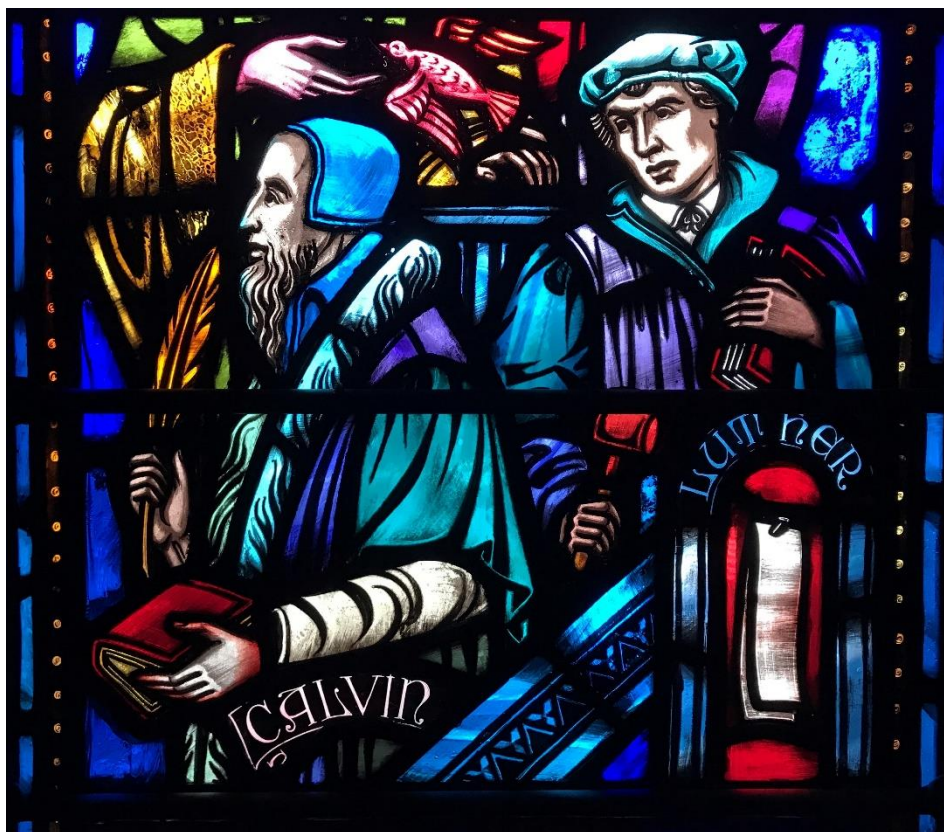


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# Overbrook Presbyterian Church

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Reformation Sunday-500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Heritage Sunday  
Sunday, October 29, 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:

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott    Johann Gottfried Walther

INTROIT:

O Praise God in His Holiness    George Thalben-Ball

### ❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Pearl Stricker

LEADER:    Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the  
wicked, or take the path that sinners tread,  
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

PEOPLE:    **but their delight I sin the law of the LORD,  
and on his law they meditate day and night.**

LEADER:    They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.

PEOPLE:    **In all that they do,  
they prosper.**

### ❖HYMN No. 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art    TOULON

GREETING

*Pastor Bruce Gillette*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION-UNISON

Pearl Stricker

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                          Amanda Duckworth

OLD TESTAMENT READING                          Amanda Duckworth  
                                                                          Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17  
                                                                          Page 517 /pew Bible

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

PSALM:    Thou, Lord, Our Refuge (Psalm 90)    Felix Mendelssohn  
                                                                          *The Overbrook Choir*

TIME WITH CHILDREN                                  *Pastor Carolyn Gillette*  
                                                                          *(Following Time With Children, students in Pre-K through Grade 2*  
                                                                          *will depart for Sunday School.)*

RECOGNITION OF MEMBERSHIP    *Pastors Bruce/Carolyn Gillette*

GOSPEL READING                                          Matthew 22:34-46  
                                                                          Page 24/pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

SERMON                                                          “Love”                          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.693

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- *from the Belhar Confession, Article 3*

Siarra Cummings

We believe  
that God has entrusted the church  
with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ,  
that the church is called to be  
the salt of the earth and the light of the world,  
that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker,  
that the church is witness both by word and by deed  
to the new heaven and the new earth  
in which righteousness dwells,  
that God's life giving Word and Spirit  
has conquered the powers of sin and death,  
and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred,  
bitterness and enmity,  
that God's life giving Word and Spirit  
will enable the church to live in a new obedience  
which can open new possibilities of life  
for society and the world. Amen.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

*Pastor Bruce Gillette*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Becky Lazo*

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 Church's One Foundation  
*The Westminster Handbell Choir*

Lucy Duckworth  
arr. Paul Koch

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING FORTH

❖ HYMN No. 275

A Mighty Fortress is Our God    EIN' FESTE BURG

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

Blessed are They That Dwell in Thy House    Eric Thiman

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

POSTLUDE:

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott    Johann Pachelbel



**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: Siarra Cummings, Amanda Duckworth, Lucy Duckworth, and Pearl Stricker Acolyte: Nora Whalen  
The Overbrook Choir  
The Westminster Handbell Choir  
Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

Today's bulletin cover is a photograph of one of OPC's stained-glass windows in the sanctuary.

**The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God** by Sue and Bob DeCray and David and Connie Beattie in loving memory of John and Eleanor Beattie.

**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:**

Nicole Stokes Robinson and Artia Benjamin

Following worship today - please join us for refreshments in the Wistar Morris Room. We would like to The Stricker Family for today's refreshments. 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, Oct. 29 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Mission/Outreach-Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	New Members Committee- Williamson Room
	4:00 p.m.	Hymn Festival
Monday Oct 30 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Adult Bible Study
Wed., Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup>	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study-Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Property Committee
Thursday, Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Active Parenting Class
Saturday, Nov. 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 a.m.	Men's Group
Sunday. Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	5:30 p.m.	Youth Group-Middle School

☞ Today is Heritage Sunday-Today we are celebrating OPC's 128<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our congregation's founding. During the worship service we will honor members who have been with us for 25 or more years. Don't forget to stop by the Wistar Morris Room for coffee hour and to view historical items on display about OPC and its history. Congratulations to the following members on 25 years or more of membership:

*Leigh Partridge – 25 years*

*Ron Homer – 30 years*

*Susan Bevan Baggott-40 years*

*Jeff Swartz – 40 years*

*Deborah Rottinger – 45 years*

*David Savage – 60 years*

*Asta Gundrum – 60 years*

*Evelyn Gorman – 60 years*

*Suzanne DeCray-65 years*

*Laura Toy-65 years*

*Ellen Burr-75 years*

☞ OPC Meals at Eastern Life Center- Overbrook Presbyterian will be serving a meal at the Eastern Life Center on **Halloween**, Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. See Nancy Gilhool if you are interested in serving.

☞ Wednesday Morning Bible Study- This week's Bible Study (November 1st) will be led by Pastor Carolyn Gillette. She will be teaching on the following Sunday's lectionary reading, Matthew 5:1-11 November 5<sup>th</sup>.

☞ All Saints Sunday & Stewardship Dedication Sunday is next Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup>.



Don't Forget to turn your clocks back one hour next Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Gain that extra hour of sleep and arrive early to service on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.





### ☞ Please Share Your Table Graces and Mealtime

Blessings: Do you have a special table grace or meal blessing that you often use or that is part of your family tradition? We are collecting these mealtime prayers and will include a page of them in the November newsletter. As we look forward to

Thanksgiving, you are invited to share your words of mealtime thankfulness with your church family. Please send these short, written prayers to Lisa at [office@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:office@overbrookpresb.org). Thank you!

### ☞ 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. Devotionals 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!

### ☞ Calling All Artists of all Ages

-We welcome member's artwork for the front cover of the Sunday Worship Bulletin. If you or a child is interested in drawing or sketching a picture please contact Pastor Bruce or Carolyn.



### ☞ Theater Concession Volunteers

-We are gearing up for another concession run for NCT's season's first production, the Mystery of Edwin Drood. To all my experienced concessionaires (and hopefully, many new concessionaires to come) I'm hoping to have your support/help once again in staffing the OPC's theater's concession. Revenues from 'THEATRE REFRESHMENT STAND' during these shows are slotted for OPC's general budget. Contact Person: Trudy Sheau, 215 878 4872.

## Prayer List

- ◆ Lynn Pompa continuing health issues.
- ◆ Jane Bevan current health issues and is at Bryn Mawr Terrace for rehab.
- ◆ Keedra Carroll and Greg Goodwin on their recent engagement.
- ◆ Mike and Deb Rottinger on the recent death of his brother, John.
- ◆ Tom D'Antonio recovering from open heart surgery
- ◆ Josiah and his family, he is coming to the area for medical treatment and staying with an Overbrook Church family through the Host of Hospitals this week.

*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.

# *“Now thank we all our God”*

a hymn festival celebrating  
500 years of the Protestant Reformation



hymns, psalms, and anthems  
featuring the Overbrook Choir  
under the direction of  
Dr. Christopher Gage

free-will offering to benefit  
the food ministry of  
Calvin Presbyterian Church



**Sunday, October 29, 2017**

**4:00 p.m.**

Overbrook Presbyterian Church  
6376 City Avenue, Philadelphia  
at the corner of Lancaster and City Avenues  
free off-street parking

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, Davora Sabljak, Nickie Stokes, Nicole Stokes-Robinson, Carol Tulba, and Ellen Valudes.

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The Overbrook Quartet

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

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