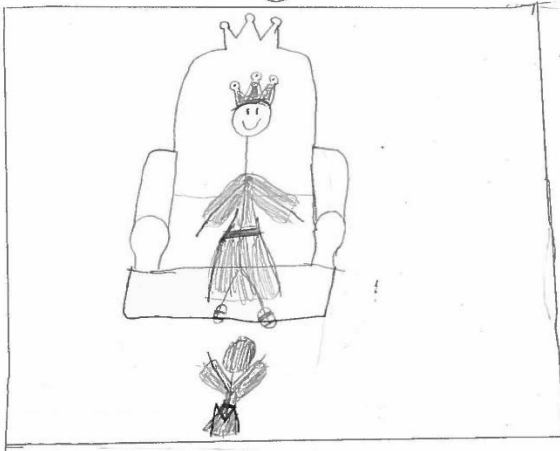


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# Overbrook Presbyterian Church

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The  
Forgiving  
King



15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday Worship Service  
Sunday, September 17, 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:

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731      Johann Sebastian Bach

INTROIT:

Worship the Lord      Ann Ker

### ❖CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER:      God is my strength and my might.

PEOPLE:      Praise God for all God's greatness and power.

LEADER:      God is majestic in holiness and awesome in splendor.

PEOPLE:      Every knee shall bow and every tongue shall give praise to God.

❖HYMN No. 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

GREETING

*Pastor Bruce Gillette*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION-UNISON

Merciful God,

You have forgiven us again and again,

Even though we have continued

To offend your holy law.

We accept your forgiveness with gratitude,

Yet we have not likewise forgiven

Those who have offended us.

We have kept grudges,

Nursed hatreds,

And cultivated resentments.

Forgive our lack of love-

Our failure to extend to others

The generous grace you have shown to us.

Help us by your Spirit,

To love one another

As we have been loved,

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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 14:19-31  
Page 58/pew Bible

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

PSALM:

**Psalm 114**      GAUDEAMUS PARITER  
The Overbrook Choir/Congregation

One of the great musical traditions of the Presbyterian Church is psalm singing. We will sing today's appointed psalm, Psalm 114, in **responsorial** form: a congregational response alternating with choral verses. Note that the first half of the response is sung only by the choir, while the second half is sung by the congregation.

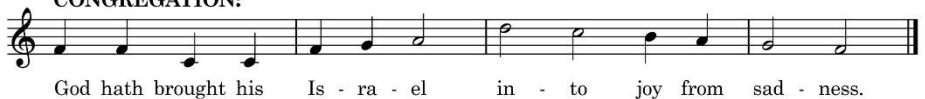
### Psalm 114

*refrain*

*CHOIR ONLY:*



**CONGREGATION:**



Words: John of Damascus (ca. 675-749);  
tr. John Mason Neale, 1859

Music: GAUDEAMUS PARITER  
Bohemian Brethren's *Gesangbuch*, 1544, P. D.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

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

Pastor Carolyn Gillette

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:21-35  
Page 19/pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“How Many???????”

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. 489

**Wonders of Wonders, Here Revealed**

PENTECOST (Boyd)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM-*Lucas Ziemba,*

*Glory to God, Page 14*

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH-*Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

*Pastor Carolyn Gillette*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Nancy Gilhool*

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

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing      Traditional, arr. John Carter

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING FORTH

❖ HYMN No. 748

Go with Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

Be ye followers of God

George Thalben-Bell

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

POSTLUDE:

Toccata in d

Johann Pachelbel

# **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. 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: Davorka Sabljak

Acolyte: Emma Biedermann

The Overbrook Choir

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

Today's bulletin cover was drawn by one of OPC's youth, Alice Lank.

### **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:**

Phil Sheau, Tyrone Frisby, Ron Homer, Jane Krumrine,  
Jim McDaniel, Carol Tulba and Sean Whalen

### **Deacons Delivering Flowers:**

Carol Tulba and Ellen Valudes

**Following worship today** - please join us for refreshments in the Wistar Morris Room. We would like to thank Lainie Blodgett 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, Sept. 17th	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Christian Education-Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	Deacons-Williamson Room
	5:30 p.m.	Youth Group-High School
Monday, Sept. 18 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study -The Bible from Scratch-Chapel
Wed., Sept. 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Educational Seminar on Lead in the Water-Chapel
Thurs., Sept. 21 <sup>st</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Active Parenting Class-Chapel
Sunday. Sept. 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study -The Bible from Scratch-Williamson
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	M&O-Chapel
	5:30 p.m.	Youth Group-Middle School

☞ Today we are celebrating the baptism of Lucas Ziembra. Let's extend a warm welcome and congratulations to Lucas and his parents, Chris and Katie and big brother Jack in joining our Christian community of faith.

☞ Sunday School begins TODAY. Children up through grade 2 will leave worship for their classes after the Time with Children. Older children and youth in grades 3 through 6 and High School will leave after the sermon for Sunday School. Seventh and eighth grades will have Confirmation Class during the Adult Forum/Adult Bible Study hour on Sundays from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. in the Youth Room.

☞ Tonight High School Youth Group 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Pizza supper, group games and fun - bring friends! Location: Chapel. Please RSVP to Pastor Carolyn at 302-528-1797 so we know how much pizza to order.

☛ **Sunday Adult Forum** meets each Sunday in the Chapel from 9:15-10:15 am. Today's topic was on forgiveness, you can pick up copies of the handout in the McMillian Chapel. *The Power of Forgiveness* documentary DVD can be borrowed from Pastor Bruce Gillette. Next week, **September 24<sup>th</sup>**. We welcome **Hosts For Hospitals (HfH)** as the guest speaker for Adult Forum. HfH is a nonprofit organization that provides lodging and support at volunteer host-homes for typical \$10 per night per patient-family as a caring response to the lodging needs of patients and their loved ones coming to Greater Philadelphia for specialized medical care. As always, Adult Forum is an engaging faith-based discussion with refreshments promised for all.

☛ **This Sunday & This Monday: The Bible from Scratch: The New Testament for Beginners**: The Bible from Scratch: The New Testament for Beginners" is an introduction to the New Testament. This class will be offered on Sundays at 9:15 a.m., starting this Sunday, and also on Monday evenings at 7:00pm, starting this Monday, September 18th. If you have never studied the Bible before, this class is for you. If you know the Bible fairly well, but want to gain new insights about what 27 books of the earliest Christian writings say about Jesus, God, the Holy Spirit, the life God wants to us to enjoy and more, this class is for you. Weekly topics include: *Introducing the New Testament, The Gospel of Matthew, The Gospel of Mark, The Gospel of Luke, The Gospel of John, The Acts of the Apostles, Epistles of the New Testament and the Revelation to John.* Come and join Overbrook Church members and friends in learning about the most important and life-changing book in the world. Cost of the book is \$7 (50% off of the regular price); you may pay for the book, or you may request a book scholarship to cover the cost; please talk to Pastor Bruce for more information. Pastors Bruce and Carolyn and others will be leading this class. Join us!

☛ **Wednesday Morning Bible Study**– This week's Bible Study will be led by Pastor Carolyn Gillette. She will be teaching on the following Sunday's lectionary reading, Matt 20:1-16, September 24th.

☛ **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.



**Starting This Thursday: Active Parenting Class:** Pastors Bruce and Carolyn are offering a six-week parenting series called “Active Parenting” starting Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> (new start date) from 6:30pm-8:30pm. This DVD-based class offers short video segments of real-life parenting situations, followed by times of discussion. The six weekly topics are: **The Active Parent, Cooperation and Communication, Responsibility and Discipline, Building Courage and Self-Esteem, Understanding and Redirecting Misbehavior and Active Parenting for School Success.** It’s a great opportunity for learning new skills and also for enjoying fellowship with other parents to talk about the most important issue in parents’ daily lives: raising children to be healthy, responsible individuals and members of society. This class is especially for parents of children who are in the elementary grades; parents of preschoolers and youth have found it to be very helpful as well. The class runs for two hours each session. Babysitting will be available. Please call us at 302-528-1796 (Bruce) or 302-528-1797 (Carolyn) for more information or to join the class. Thank you!

**Junior Choir Meet & Greet-Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm.** All parents and children are welcomed to meet our new Junior Choir Director, Dr. Christopher Gage, next Sunday at 12:00pm in the choir room. This will be an informal gathering to get to know Chris and to give Chris the opportunity to get to know the youth. Light refreshments will be served.

**Planning is well under way for this year’s *A Taste of Overbrook*.** 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, be on the lookout for signups during coffee hour in September or 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. Please stop by the Mission Table during coffee hour for more information or pick up an insert on the back table of the sanctuary or the table outside of the chapel. Please let Will Schick know if you have something fun to share. Tickets will go on sale at coffee hour in September. We hope to involve every member and friend of the Church at the Crossroads in some way—we want everyone to share this great experience. -Will Schick, [willsch84@yahoo.com](mailto:willsch84@yahoo.com)

## Prayer List

- ◆ Gloria Justin on her continued recovery at The Quadrangle and is scheduled to return to her home this Wednesday.
- ◆ Lucas Ziemba on the celebration of his baptism.
- ◆ Gwen Harden is recovery from shingles. She and her husband Robert are moving. Their new address is Gwynedd Estates, 301 Norristown Rd, Apt. B106, Ambler, PA 19002. New Phone: 267-705-2612
- ◆ Linda O'Dell, family friend of Pastor Carolyn, recovering from hip surgery in Denville, New Jersey.
- ◆ Richard Pepino, guest speaker on Wednesday 9/20, and his family on the death of his brother.

*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. See our contact information above so we can have a conversation with you soon. Thank you. Pastors Bruce & Carolyn Gillette.

### **☛ This Wednesday: Lead Risks & Potential Impacts to Young Children**

Overbrook Presbyterian Church is hosting an educational evening program for church members, preschool parents and the community. Lead exposure is an important concern for our community. As you may know, recent environmental testing indicated high lead levels in one location of the church and preschool building. Immediate action has been taken to address the issue, and we are hosting this program to provide information on lead risks for children. The evening will feature a presentation by Richard Pepino, Deputy Director, Community Outreach & Engagement Core of the Center of Excellence in Environmental Toxicology at the University of Pennsylvania. He is a recognized expert on lead issues and previously served for 25 years as a senior regional scientist and supervisor in the Mid-Atlantic Region of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session, with Mr. Pepino and Dr. Andrea Knight, a pediatrician at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Please encourage friends to come to this presentation on September 20 to learn about how to prevent and address the risks of lead.

### **☛ The news is filled with reports of Hurricane Harvey's and Hurricane Irma devastating impact across the United States.**

Overbrook Presbyterians are already helping in the relief efforts through their prayers and past contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing. Please consider giving today to help Presbyterian Disaster Assistance bring hope & healing to families impacted by the reason hurricanes. We are standing by with resources and National Response Team members ready to deploy upon invitation and when it is safe to do so. For those who wish to support PDA's emergency response and recovery efforts, [online gifts](#) can be designated to DR000169-Harvey or DR000194-IRMA. You may also call us Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EST), at 1-800-872-3283 and donate by phone. You can give to PDA through Overbrook Presbyterian Church by either mailing your donation to the church office (6376 City Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19151) or placing it in the offering plate. Checks can be made out to "Overbrook Presbyterian Church". Please note on the check memo line "Hurricane Relief." We need your help. Please give generously.

### **☛ Per Capita Apportionment**

Each year our church is assessed for the administrative cost of being a part of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Overbrook Church's share for 2017 is \$10,500, or approximately \$28.00 per member. If you haven't already paid for the members in your family (including the recently confirmed!) please stop by the Finance Committee table at the Ministry Fair after church. If you are not sure if you have paid this year, no problem, we will be able to check that out for you. Also, if you are interested in working with us or if you have any questions about the church budget or finances, please stop by and see us. Many thanks from the Finance Committee!

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