
Overbrook Presbyterian Church

The Ten Commandments in Verse
(from McGuffey's Reader)

Above all else love God alone;
Bow down to neither wood nor stone.
God's name refuse to take in vain;
The Sabbath rest with care maintain.
Respect your parents all your days;
Hold sacred human life always.
Be loyal to your chosen mate;
Steal nothing, neither small nor great.
Report, with truth, your neighbor's deed;
And rid your mind of selfish greed.

The Sum of the Commandments
With all your soul love God above,
And as yourself your neighbor love.

18th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday Worship Service
Sunday, October 8, 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:

“Nettleton” from *Hymns of Joy*

J. William Greene

INTROIT:

O be Joyful in the Lord, all Ye Lands!

John Yarrington

❖CALL TO WORSHIP-*Psalm 19:7-10*

LEADER: The of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure,
making wise the simple;

PEOPLE: the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eyes;

LEADER: the fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.

PEOPLE: More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.

❖HYMN No. 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

GREETING

Pastor Carolyn Gillette

PRAYER OF CONFESSION-UNISON

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and soul
and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy,
forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Page 63/pew Bible

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

PSALM:

The Heavens Declare Thy Glory, Lord (Psalm 19)

Isaac Watts/Lowell Mason

The Overbrook Quartet

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 21:33-46

Page 22/pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Idol Talk”

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. Insert

I Cried to God

FINLANDIA

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH-

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord

Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,

whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,

and binds us together with all believers

in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit

who inspired the prophets and apostles

rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,

engages us through the Word proclaimed,

claims us in the waters of baptism,

**feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**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.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Pastor Carolyn Gillette

MINUTE FOR MISSION

- *Taste of Overbrook*
- *Stewardship*

Will Schick
Robert Harden, Jr.

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

Christ is our Cornerstone

Noel Rawsthorne

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

❖ HYMN No. 738

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MARYTON

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

Hold Thee Still in the Lord

George Thalben-Bell

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

POSTLUDE:

Dialogue sur les grands jeux Louis-Nicolas Clérambault



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: Eileen Wiggins, Acolyte: Lucy Duckworth
The Overbrook Choir
The Overbrook Quartet
Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God

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, Bob Kaercher, Jonathan Kopcsik,
Lori Mason, Peter Seidel and Judy Williamson

Deacons Delivering Flowers:
Nickie Stokes and Terri Hunter

Following worship today - please join us for refreshments in the Wistar Morris Room. We would like to thank Emily Amerman and Jim Vagnoni 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. 8 th	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Deacons-Chapel
	5:30 p.m.	Youth Group-Middle School
Monday Oct. 9 th	7:00pm	Adult Bible Study-The Bible from Scratch
Tuesday, Oct. 10 th	7:00 p.m.	Session
Wed., Oct. 11 th	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study-Chapel
Thursday, Oct. 12 th	6:30 p.m.	Active Parenting Class-Williamson
Sunday. Oct. 15 th	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study-The Bible from Scratch
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	1:30 p.m.	Crop Walk
	5:30 p.m.	Youth Group-High School

I Cried to God

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2015

Finlandia
Jean Sibelius, 1899

1. I cried to God, "Three hun - dred thir - ty thou - sand!
2. I asked the Lord, "Why is there so much viol - ence?
3. I knelt and prayed, and wept for all the fal - len;
4. Lord, here am I! And here we are, to - geth - er!

Five thou - sand
If you are
So ma - ny
No one a -

more, six hun - dred more, and nine!"
God, why don't you stop the pain?
lives, so ma - ny dreams now gone,
- lone can end this kil - ling spree.

In just ten years, a
God, won't you speak? For
More than a name— each
The powers of death pit

truth we can't i - ma - gine: All died from guns, one loved one at a
 all a - round is mad - ness! Just say the word and make us whole a -
 one was some - one's cou - sin, Or some - one's child, or some - one count - ed
 one a - gainst a - noth - er, Yet you are God and you de - si - re

time! And then I heard... "Whom shall I send to *pray* them?
 gain!" And then I heard... "Whom shall I send as pro - phets?
 on. And then I heard... "Whom shall I send, who knew them,
 peace. As mourn - ers, proph - ets, la - bor - ers to - geth - er,

Go tell the world: 'I love them! They are mine!'
 Speak out my truth! Shout till the kil - lings end!
 To work for peace, to la - bor till the dawn?
 Give us the strength to make the kil - lings cease.

The Ten Commandments

Question 89. What are the Ten Commandments?

The Ten Commandments give a summary of God's law for our lives. They teach us how to live rightly with God and one another.

Question 90. Why did God give this law?

After rescuing the people of Israel from their slavery in Egypt, God led them to Mount Sinai, where they received the law through Moses. It was the great charter of liberty for Israel, a people chosen to live in covenant with God and to serve as a light to the nations. It remains the charter of liberty for all who would love, know and serve the Lord today.

Question 91. Why should you obey this law?

Not to win God's love, for God already loves me. Not to earn my salvation, for Christ has earned it for me. Not to avoid being punished, for then I would obey out of fear. With gladness in my heart I should obey God's law out of gratitude, for God has blessed me by it and given it for my well-being.

Question 92. What are the uses of God's law?

God's law has three uses. First, it shows me how grievously I fail to live according to God's will, driving me to pray for God's mercy. Second, it functions to restrain even the worst of sinners through the fear of punishment. Finally, it teaches me how to live a life which bears witness to the gospel, and spurs me on to do so.

Question 93. What is the first commandment?

"You shall have no other gods before me" (Ex. 20:3; Deut. 5:7).

Question 94. What do you learn from this commandment?

No loyalty comes before my loyalty to God. I should worship and serve only God, expect all good from God alone, and love, fear and honor God with all my heart.

Question 95. What is the second commandment?

"You shall not make for yourself an idol" (Ex. 20:4; Deut. 5:8).

Question 96. What do you learn from this commandment?

First, when I treat anything other than God as though it were God, I practice idolatry. Second, when I assume that my own interests are more important than anything else, I make them into idols, and in effect make an idol of myself.

Question 97. What is the third commandment?

"You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God" (Ex. 20:7; Deut. 5:11).

Question 98. What do you learn from this commandment?

I should use God's name with reverence and awe. God's name is taken in vain when used to support wrong. It is insulted when used carelessly, as in a curse or a pious cliché.

Question 99. What is the fourth commandment?

"Remember the Sabbath Day, and keep it holy" (Ex. 20:8; Deut. 5:12).

Question 100. What do you learn from this commandment?

God requires a special day to be set apart so that worship can be at the center of my life. It is right to honor God with thanks and praise, and to hear and receive God's Word, so that I may have it in my heart, and on my lips, and put it into practice in my life.

Question 101. Why set aside one day a week as a day of rest?

First, working people should not be taken advantage of by their employers (Deut. 5:14). My job should not be my tyrant, for my life is more than my work. Second, God requires me to put time aside for the regular study of Holy Scripture and for prayer, not only by myself but also with others, not least those in my own household.

Question 102. Why do we Christians usually gather on the first day of the week?

In worshipping together on the first day of the week, we celebrate our Lord's resurrection, so that the new life Christ brought us might begin to fill our whole lives.

Question 103. What is the best summary of the first four commandments?

These teach me how to live rightly with God. Jesus summed them up with the commandment he called the first and greatest: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind" (Matt. 22:37; Deut. 6:5).

Question 104. What is the fifth commandment?

"Honor your father and your mother" (Ex. 20:12; Deut. 5:16).

Question 105. What do you learn from this commandment?

Though I owe reverence to God alone, I owe genuine respect to my parents, both my mother and father. God wills me to listen to them, be thankful for the benefits I receive from them, and be considerate of their needs, especially in old age.

Question 106. Are there limits to your obligation to obey them?

Yes. No mere human being is God. Blind obedience is not required, for everything should be tested by loyalty and obedience to God. When it seems as though I should not obey, I should always be alert to possible self-deception on my part, and should pray that we may all walk in the truth of God's will.

Question 107. What is the sixth commandment?

"You shall not murder" (Ex. 20:13; Deut. 5:17).

Question 108. What do you learn from this commandment?

God forbids anything that harms my neighbor unfairly. Murder or injury can be done not only by direct violence but also by an angry word or a clever plan, and not only by an individual but also by unjust social institutions. I should honor every human being, including my enemy, as a person made in God's image.

Question 109. What is the seventh commandment?

"You shall not commit adultery" (Ex. 20:14; Deut. 5:18).

Question 110. What do you learn from this commandment?

God requires fidelity and purity in sexual relations. Since love is God's great gift, God expects me not to corrupt it, or confuse it with momentary desire or the selfish fulfillment of my own pleasures. God forbids all sexual immorality, whether in married or in single life.

Question 111. What is the eighth commandment?

"You shall not steal" (Ex. 20:15; Deut. 5:19).

Question 112. What do you learn from this commandment?

God forbids all theft and robbery, including schemes, tricks or systems that unjustly take what belongs to someone else. God requires me not to be driven by greed, not to misuse or waste the gifts I have been given, and not to distrust the promise that God will supply my needs.

Question 113. What is the ninth commandment?

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor" (Ex. 20:16; Deut. 5:20).

Question 114. What do you learn from this commandment?

God forbids me to damage the honor or reputation of my neighbor. I should not say false things against anyone for the sake of money, favor or friendship, for the sake of revenge, or for any other reason. God requires me to speak the truth, to speak well of my neighbor when I can, and to view the faults of my neighbor with tolerance when I cannot.

Question 115. Does this commandment forbid racism and other forms of negative stereotyping?

Yes. In forbidding false witness against my neighbor, God forbids me to be prejudiced against people who belong to any vulnerable, different or disfavored social group. Jews, women, homosexuals, racial and ethnic minorities, and national enemies are among those who have suffered terribly from being subjected to the slurs of social prejudice. Negative stereotyping is a form of falsehood that invites actions of humiliation, abuse, and violence as forbidden by the commandment against murder.

Question 116. What is the tenth commandment?

"You shall not covet what is your neighbor's" (Ex. 20:17; Deut. 5:21).

Question 117. What do you learn from this commandment?

My whole heart should belong to God alone, not to money or the things of this world. "Coveting" means desiring something wrongfully. I should not resent the good fortune or success of my neighbor or allow envy to corrupt my heart.

Question 118. What is the best summary of the last six commandments?

These teach me how to live rightly with my neighbor. Jesus summed them up with the commandment which is like the greatest one about loving God: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt. 22:39; Lev. 19:18).

Question 119. Can you obey these commandments perfectly?

No. I am at once a *forgiven* sinner and a forgiven sinner. As a sinner without excuse, I fail to obey these commandments as God requires. "For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it" (James 2:10). I should not adjust the law to my failures, nor reduce my failures before God. Yet there is more grace in God than sin in me. While I should not cease to pray to God for mercy, I can be confident that God is forgiving and that I will be set free from all my sins. By grace I can confess my sins, repent of them, and grow in love and knowledge day by day.

"Ten Commandments" is part of the Study Catechism of the Presbyterian Church (USA) that also interprets the individual parts of the Apostles' Creed and Lord's Prayer for today. The full catechism with biblical references can be found online at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/catechismfull1.pdf>

☛Sunday School Offering: Beginning in October, our Sunday School classes will be learning about stewardship and sharing God's gifts with others in need by receiving an offering each Sunday. This will be an ongoing project. Children are invited and encouraged to bring an offering each week and it will be collected in the classrooms. This offering will be used for a special Sunday School mission project. Please contact Pastor Carolyn for resources on helping your children and grandchildren understand stewardship, mission, and sharing with others. 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.

☛Middle School Youth Group -Tonight- 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Hoagies subs provided. Christian Practices Discussion on "Stuff." We'll talk about "stuff" and our Christian faith. Supper and discussion, followed by games and recreation. Friends (including non-Presbyterian ones!) are always welcome.

☛Wednesday Morning Bible Study- This week's Bible Study (October 11th) will be led by Pastor Bruce Gillette. He will be teaching on the following Sunday's lectionary reading, Matt 22:1-14 October 14th.

☛Shredding Event on October 14th 10:00 a.m. till noon in the OPC parking lot. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will be sponsoring this event. Don't forget your canned good for donation

☛CROP Walk: Sunday afternoon, October 15th - 1:30 p.m. Registration; 2:00 p.m. Walk. We will carpool from the Overbrook Church parking lot at 12:45 p.m. Location of walk is the WAWA Nature Preserve in Media, PA. This walk is for **children, youth and adults**, and for individuals and families. Overbrook Presbyterians and friends will join members of Ardmore Presbyterian Church, Penn Wynne Presbyterian Church and the Japanese Christian Church to raise funds to help people who are hungry as well as those who have been affected by recent disasters including hurricanes, floods and earthquakes. For a full description of this experience, see OPC's website: www.overbrookpresb.org. Sponsor sheets are available from Pastor Carolyn.

☛ This year's *A Taste of Overbrook, Saturday, October 21st-6:00pm.*

So if you haven't done so, be sure to mark your calendar for **Saturday, October 21st at 6:00**. As always, will be recruiting chefs who can cook a dish that represents their family heritage. If you are interested in cooking, contact our Chef Coordinator, Carol Rozmiarek (carol@overbrookpresb.org). In addition to fantastic food, you will have the opportunity to donate and purchase from the Heavenly Treasures Shop. Items can be brought to church on Sunday or dropped off in the church office during business hours. For more information on the Heavenly Treasures shop see Nancy Gilhool, gilhoolfam@verizon.net. Tickets are on sale during coffee hour. Ticket cost is \$30 per adult, \$5 per children (under 12) and \$75 per family (parent/guardian and children) - *Will Schick*,

☛ It'll soon be Prayer Breakfast Time- October 28th,

9:00a.m. Please save the date, *October 28*, for the OPC Fall Prayer Breakfast. This special gathering will include fellowship for all ages and a fine breakfast buffet. Guests are warmly welcomed! Pre-registration is encouraged...please sign-up in the Wistar Morris Room, or by emailing Sharon Parker (sparker614@gmail.com) Prayer Breakfasts are a faith and fellowship ministry of OPC...there is no charge for this event. For those who wish to make a contribution, a free-will offering basket will be available.

☛ Movie Showing - "An Inconvenient Sequel"-Saturday October 28th at 7:30p.m.

Overbrook Green is committee whose goals are to promote good stewardship of the environment, to honor Gods' gifts by making informed lifestyle decisions, and to engage others in treasuring and protecting our natural resources. This movie was produced a decade after "An Inconvenient Truth". This sequel is a follow-up that shows just how close we are to a real energy revolution. Vice President Al Gore continues his fight traveling around the world training an army of climate champions and influencing international climate policy. This movie follows him behind the scenes and shows that the dangers of climate change can be overcome with human ingenuity and passion. If you

would like to know more about Overbrook Green please contact Jim Stephens at james.stephens@comcast.net or Pastor Bruce Gillette.

“Now Thank We All Our God”-Hymn Festival-Sunday October 29th at 4:00p.m. Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music at OPC, is proud to announce an upcoming hymn festival, “Now Thank We All Our God”, celebrating the 500th year of the Protestant Reformation. This event will take place on **Sunday, October 29, at 4:00 p.m.** and will feature selections from the Overbrook Quartet and Choir, as well as congregational hymns and organ pieces. Admission is free, but a free-will offering will be collected to benefit the food ministry of Calvin Presbyterian Church. Please mark your calendars for this momentous occasion!

Prayer List

- ◆ Lynn Pompa undergoing medical testing.
- ◆ Barbara Owens recent health issues and is residing in Saunders House, temporarily.
- ◆ Siarra Cummings recovering from surgery on her left pinky finger.
- ◆ Riley and Jill Hunte, friends of Lynn Pompa, Riley is 17 and undergoing complex surgeries for a rare health condition.
- ◆ Casey Carbone, being ordained as Associate Pastor of 1st Presbyterian Church in Watertown, NY

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, bruce@overbrookpresb.org or 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.

OPC Session Members/Committee Members:

Sara Davis, *Clerk of Session and 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.

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Mike Rottinger, *Moderator-Board of Deacons*

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The Overbrook Quartet

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

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