: Adult Christian Education

Wed. Nov. 28, 2018, 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study – “Jonah” 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

Today, November 25:

Advent Wreath Workshop and Dinner, 4:00-6:00 p.m. A reminder to all who signed up for today's Advent Wreath workshop and dinner! We look forward to seeing you at 4:00 PM for what we hope will be the start of new OPC tradition. There are still a few wreath frames

available. If you did not sign-up to make a wreath, but would like to participate, please see Sharon Parker at Coffee Hour.

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, December 1 – 8:00 am – OPC Men's Group - Come join the OPC Men's Group for continental breakfast and discussion. All men are welcome.

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

-Join us next Sunday to hear the word from Jeremiah 33:14-16 and Luke 21:25-26. Sermon title is "Happy New Year". We will also be celebrating communion and all are welcome to join us at the Lord's table.

-Advent Devotional Booklets: Next Sunday, all OPC households will receive a copy of *God Lifts the Lowly*, the PC-USA Advent devotional. This season's devotional focuses on the gifts that God has bestowed on each of his children. The beautiful illustrations and poems were created by Andrew Weatherly, a faithful Presbyterian with Down syndrome. The co-authors are both pastors with special needs family members. *God Lifts the Lowly* is provided as a ministry of the Worship and Music Committee. May this devotional be an Advent blessing to each of you.

-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 Happenings (cont'd)

December 16- immediately following worship- Special Congregational Meeting. The purpose of this meeting will be to receive the report of the Nominating Committee posting their slate of nominees for Elder, Deacon and the At-Large Members of the 2019 Nominating Committee. Since, this meeting is a Special Congregational Meeting, no other business may be conducted except the business at hand.

☞ 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.

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!



Coffee Hour Hosts are needed for the following Sundays in December: 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

- ◆ Dick Williamson is undergoing medical testing.
- ◆ Luis Wong is now in the Salvation Army Rehab center in Roxborough.
- ◆ The Rev. David McMillan recovering from knee surgery.
- ◆ 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 hip replacement surgery went well and she will be moved to rehab.
- ◆ Wayne Gage, Chris Gage's father, is recovering from a heart procedure.
- ◆ Jessica Canning, a friend of Eileen Wiggins, is in hospice following 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.

Sermon Notes

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The Overbrook Quartet:

Iris Fairfax, *soprano*; Molly McDonald, *alto*;

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