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# Overbrook Presbyterian Church

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Worship Service  
Communion Sunday  
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
November 4, 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: Dick Williamson; Acolyte:  
Frank Dodd, guest organist  
Iris Fairfax, soprano  
The Overbrook Choir

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God  
by Gopal and Raelyn 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:

Dick Williamson, Susy Brandt, Laurie Geers, Bob Kaercher, Jonathon Kopcsik, Richard Owens, Peter Seidel and Judy Williamson

### Communion Servers:

Raelyn Harman, Elizabeth Mendoza, Stephanie Morris, Mike Rottinger, Davorka Sabljak, Trudy Sheau, Jill VanRawley and Eileen Wiggins

### Opener/Closer:

Mike Rottinger

### Deacons Delivering Flowers:

Alan Sigler and Angie Goodall

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

Variations on *Thaxted*

Tom Trenney  
(b. 1977)

INTROIT

George Thalben-Ball  
Thou, O Lord, hast made us for thyself (1896-1987)

❖CALL TO WORSHIP-*from Psalm 119*

One: Happy are those whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the Lord.

Many: Happy are those who keep God's instructions,  
who seek the Lord with their whole heart,

One: You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.

Many: O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your  
instructions!

All: I will praise you with an upright heart,  
when I learn your righteous instructions.

❖HYMN No. 730

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

GRAND ISLE

GREETING

*Dick Williamson*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION- (UNISON)

Eternal God,

In every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith.

We confess that we are indifferent to your will.

You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent.

You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle.

You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Give us courage to follow in your way,

That joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith,

hope and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖ GLORIA PATRI

HYMN No. 581

## HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT                      Deuteronomy 6:1-9                      Page 157/pew Bible  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

SOLO

Samuel de Lange

“How beautiful are thy dwellings” from Moses                      (1840-1911)  
*Iris Fairfax, soprano*

TIME WITH CHILDREN

*The Rev. Raymond Bonwell*

*(All Children are welcome to remain in worship for Communion, should parents so wish; children in Pre-K through Grade 2 may gather in the nursery following Time with Children.)*

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 12:28-34

Page 46/pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*The Rev. Raymond Bonwell*

“Following Instructions”

❖ HYMN No. 688

MORECAMBE

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- (*Westminster Confession of Faith*, 6.088)

These good works, done in obedience to God’s commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith: and by them believers manifest their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance, edify their brethren, adorn the profession of the gospel, stop the mouths of the adversaries, and glorify God, whose workmanship they are, created in Christ Jesus thereunto, that, having their fruit unto holiness, they may have the end, eternal life.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

*Dick Williamson*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Marlin Newsome*

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

arr. Donald Busarow

Give Thanks for Saints

(1934-2011)

*The Overbrook Choir*

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

...we sing the ageless hymn of glory:

SANCTUS (sung by all)

HYMN No. 552

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ....

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*Communion will be received in the pews today. There will be gluten-free bread in the center of the tray. The Deacons and Elders will bring the trays to your pew and pass it to you, first the bread and then the cup. Take the bread when it comes to you, pass the plate on, and hold your bread until all are served so that all may partake together. When the trays of glasses come to you, take a glass, pass on the tray, and hold the glass until all are served. Then all will drink together.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God,  
we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world  
in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

❖HYMN No. 326

SINE NOMINE

For All the Saints

## SENDING FORTH

❖BENEDICTION

❖CHORAL RESPONSE

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing

Ann Ker  
(b. 1937)

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

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Craig Phillips  
(b. 1961)

## This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 4	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Mission & Outreach-Chapel
Monday, November 5	5:15 p.m.	Junior Choir-Choir Room
	7:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee
Tuesday, November 6	1:00 p.m.	Worship & Music Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
Wednesday, November 7	10:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.	Property Committee
Thursday, November 8	7:30 p.m.	Overbrook Choir
Friday, November 9	7:00 p.m.	Women's Dining Circle- Liz Shah's home
Saturday, November 10	9:30 a.m.	Prayer Breakfast
Sunday, November 11	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Deacons Meeting-Chapel
	12:00 pm.	Personnel Committee- Williamson Room

☞ The cover artwork is “Thou Shalt Love the Lord Thy God” by Sister Maurice Schnell (1830-1902). A teacher of art and science for fifty years, she painted several mottoes, like this one, for the convent walls of the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary-of-the-Woods in Indiana.

### ☞ Looking Ahead –Adult Christian Education

- Wed. Nov. 7, 2018, 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study – “Navigating the Prophets.” All of the prophets are speaking before, during, or after the Babylonian exile. It is never too late to join us to discuss what’s at stake in this overview of the Old Testament.

- Sunday Morning Adult Forum at 9:15 a.m. - with The Rev. Raymond Bonwell in the chapel. Next Sunday, November 11 join us for a discussion on “The Service of Worship and the Liturgical Year.” Come learn more how worship services are intentionally structured, and how this might impact your thoughts on funeral services (the topic for November 18!). All are welcome.

## ☞ Looking Ahead:

-Friday, November 9-The Women's Dining Circle will meet at Liz Shah's house to benefit ElderNet. If you would like to be added to the Evite and be able to get all the details for this event, please send Carol Rozmiarek your email address at [carol@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:carol@overbrookpresb.org).

-Saturday, November 10 -Harvest Prayer Breakfast: 9:30-11:00 AM. Let's celebrate the harvest season with fellowship, fine food, and prayers of thanksgiving! The OPC Harvest Prayer Breakfast will be a tribute to the blessings of farm and orchard. Come and enjoy a breakfast buffet featuring homemade pumpkin and zucchini breads, apple crisp, hot apple cider, an array of breakfast casseroles, sausage gravy and biscuits, and fresh fruit. Following breakfast, we'll have a time of shared prayer...for our country, our congregation, our families, and our friends. All ages are welcome...friends and neighbors are invited. Prayer Breakfasts are a ministry of the Congregational Life Committee; there is no charge to attend. A free will offering basket will be available for those wishing to make a contribution. The offering will help provide meals for those in need. Please sign up to attend (and to assist) at the Prayer Breakfast display in the Wistar Morris Room...or by contacting Sharon Parker ([sparker614@gmail.com](mailto:sparker614@gmail.com)).

### - Sunday, November 11

Worship service readings will be Hebrews 9:24-28 and Mark 12:38-44.

The sermon title will be "100"

-Friday, November 16-The RPM (Retired Person's Ministry) Cafe is Open! 11:30-1:00 PM. The RPM Cafe is open for business, and our business is fellowship and fun! Please join OPC members and friends of a "certain" age for light-hearted conversation and lunch. Bring your own sandwich or salad...the Cafe will provide choice of homemade soup (chicken corn noodle or ham and bean), beverages, and desserts. Following lunch, we'll explore and discuss the topic of the day: *The awesome impact of gratitude!* The RPM Cafe is a ministry of the Congregational Life and Christian Education committees...there is no charge to participate. RSVP: Sharon Parker ([sparker614@gmail.com](mailto:sparker614@gmail.com))



- Sunday, November 25-Advent Wreath Workshop and Dinner

All are invited to an Advent Wreath-making workshop and dinner from 4:00-6:00 PM 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. Please sign up in the Wistar Morris Room following worship, or respond to Sharon Parker (sparker614@gmail.com). All ages welcome.

- Tuesday, November 27, OPC Talks...and Walks -7:00-8:30 PM in the Chapel; Topic: *Annihilation of Gun Violence* Join us 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.



Coffee Hour Hosts are needed for the following Sundays:  
November 25, and December 2, 9, 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!

☞ OPC Youth will be packing and providing Thanksgiving meals for five deserving families. We invite members of the congregation, who know of such a family, to reserve one of the meal packages. On Sunday, November 18, the packages will be available for delivery. To assure respectful anonymity, we are requesting that the adult members of OPC who reserved the meal packages, make the deliveries. The packages will come filled with all of the components for a Thanksgiving dinner for 4-6 people, as well as with prayers for joy, peace and good health. Please contact Sharon Parker to place a reservation.

☞ Donations and offerings may be made online at: [www.overbrookpresb.org](http://www.overbrookpresb.org). Click on the yellow "Donate" button.

### Prayer List

- ◆ Lynn Pompa had another cardiac catheterization this past Friday and he is also still recovering from back surgery.
- ◆ We offer prayers of thanksgiving for Luis Wong, who is doing much better at his care facility. Luis is eating well and currently working at the facility.
- ◆ Jessica Canning, a friend of Eileen Wiggins, is recovering from brain surgery.
- ◆ Karen Taussig-Lux's father, Bill Lux, died. Bill lived in upstate New York, and his health had been declining for several years. The services will be after Thanksgiving.
- ◆ Cheryl Davis's youngest son, Elias Hotek, has viral pneumonia.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Wayne Gage, Chris Gage's father, is undergoing testing for a heart condition.
- ◆ 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](mailto:mike.rottinger@comcast.net)).*

*You can also leave a message in the Church Office.*

## Sermon Notes

Heidelberg Catechism (4.055)

Q. 55. What do you understand by “the communion of saints”?

A. First, that believers one and all, as partakers of the Lord Christ, and all his treasures and gifts, shall share in one fellowship. Second, that each one ought to know that he is obliged to use his gifts freely and with joy for the benefit and welfare of other members.

Second Helvetic Confession (5.125)

WHAT IS THE CHURCH? The Church is an assembly of the faithful called or gathered out of the world; a communion, I say, of all saints, namely, of those who truly know and rightly worship and serve the true God in Christ the Savior, by the Word and Holy Spirit, and who by faith are partakers of all benefits which are freely offered through Christ.

OPC SESSION MEMBERS:

Sara Davis, Clerk of Session;  
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Eileen Wiggins and Karen Wong.

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The Rev. Raymond Bonwell - Bridge Pastor

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The Overbrook Quartet:

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

Toffer Mihalka, *tenor*; Matthew Lulofs, *bass*

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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.***

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