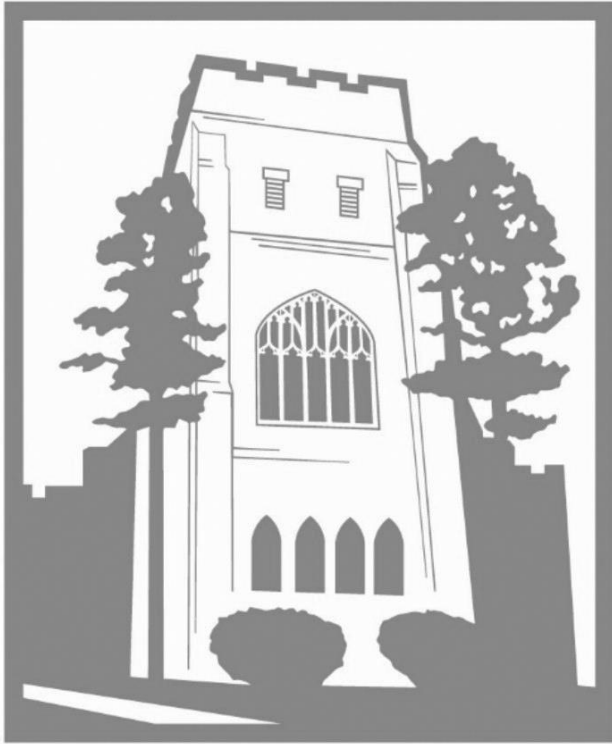


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# Overbrook Presbyterian Church

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Worship Service  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 9, 2018  
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 Praeludium Johann Ludwig Krebs

INTROIT The Lord is in his holy temple George Thalben-Ball

### ❖CALL TO WORSHIP-(*Psalm 146*)

One: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

Many: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

One: The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

Many: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

One: The LORD watches over the strangers; and upholds the orphan and the widow.

All: The LORD will reign forever for all generations. Praise the LORD!

❖HYMN No. 610 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing AZMON

GREETING Greta Ham

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION- (*UNISON*)

Merciful God,

in your gracious presence

we confess our sin and the sin of this world.

Although Christ is among us as our peace,

we are a people divided against ourselves

as we cling to the values of a broken world.

The profit and pleasures we pursue

lay waste the land and pollute the seas.

The fears and jealousies that we harbor

set neighbor against neighbor

and nation against nation.

We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,

of intellect and reason,

and have turned them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us;

heal and forgive us.

Set us free to serve you in the world

as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖ GLORIA PATRI

HYMN No. 581

## HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT                      Isaiah 35:4-7a                      Page 623 /pew Bible  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SOLO                      I will bear the indignation of God                      C. H. H. Parry  
*Toffer Mihalka, tenor*

TIME WITH CHILDREN                      *The Rev. Raymond Bonwell*  
*(All Children are welcome to remain in worship, should parents so wish; children in Pre-K through*  
*Grade 2 may gather in the nursery following Time with Children.)*

GOSPEL LESSON                      Mark 7:4-7a                      Page 39/pew Bible  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON                      “Inright, Outright, Upright, Downright”                      *The Rev. Raymond Bonwell*

❖ HYMN No. 417                      **Lord Jesus, Think on Me**                      SOUTHWELL

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- (Heidelberg Catechism, 4.086)  
Q. Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

A. Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, so that he may be praised through us, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

*Greta Ham*

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

Help, Lord, My Faith  
*The Overbrook Choir*

Arlen Clarke

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

❖ HYMN No. 806

I'll Praise My Maker

OLD 113<sup>TH</sup>

## SENDING FORTH

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE Behold, God Is My Salvation

Donald Cashmore

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

POSTLUDE

Old 113<sup>th</sup>

Charles Wood

**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. Raymond Bonwell – Guest Preacher  
Lay Leader: Greta Ham, Acolyte: Emma Biedermann  
Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music  
Toffer Mihalka, tenor  
The Overbrook Choir

**The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God**  
by Nickie Stokes in loving memory of Elizabeth B. Smith and James Britt

**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, Laurie Geers, Bob Kaercher,  
Jonathan Kopcsik, Richard Owens, Peter Seidel and Judy Williamson

**Opener/Closer:**  
Jeff Bowker

**Deacons Delivering Flowers:**  
Artia Benjamin and Ellen Valudes

## This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 9	11:30 a.m.	Ministry Fair, Fellowship Hall
Monday, September 10	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry-Williamson
Tuesday, September 11	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting-Chapel
Wednesday, September 12	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study-Chapel
Friday, September 14	11:30 a.m.	RPM Cafe-Chapel
Sunday, September 16-	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
		<i>Sunday School Begins</i>
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour

☛ Homecoming Sunday Ministry Fair: Today we welcome Rev. Raymond Bonwell as our Bridge Pastor. Following worship, will also welcome him to join us in Fellowship Hall for our Homecoming Sunday Ministry Fair! In place of a traditional Coffee Hour, all will have the opportunity to enjoy food and fellowship, while learning about the lay ministries of OPC. Committee members will be there to greet you and share the on-going work of their ministry. All are invited to explore new avenues of service, ministry, and involvement at OPC. Please join us on this special Sunday!

☛ Coffee Hour Hosts are needed for the following Sundays this month: September 16, 23 and 30.

☛ Wednesday Morning Bible Study at 10:00am with The Rev. Raymond Bonwell in the chapel. (Please note the new start time)

☛ It's Back-to-Sunday School Time!-Sunday School begins on September 16, with exciting and engaging programs for children and youth from Pre-K through Grade 12! A teacher "meet and greet" will take place during today's Ministry Fair. Our Teaching Team will look forward to greeting you and your children at the "Christian Education Station." See if you can spot our Sunday School teachers in the crowd... they'll be wearing the "I Love Sunday School " badges.

☛ The R.P.M. (retired person's ministry) Cafe will be open on Friday, September 14! OPC retirees and friends are invited to enjoy lunch and fellowship in the Chapel from 11:30-1:00 PM. BYO sandwich; homemade soups, desserts, beverages and good humor will be provided. The RPM Cafe is a collaborative ministry of the Congregational Life and Christian Education Committees...there is no charge to participate. Please come join us! RSVP Sharon Parker by September 12.

☛ Deadline has been extended for the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC The CLC Committee along with the Employees Travel Club of the Federal Reserve Bank will be visiting the museum on Saturday, October 27, 2018. Tickets are \$70.00 and monies and waivers are due to Artia Benjamin no later than Sunday, October 7. The bus will be leaving from the Federal Reserve Bank at 7:15 am and returning at 7:30. Please see Artia,(215-266-8758), with any questions or for waivers.

☛ OPC Youth Kick-off...September 30! -It's time for OPC Youth, grades 6-12, to meet, eat, have fun...and plan a year of adventure and service. We'll meet in the Chapel from 4:30-6:30 PM on September 30. This will be a year of "choose your own adventure; discover your personal mission." Dinner will be the official "OPC Youth pasta/salad/pizza buffet," served with a wide variety of exciting program opportunities for all age groups! Guests are always welcome! RSVP Sharon Parker ([sparker614@gmail.com](mailto:sparker614@gmail.com)) by September 27.

☛ Donations and offerings may be made online at: [www.overbrookpresb.org](http://www.overbrookpresb.org). Click on the yellow "Donate" button.

### Prayer List

- ◆ Max Mason's mother Betty Fletcher, is in hospice care.
- ◆ Sabrina Johnson's uncle is recovering from surgery and recently diagnosed with Parkinson disease.
- ◆ Pat Dillon and her family on the death of her sister DeDe Sherlock.
- ◆ Lynn Pompa recovering at home from back surgery.
- ◆ Valerie Williams, Sabrina Johnson's aunt, is starting treatment for breast cancer.
- ◆ Sandy Niccoli, Jim Vagnoni's sister, Jim Vagnoni's sister is back home in California in a "step down" skilled nursing facility.
- ◆ Luis Wong and his caregivers for his many ongoing challenges.
- ◆ John Nathaniel is at home recovering.
- ◆ Ellen Burr has moved to the medical section at the Quadrangle, her new apartment number is 8350 and her updated phone number is 610-658-7570.

*Please contact Mike Rottinger for any pastoral concerns or to add names to the prayer list.*

*Mike can be reached by email ([mike.rottinger@comcast.net](mailto:mike.rottinger@comcast.net)).*

*You can also leave a message in the Church Office.*

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Dr. Christopher Gage - *Director of Music* | Lisa Faso - *Office Manager*

Carol Rozmiarek - *Financial Secretary* | Leonard Robbins - *Church Custodian*

The Overbrook Quartet:

*Iris Fairfax, soprano; Molly McDonald, alto;*

*Toffer Mihalka, tenor; Matthew Lulofs, bass*

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***Overbrook Presbyterian Church***  
***is a welcoming and diverse Christian community***  
***that actively seeks to love and serve God,***  
***each other and the world.***

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