

Overbrook  
Presbyterian Church



22nd Sunday After Pentecost  
Sunday, October 16, 2016  
10:30 a.m.

*Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare for worship.*

## GATHERING

PRELUDE: Prelude and Fugue in G minor  
If You Only Will Let God Guide You  
(NEUMARK) Healey Willan  
Craig Phillips

INTROIT George Thalben-Ball  
Ye Know the Grace of Our Lord, Jesus Christ

### ❖CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
MANY: that though he was rich, yet for our sake he became poor,  
so that by his poverty we might become rich.  
ALL: Let us worship our God.

❖HYMN No. 310 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord ST. THOMAS

### GREETING

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, early in the morning we cry to you. Help us to pray and to concentrate our thoughts on you: we cannot do this alone. In us there is darkness, but with you there is light; we are lonely, but you do not leave us; we are feeble in heart, but with you there is help; we are restless, but with you there is peace. In us there is bitterness, but with you there is patience; we do not understand your ways, but you know the way we should go. Restore us to liberty, and enable us so to live now that we may give thanks to you no matter what this day may bring.

### SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE (*See Insert*) Malcom Archer

### PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Fintan O'Carroll  
Hymn No. 387, Alleluia!



# WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Joshua 24

Page 205, Bible

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

I Will Lift up Mine Eyes  
*The Overbrook Choir*

John Ferguson

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh even from the Lord who hath made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and he that keepeth thee will not sleep. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand; So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth for ever and forever more. Amen.*

TIME WITH CHILDREN

*Rev. Lappen*

*(Following the Time with Children, children in pre-K through grade 2 will depart for Sunday School).*

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 25:1-13

Page 26, Bible

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Choosing the Right God ”

*Rev. Lappen*

❖HYMN No. 716 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending BEACH SPRING  
*(Students in Grades 3-12 will depart for Sunday School at the beginning of the Hymn)*

❖AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - *From The Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.



# RESPONSE

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

*debtors/debtors*

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

OFFERTORY

The Lord Is My Light

*Toffer Mihalka, Tenor*

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING

❖ HYMN No. 700 **I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me** I'M GONNA LIVE

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

TwoFold Amen

Anonymous

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

POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter



# 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. James Lappen.

Lay Leader: Kate Shackelford, Acolyte: Sarah Stephens

Toffer Mihalka, Tenor

Minister of Music: Dennis Elwell



## The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God...

by Vimala and Bali Johnson in memory of caring 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:

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

## Deacons Delivering Flowers:

Nicole Stokes-Robinson and Carol Tulba

Please be sure to silence all cell phones before the service.

❖ Stand as you are able.

Following worship today - please join us for Coffee Hour in the Wistar Morris Room. We thank Davorka Sabljak for hosting today. 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.

Kyrie Malcolm Archer

Lord, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer-cy,  
 Lord, have mer-cy, Christ, have mer-cy, Christ, have  
 mer-cy, Christ, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer-cy,  
 Lord, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer-cy,  
 Lord, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer-cy,

## This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 16	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	CE Meeting
Sunday, October 23	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Mission and Outreach

☞ **OPC Forum** - Adult Sessions where many topics and issues are shared and discussed .

Buck Scott: facilitator, delving into his take on his own question,

### Is Globalization Inevitable?

We have already begun this discussion in the previous session and the conversation/dialogue is, and has been, a wonderful opportunity for all present to further their own understanding of the above question posed.

We meet in the McMillan Chapel from 9:15am to 10:15am on Sunday Mornings.

Coffee is on—come join the comradeship of friends and members of OPC.

☞ **Bible Study** - Will meet on Wednesday, October 12th at 10:30 in the Chapel.

☞ **Share Sundaes Sunday** - Yes, we know, after last night's fantastic Taste of Overbrook we have all sworn to get back on our diet. But maybe not just yet, mark your calendars for Sunday November 13th for "Share a Sundaes Sunday". It's another chance to indulge a little, share our church with friends old and new, and with the stranger in our midst. It's free!! More details to follow.

☞ **Newsletter Articles** - Just a friendly reminder any one that would like to submit an article for the November newsletter, the articles are due no later than October 20th. Articles can be submitted via email to [office@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:office@overbrookpresb.org) .



## The Overbrook Quartet

Iris Fairfax  
*Soprano*

Lois Randel  
*Mezzo-Soprano*

Toffer Mihalka  
*Tenor*

Matthew Lulofs  
*Bass*

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**The Rev. David McMillan** - *Pastor Emeritus*

**Dennis Elwell** - *Minister of Music*

**Margene Biedermann** - *Jr. Choir Director*

**Earlene Ford** - *Financial Secretary*

**Lisa Faso** - *Office Manager*

**Leonard Robbins** - *Building Manager*