
Overbrook Presbyterian Church



13th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 3, 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:

Andante tranquillo from Sonata III Felix Mendelssohn

❖CALL TO WORSHIP-*Psalm 105:1-3*

LEADER: O give thanks to God,
 call on God's name,
 make known God's deeds
 among the peoples.

PEOPLE: **Sing to God,**
 sing praises to God;
 tell of all God's wonderful works.

LEADER: Glory in God's holy name;
 let the hearts
 of those who seek God rejoice.

PEOPLE: **Seek God and God's strength**
 seek God's presence continually.

❖HYMN No. 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty NICAEA

GREETING

Pastor Bruce Gillette

PRAYER OF CONFESSION-UNISON-*from Reformed Worship.org*

Lord, we echo the words of Moses:

Who are we that you would call us to go to confront the powers of
our worlds,

seeking justice and freedom for those who are enslaved by evil,
wherever they are?

We don't know what to say or what to do.

We are afraid to stand out in the crowd.

We believe that others can do your work better than we can.

And so, Lord, we try to still your persistent call in the busyness of
our lives,

Forgive our hesitations, our fears, our failure to obey.

Speak to us again.

Amen

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖HYMN No. 581

GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 3:1-15
Page 48/pew Bible

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SOLO:

“Ich folge dir gleichfalls” Johann Sebastian Bach
 (“I follow you also”) from *Johannespassion*
 Iris Fairfax, Soprano

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Pastor Carolyn Gillette
(Following the Time with Children, children may return to their families and worship with the congregation. Pre-K through Grade 2 are welcome in the Nursery)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:21-28
Page 17/pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“God Calls”

Pastor Bruce Gillette

❖ HYMN No. 52

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land GO DOWN MOSES

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH-*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.

Glorify to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS *Pastor Carolyn Gillette*

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

He's Just the Same Today arr. Victor Labenske
Iris Fairfax, Soprano

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.

SANCTUS: HYMN No. 552 (Sung By All) LAND OF REST

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

INVITATION TO THE TABLE AND THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion will be received by intinction. Please come forward as directed by the ushers, to one of the three serving stations, take the bread, dip it into the cup, and partake.

Those physically unable to come forward should notify an usher, and may be served in the pew.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, O God,
that through Word and Sacrament
you have given us your Son
who is the true bread from heaven
and food of eternal life.
So strengthen us in your service
that our daily living may show our thanks;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

❖ HYMN No. 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE- HYMN NO. 541

God Be With You Till We Meet Again RANDOLPH

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

POSTLUDE:

Toccatà

Max Reger

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.

Leading Worship Today:

The Revs. Bruce and Carolyn Gillette - Co-Pastors

Lay Leader: Aimerie Scherluebbe

Iris Fairfax, Soprano

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God
by Mimi Winkler in loving memory of James G. Winkler

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.

Communion Servers:

Carol Tulba, Nancy and Vince Gilhool

Ushers:

Robert Harden Jr., Davorika Sabljak, Aimerie Scherluebbe,
Will Schick, Trudy Sheau, Kevin Trindade and Kevin Davis

Deacons Delivering Flowers: Davorka Sabljak and Elienne Paul

Following worship today - please join us for Cool Refreshments in the Wistar Morris Room. We would like to thank The Music Director Search Committee 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. 3 rd	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
Tues., Sept. 5 th	1:00 p.m.	Worship Committee-WM Rm
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee-Chapel
Wed., Sept. 6 th	5:00 p.m.	Property Committee-Chapel
Fri. Sept. 8 th	1:30 p.m.	Red Cross Blood Drive
Sat. Sept. 9 th	8:00 a.m.	Men's Ministry-Chapel
Sunday. Sept. 10 th	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	5:30 p.m.	Youth Group-Middle School

☞ Let's give a big warm OPC Welcome to Dr. Christopher Gage, OPC's new Music Director. Please make sure you stay around for Coffee Hour after worship to meet Chris.

☞ 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. 25:31-46, September 10th.

☛Adult Forum meets each Sunday in the Chapel from 9:15-10:15 am. Next Sunday, Sept. 10th topic will be: Talking with Atheists—discussion led by Will Schick. As always, Adult Forum is an engaging faith-based discussion with refreshments promised for all.

☛Overbrook Presbyterian Church and the American Red Cross are hosting an upcoming blood drive.

Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today!

Drive Details:

Site: Overbrook Presbyterian Church
Address: 6376 City Avenue, Philadelphia,
Room Name: Fellowship Hall
Date: Fri Sep 8, 2017
Time: 01:30 PM - 06:30 PM
Coordinator Name: Mike Rottinger
Signups will be on Sundays during Coffee Hour

Blood Drive



☛Homecoming Sunday/Youth Sunday-September 10th. Next Sunday be sure to join us at 10:30 a.m. for a wonderful service led by our Middle and High School youth. There will be an **Overbrook Ministry Fair** following worship during Coffee Hour that day. Children, youth and adults are invited to worship together, stay and enjoy refreshments, and visit display and activity tables to learn about the missions and activities at Overbrook Church as the Fall begins.

☛Sunday School for children and youth will begin on Sunday, September 17. Children up through grade 4 will leave worship for their classes after the Time with Children. Older children and youth in grades 5 and 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.

☛The office will resume back to normal business hours starting this coming week. The office will be open Tues-Friday, 9:15am-3:00pm.

Prayer List

- ◆ Gloria Justin on her recent hospital stay
- ◆ Sean Whalen and family on the recent death of his grandfather
- ◆ Woody Adams and family on the recent death of his mother.

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.

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

OVERBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Leonard Robbins - *Church Custodian*

Every Church Member - *Minister*

The Overbrook Quartet

Iris Fairfax - *Soprano*

Lois Randel - *Mezzo-Soprano*

Toffer Mihalka - *Tenor*

Matthew Lulofs - *Bass*