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# Overbrook Presbyterian Church

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Worship Service  
Christ the King  
November 26, 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

All Creatures of our God and King      arr. Douglas Wagner  
The Westminster Handbell Choir

### INTROIT

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts      George Thalben-Ball

### ❖CALL TO WORSHIP-*Psalm 100*

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

People: **Enter his gates;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

### ❖HYMN No. 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name      CORONATION

### GREETING

*Pastor Carolyn Gillette*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION-UNISON

God, forgive us. Our communion is not always visible to the world. Sometimes we allow threats to unity to enter the church, making it hard to see that we are your community. We act as though we do not need each other. We do not always love one another. We do not know and bear one another's burdens. We fail to build each other up. We do not always give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another. Forgive us, and strengthen us so that we may live in the unity that you grant us.

### SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

## HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16  
Page 756 /pew Bible

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

All Things Bright and Beautiful      Richard Shepard  
The Overbrook Youth Choir

TIME WITH CHILDREN

*Pastor Bruce Gillette*

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

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:31-46  
Page 27/pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“What Matters”      Pastor Carolyn 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.

## Whatever You Do

ST. DENIO

“Whatever you do to the least ones of these,  
I tell you in truth that you do unto me!”  
Lord Jesus, you taught us! May we learn anew  
That when we serve others, we also serve you.

When poor, waiting children pray hunger will end,  
When those long-forgotten cry out for a friend,  
When thirsty ones whisper, “O Lord, where are you?”--  
We hear, in their longing, that you’re calling, too.

In prisons and jails, Lord, we find a surprise;  
We see you in people whom others despise.  
At hospital bedsides we offer a prayer  
And find, when we visit the sick, you are there.

When we reach to others in flood-stricken lands  
And offer our hearts there, and offer our hands—  
We notice, Lord Jesus, the gift of your grace:  
We see, in the crowds of the suffering, your face.

“Lord, when did we see you?” Your teaching is clear  
That when we serve others, we’re serving you here.  
And when your church heeds you and helps those in pain,  
Then out of the chaos, hope rises again.

❖AFFIRMATION OF FAITH-*A New Creed of the United Church of Canada*

**We are not alone,  
we live in God’s world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

*Pastor Bruce Gillette*

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

O be Joyful in the Lord

John Rutter

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING FORTH

❖ HYMN No. 643

Now We Thank All Our God Nun Danket Alle Gott

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

The Heaven, Even the Heavens, Are the Lord's Eric Thiman

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

POSTLUDE

Nun danket alle Gott: Marche triomphale Sigfrid Karg-Elert



**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: Elizabeth Cosgriff., Acolyte: TBD

The Overbrook Youth Choir

The Westminster Handbell Choir

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

Today's bulletin cover is by Dan Biedermann.

**The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God**

by Margaret Young in memory of John Young

**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, Kevin Trindade and Kevin Davis


## Deacons Delivering Flowers:

Brad Biedermann and Nicole Stokes Robinson

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. 26 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
Monday, Nov. 27 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study
Wednesday, Nov. 29 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study
Thursday, Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 p.m.	Peace Group Meeting
Friday, Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>	4:00 p.m.	Fair Trade Set Up
Saturday, Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Fair Trade Market
Sunday, Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Fair Trade Market
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour

 Overbrook Church Advent Devotional Writers-This Wednesday, 11/29 is the last day to submit an advent devotional. Devotionals can be submitted via email to [pastors@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:pastors@overbrookpresb.org) or to [office@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:office@overbrookpresb.org). Thank you!

🌀 Wednesday Bible Study– Please note that during Advent the Wednesday Bible Study will be moved to 1:00 pm. The study will be on an Advent Study of Handel's Messiah.



🌀 Advent Bible 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. In each class in addition to the Bible study, we will listen to the related section of a traditional recording of The Messiah along with a contemporary version done by Quincy Jones called Handel's Messiah: Soulful Celebration. 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.* (note new time for the Wednesday Bible study so Dr. Christopher Gage can join us for this study and offer some musical insights). 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!



Presbyterian  
Peace  
Fellowship

🌀 This Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>  
Peace Group Meeting At Overbrook

The Presbyterian Peace Fellowship (PPF) is On the Road for Peace this week and making a stop in Philadelphia this Thursday, November 30, 1:00 p.m. at Overbrook Church. PPF Executive Director Rev. Emily Brewer will be sharing about PPF's work accompanying Presbyterian communities and pastors in Colombia, South America, and how this model of ministry has influenced PPF's other work in gun violence prevention, peace in Palestine and Israel, and creation justice. Come share how your community has been practicing peacemaking and together we'll find ways for PPF and local Philadelphia congregations and individuals to connect further to promote peace with justice in our church and world. The Rev. Emily Brewer has been the director of PPF for 2 years. Before that, she attended Union Theological Seminary in New York City and served as a PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer in Guatemala and Nashville, TN. Pastors Gillette have been supportive of PPF for many years. Learn more about PPF from Bruce & Carolyn and online at [www.presbypeacefellowship.org](http://www.presbypeacefellowship.org)





**OPC's Annual Fair Trade Market-Next Saturday and Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>**

-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 1<sup>st</sup>, sales clerks on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

**Next Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Special Congregational Meeting**



**Special Congregational Meeting December 10<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship.**

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 2018 Nominating Committee. Since, this meeting is a Special Congregational Meeting, no other business may be conducted except the business at hand.



**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.

### Prayer List

- ◆ Elizabeth Bouzarth recovering from eye surgery.
- ◆ Lynn Pompa continues to have health issues.
- ◆ Jane Bevan continues to have health concerns.
- ◆ Gloria Justin still recovering from a car accident. She is currently in the Quadrangle.

*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.



## ADVENT and CHRISTMAS AT OVERBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- ◆ An Advent Bible study of Handel's Messiah 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.*
  
- ◆ December 3 – The Annual Messiah Sing (3:00 pm)
  
- ◆ December 16 – Hanging of the Greens (3:00 PM)
  - 3:00 PM – *Family Crafts*
  - 5:00 PM – *Dinner*
  - 6:00 PM – *Caroling*
  
- ◆ December 21 – The Service of the Longest Night (7:30 PM)
  
- ◆ December 24 – Sunday Morning Worship (10:30)  
Christmas Eve Worship (4:00 PM & 9:00 PM)
  - 4:00 PM – *Early Family Service with Pageant*
  - 5:00 PM – *Dinner*
  - 6:00 PM – *Gingerbread House Decorating Party*
  - 9:00 PM – *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

All are welcomed to participate in the events. Any families interested in the Gingerbread House Decorating, please email Lisa at [manager@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:manager@overbrookpresb.org) to reserve a house.

### 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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The Revs. Bruce and Carolyn Gillette - *Co-Pastors*

The Rev. David McMillan - *Pastor Emeritus*

Dr. Christopher Gage - *Director of Music*

Lisa Faso - *Office Manager*

Carol Rozmiarek - *Financial Secretary*

Leonard Robbins - *Church Custodian*

Every Church Member - *Minister*

### The Overbrook Quartet

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

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