



# OVERBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## *News from the Crossroads*

April 2018

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

—Mission Statement

### Overbrook Church Staff

Revs. Bruce and Carolyn Gillette  
*Co-Pastors*

Rev. David K. McMillan  
*Pastor Emeritus*

Dr. Christopher Gage  
*Director of Music*

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*Office Manager*

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*Church Custodian*

### HOLY WEEK



### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## Overbrook Presbyterian Church



**Maundy Thursday – March 29:** Our Maundy Thursday worship service will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will include the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper—the celebration of the last meal that Jesus shared with his disciples the evening before his arrest and crucifixion. Pastor Bruce Gillette’s sermon is titled “Something to Treasure.” Come and share in this special time of worship with Jesus’ special meal.



**Good Friday – March 30:** 1) Overbrook’s Good Friday Evening Service: During this 7:00 p.m. worship service we will remember Jesus’ death on the cross with special music that will feature John Stainer’s *Crucifixion*, an hour-long work that captures the majesty and agony of Holy Week, with soloists Toffer Mihalka, tenor, and Matthew Lulofs, baritone. The service will also include traditional Good Friday hymns. 2) Join us Good Friday at noon for a joint service hosted nearby at St. Thomas African Episcopal Church. The service starts with Stations of the Cross and then Pastors Bruce and Carolyn Gillette will be preaching in this worship service with other local pastors. 3) Heeding God’s Call to End Gun Violence’s Annual Good Friday Interfaith Stations and Walk in West & Southwest Philadelphia at Holy Apostles and Mediator Church (51st & Spruce Streets) starts at 4:30 p.m. (carpooling available earlier from Overbrook Presbyterian Church).



**Easter Sunday – April 1:** Our 10:30 a.m. worship service will include the gospel telling of the Easter story with Pastor Bruce Gillette’s sermon, “Unfinished Easter” and the sharing of the Lord’s Supper. It is all musical hands on deck for the most important day of the year! An extended period of preludes includes Bach’s Violin Sonata No. 2, played by Johnny May, and “Thine Is the Glory,” a setting of the popular hymn arranged by Margaret Tucker and presented by the Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir. During

the service, the Overbrook Junior Choir will offer “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright,” arranged by David Johnson, and the Overbrook Choir will sing Charles Villiers Stanford’s “Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem.” In addition, our soprano soloist, Iris Fairfax, will sing “I know that my redeemer liveth” from the *Messiah* of G. F. Handel. Finally, a beloved Overbrook tradition will continue as the “Hallelujah!” chorus, from the same work, is sung by the choir and congregation as a response to the benediction, concluding our joyful worship service celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Make plans to bring family, friends and neighbors to church during this Holy Week that is the most important week of the church year. Adults, youth and children are welcome. The good news of God’s love is for all people, of all ages, everywhere. Join us!

**Parking Reminder.** Remember, as we go into Holy Week, overflow parking is available in the Overbrook Train Station lot. There is no permit or fee needed on weekends. Please be considerate of those who need to park close to the church, and think about parking farther away if you are able.

## From Our Pastors: *Poems for the Most Important Week*

One of our favorite poets is a Presbyterian lay woman named Ann Weems. We have a number of her collections of poems that make good reading any time of the year.

*Kneeling in Jerusalem* is her collection of poems with Lenten and Easter themes (Westminster/John Knox Press, 1996). Here are a couple that speak to us. The first poem is good to reflect on in the days before you share in the Lord's Supper (especially this Maundy Thursday, March 29, and Easter Sunday, April 1).

### HOLY COMMUNION

Eat. Drink. Remember  
who I am.

Eat. Drink. Remember  
who I am.  
so you can remember  
who you are.

Eat. Drink. Remember  
who I am.  
so you can remember  
who you are.  
and tell the others.

Eat. Drink. Remember  
who I am.  
so you can remember  
who you are.  
and tell the others  
so that all  
God's people  
can live  
in communion...  
in holy communion.

The second poem reminds us why the days that begin with Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday (March 25 in 2018) and go through Easter Sunday (April 1) are so important. You might consider reading this poem each day of Holy Week.

### HOLY WEEK

Holy is the week  
Holy, consecrated, belonging to God...  
We move from hosannas to horror  
with the predictable ease  
of those who know not what they do.  
Our hosannas sung,  
our palms waved,  
let us go with passion into this week.  
It is time to curse fig trees that do not yield fruit,  
It is time to cleanse our temples of any blasphemy,  
It is time to greet Jesus as the Lord's Anointed One,  
to lavishly break our alabaster  
and pour perfume out for him  
without counting the cost.  
It is a time for preparation...  
The time to give thanks and break bread is upon us.  
The time to give thanks and drink of the cup is imminent.  
Eat, drink, remember:  
On this night of nights, each one must ask,  
as we dip our bread in the wine, "Is it I?"  
And on that darkest of days,  
each of us must stand  
beneath the tree  
and watch the dying  
if we are to be there  
When the stone is rolled away.  
The only road to Easter morning  
is through the unrelenting shadows of that Friday.  
Only then will the alleluias be sung;  
only then will the dancing begin.

Blessings on you and your journey of faith during Holy Week and Easter.

Grace and Peace,  
Bruce and Carolyn

## What's Happening with Session



**IMPORTANT INVITATION FOR ALL:**  
Please let us know what you're thinking.

As a church community, we have undergone some pretty massive transitions in the past year. And we church leaders want to take a quick pause here to see how we're doing. To do so, we need your honest feedback.

What are you loving lately about OPC? What gets you out of bed on a cold winter day to come to worship or Sunday forum? Is there anything in particular you cherish? Or is there something eating at you? Or confusing you? Or delighting you? Is there something you'd like to be doing with the church, but you don't quite know how to get started?

We on Session and your pastors are prepared to be active listeners! Please find any one of us to engage in conversation. Got an idea? Got a compliment? Got a gripe? We stand ready to hear from you.

In-person and phone conversations are always best for feedback. But that may not be in your comfort zone right now. That's OK. We all communicate in different ways. We welcome your emails or written letters too. We have a feedback box at the outside office for anything you want to write.

While you do not have to put your name on anything, we prefer you do. We want to be responsive and we can't respond if we don't know who shared the information. We have formed a Communications Committee \_ Raelyn Harman, Jane Rozmiarek, Sean Whalen, Pastor Bruce Gillette and Karen Wong \_ to help elicit your thoughts and ensure any and all feedback be considered by Session or the appropriate committee.

Over the next few weeks, you'll have reminders of this invitation, in writing, in email, in person. We hope you don't get sick of hearing from us! But we know we all communicate differently, and we want everyone to be included.

So we encourage you to please prayerfully accept this invitation to share. We are eager and ready to listen.

Blessings, Your Overbrook Church Leaders

Jeff Bowker, Rachel Carnahan, Edelene Carroll, Kevin Davis, Sara Davis, Bruce and Carolyn Gillette, Raelyn Harman, Bob Kothari, Becky Lazo, Deb Rottinger, Jane Rozmiarek, Aimerie Scherluebbe, Will Schick, Kate Shackelford, Sean Whalen, Eileen Wiggins and Karen Wong.

## Worship/Music

I was touched and flattered that so many of the congregation stayed to listen to the extended organ music for our first **Postlude Sunday**; thank you for your support and encouragement! Our next extended postlude is on **Sunday, April 8**, during which I will play *Offertoire pour le jour de Pâques* ("Offertory for Easter Day") by Alexandre Pierre François Boëly, a French composer who lived during the nineteenth century. At that time, much of the Mass was sung in alternation between the choir and organ; however, the Offertory, or *Offertoire*, was for organ alone, and it was often a showcase for the instrument's brilliant capabilities. This particular piece is flashy, colorful, and dramatic, not to mention that it is based on the popular Easter hymn "O sons and daughters, let us sing" (*Glory to God* #235 and #255)—perfect for the season!

Finally, please make sure you have marked your calendars for the first concert of the Dennis Ellwell Organ Recital Series, on **Sunday, May 6, at 2:00 p.m.** Richard Elliott, organist of the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, is a fantastic musician, and this concert is not to be missed. In the coming weeks, stay tuned for flyers and other promotional materials. In the meantime, if you would like to volunteer to assist as an usher or mailer, please let me know by contacting me at [music@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:music@overbrookpresb.org).

I hope to see you at some or all of these musical events! -Chris



**WORSHIP AND MUSIC** committee is proud to announce that Dr. Christopher Gage, our talented music director, is offering private lessons in piano or organ. All ages and levels accepted. Fees reasonable. Parents and Grandparents--send your kids!! I have always regretted not learning the piano as a child--don't let your kids say the same! Contact Chris at 215-877-2744/[music@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:music@overbrookpresb.org).



Men and women high school age and up: Requires interest and enthusiasm for singing, and ability to commit to Thursday night rehearsals and Sunday mornings from September to early June. Ability to read music not strictly necessary. **TRY ONE REHEARSAL**--no need to commit until you are ready. If you cannot carry a tune in a bucket, bell choir can still use more folks as well. Contact Chris Gage [music@overbrookpresb.org](mailto:music@overbrookpresb.org)/215-877-2744.

## Mission and Outreach



♦We are looking forward to some Feed My Starving Children activities this month. There will be a square dance on Saturday, April 14, so get ready for some family fun. Please sign up for the MobilePack on Saturday, April 28. Children as young as 5 years old can participate. See the article on Feed My Starving Children for details on these events and fundraising dinners.

♦Our next Women's Dining Circle will be in May. Make sure Carol Rozmiarek, carolmroz@gmail.com, has your email address, if you would like to be included.

♦OGHS Thank You! Thanks to all of you who gave, or still may feel moved to give, to the annual One Great Hour of Sharing collection which was dedicated on March 4. The total donated this year was \$4615.50, including the Sunday School kids' fish banks. The next time you hear on the news or read in the paper that an area has been devastated by floods or famine, know that your dollars are already hard at work through the Presbytery's Disaster Relief program. Thank you for your generous response.

Here are the totals for the last few years:

2018 – \$4615.50

2017 – \$3924.75

2016 – \$3281.00

*O Lord Jesus Christ, we have so much to be thankful for. You have shown us grace, again and again. Take now these gifts and multiply them, for your work in your world. Amen*



Great news! **The sign-ups are open** for the Care at the Crossroads MobilePack on April 28. You can use this link or visit the OPC website to click directly: <https://give.fmssc.org/campaign/1804-071mi-drexel-hill-pa-care-at-the-crossroads/c153327>. We need a total of 500 volunteers so please invite your neighbors and friends to join you at this wonderful event to save lives.

Another of our church members shared with me about his experience at last year's event. Victor Fiorillo said, "I was amazed at how well run and fun the event was. It was a joy to take part in it with my wife and kids, and the kids really took pride in being involved. They also decided to make Feed My Starving Children their charity of choice when it came time to donate ten percent of their Christmas cash to a good cause."

The experience is truly unique and meaningful, so, please plan to join us; there are jobs for everyone. Anyone age 5 and up and with any kind of ability can participate. There are a wide range of volunteer options available. And remember we also need to raise the funds to pay for all the ingredients we'll use that day. Sincere thanks to everyone who has already donated time or talents.



Grab your cowboy boots and mark your calendar for **Saturday evening, April 14, *Hootenanny for Hunger*** from 5:30-8:30pm. This event will be a good, wholesome night of dancing and eating and tons of fun for any and all Overbrook families and friends. Watch for updates in the bulletin and during coffee hour. Tickets are \$15=individual, \$40=family! --The Care at the Crossroads FMSC team



NCT's run of 'Sister Act' dropped its final curtain on March 17, a Saturday night. The attendance to this show was high and even though the weather shut us down for their opening night, we still garnered nearly eight hundred dollars in profits from our concession run. KUDOS to Laurie Geers, Kadie Whalen, Irma Mae Leskin, Joan Moylan, Alyce Marsh, Nickie Stokes, Edelen Carroll, Nancy Gilhool, Laine Blodgett, Jill VanRawley, Barbara Adams, Dick Williamson, Leah Mayne, Sharon Parker, Bob and Peggy Kaercher, Gail Kaercher, Linda Huff-Paul, Ginny Leagins, Danielle and Kendi Long, Artia Benjamin, Pat Ogundele, and Janet Bowker. It truly takes a team (all professional concessionaires now) to make the OPC's refreshment stand a success.

*With Much Appreciation, Trudy Sheau*

# Christian Education



## Save the Date for Vacation Bible School

It's time for teachers and volunteers to sign up to help with VBS and for families to save the date! Our theme this year is "God's Wonderful Welcome," and our Bible stories, songs and activities will focus on welcome stories from the Bible. VBS will be Sunday, July 8 - Thursday, July 12, 2018, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Supper will be included. VBS is for children ages Pre-K through 5th grade. Youth may serve as helpers, and there will be an adult class during VBS as well.



**Spring Sunday School Schedule:** Happy Easter! Families, join us for worship on Easter Sunday, April 1. Sunday School will meet the remaining four Sundays in April— on April 8, 15, 22, and 29. Sunday School will also meet May 13, 20 and 27. May 27 is the last day of Sunday School for this school year. Opportunities for learning and fellowship will continue in the summer for all ages.



## Children's Easter Festival, April 1 following worship

The Children's Easter Festival will be held on the lawn (weather permitting) following worship on Easter Sunday, April 1. Children from Pre-K through Grade 5 will receive "Alleluia" gift bags filled with Easter goodies and participate in special activities on the lawn. In the event of inclement weather, the festivities will take place in Fellowship Hall. All young visitors are welcome, as well.



## Youth Group in April:

**Sunday, April 8 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM:** Youth Group Meeting at Church - We'll enjoy a pizza supper, then fellowship, an activity, and games in the Fellowship Hall.

**Sunday, April 22 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM:** Youth Group Meeting at Church - Bring something to share for a Potluck Supper. We'll share a meal, plan upcoming fundraisers for the Summer Youth Mission Trip, then enjoying recreation in Fellowship Hall.

There will be additional activities to do fundraising and make plans for this summer's Youth Mission Trip to West Virginia - Please keep an eye out for more information in the weeks ahead. The mission trip will be August 4 - 11. We have a wonderful group of 13 youth and five adults who are planning to go. There is room for a few more people. Please contact Pastor Carolyn if you are interested.



## SAVE THE DATE:

Confirmation Sunday - Pentecost, May 20 -

Members of the Confirmation Class will be received into church membership.



## Sunday Forums in April: Women in the New Testament

Please join us at 9:15 a.m. in the McMillian Chapel for these opportunities for learning and fellowship. Women were the first witnesses to Easter, but their stories in biblical times have often been neglected and misunderstood. Join us for a four Sunday series of DVD talks by biblical scholar Ken Bailey who brings a unique Middle Eastern perspective to understanding the Bible. Ken Bailey's insights stemmed from his own childhood in Egypt as a child of missionary parents and then a 40-year career studying and teaching in Egypt, Cyprus, Israel, and Lebanon.

April 8 "Women in the Old Testament". (Contrasting Views and Female Themes in the Old Testament)

April 15. "Women Leaders in the New Testament"

April 22. "Mary the Mother of Jesus"

April 29. "Who Teaches Whom?" "Mutual Submission"

## Congregational Life



CHURCH  
DIRECTORIES  
AND PORTRAITS

The Congregational Life Committee and Lifetouch Studios will be creating a new church photo directory. The dates that Lifetouch will be here are as follows:

Monday 6-4-18 - 2-9 PM

Tuesday 6-5-18-2-9 PM

Friday 6-8-18-2-9 PM

Saturday 6-9-18-10 AM-5 PM

More information coming soon on how to book your appointment!

## Fellowship

The Mens' Group will meet again on Saturday, April 7, at the church at 8:00. We will chat over bagels and coffee for a half hour and then enjoy a more structured program (topic to-be-named-later) for an hour. Keep an ear out for the topic. All are welcome, bring a friend.



## Stewardship

i SCREAM. you SCREAM. we all SCREAM for  
**ICE CREAM!**

Save the date: Friday, May 18, 6:30-8:30 pm.  
Bring your friends for ice cream and games. \$5/  
person or \$20 for family of four or more. Build  
fellowship and community with the Stewardship  
Committee while we eat delicious treats!  
See you there!

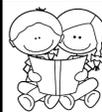


## Community



If you missed our first meeting in March, no worries our next meeting will be held at OPC on Monday April 9 at 7pm. We will continue our discussion on Paul Hawken's Draw Down focusing on the role of education of girls and women and the role of family planning. If you were unable to attend the meeting but want to catch up on what was discussed, here is the link to the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vY aMzeJ p8> - It is very positive. Please see Jim Stephens or Bruce Gillette for more information.



Do you have any spare books lying around? Hannah Lazo and her friend, Emerson, are in Girl Scout Troop 5927 (Haverford) and are working to earn their Bronze Award by collecting new and lightly used books for an underserved elementary school in South Philadelphia. The girls are collecting books for students in grades K-8 starting March 25 and throughout the month of April. Please look for a donation box near the front office. If you do not have any books to spare but would like to contribute, we will have some books "for purchase" that you can choose to donate to the girls' efforts. Look for us in the Wistar Morris room. Thank you in advance for your support! -Becky Lazo

# Deacons



4/2	Benjamin Bryant Maya Stricker	4/16	Sue Brastow Ellen Burr
4/3	Vimala Johnson		Ariel Roger
4/5	Jason Duckworth Annabelle Van Rawley	4/19	Ken Carroll
4/7	Alan Sigler Lucy Duckworth	4/21	Marielle Young Andrea Knight
4/8	Sarah Whalen	4/22	Lois Randel Richard Owens
4/9	Vince Gilhool Bethany Bryant	4/23	Kadie Whalen
4/10	Janine Miller Haford Baidoo Maya Subramanian	4/24	Angela Duckworth Pearl Stricker Leonard Robbins Bruce Gillette
4/11	Sophie N'dow Maya Subramanian Madison Harden	4/25	Victor Fiorillo
		4/27	Andy Kaercher
		4/30	Dante Gattone
4/13	Artia Benjamin		David McMillan Connie Moran

## Prayer List

- ◆Funeral for Deborah Savage Schuhl –May 5th
- ◆Victor Fiorillo adjusting to life after being hospitalized for a seizure and side effects of medications.
- ◆Caroline Skinner waiting for kidney transplant
- ◆The Rev. David McMillian leg wound is improving slowly.
- ◆Leo Miller, Vince Gilhool’s nephew, receiving cancer treatment
- ◆Ken Carroll is undergoing radiation treatment
- ◆Anna Lemley’s father, Thomas James, battling lung cancer.
- ◆Ed Harvey
- ◆Charlotte Carpenter recently diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis
- ◆Lynda Johnson home and recovering from knee surgery
- ◆Emily Amerman and Jim Vagnoni’s son Will in a recovery house and hopes it is successful.
- ◆Ellen Burr ongoing health issues

*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.*

## Pastoral CARE

### 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 phone: [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

### 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.

### Drivers and Cooks ?!



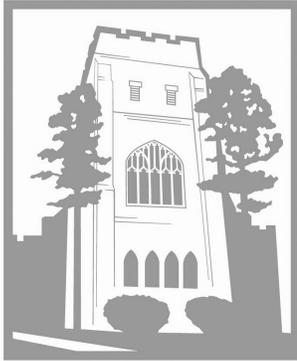
Are you willing to occasionally drive someone to/from church or an appointment?

How about occasionally preparing a meal for someone dealing with a major life event?

Call or email Mike Rottinger



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### Church Office Hours

Mon., Wed., & Fri.  
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Tues., & Thurs.  
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

## Worship

April 1, 2018

Communion

Easter Sunday

Mark 16:1-8

Preaching: Pastor Bruce Gillette

Lay Leader: Eileen Wiggins

Coffee Hour: Amarilis Stricker

April 8, 2018

2nd Sunday of Easter

John 20:19-31

Preaching: Pastor Carolyn Gillette

Lay Leader: Davorka Sabljak

Coffee Hour: The Gillette's



April 15, 2018

3rd Sunday of Easter

Luke 24:36b-48

Preaching: Pastor Bruce Gillette

Lay Leader: Elizabeth Cosgriff

Coffee Hour: Terri and Solomon Hunter



April 22, 2018

4th Sunday of Easter

John 10:11-18

Preaching: Pastor Carolyn Gillette

Lay Leader: Deb Rottinger

Coffee Hour: Youth Mission Trip Families

April 29, 2018

5th Sunday of Easter

John 15:1-8

Preaching: Pastor Bruce Gillette

Lay Leader: Youth

Coffee Hour: Gail Kaercher, Joan Moylan and Ginny Leagans



# April 2018

## Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Invite your Friends, Neighbors, and Co-workers to our times of Learning, Worship, Fellowship and Service

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 EASTER</b> 10:30AM Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 11:30 AM Easter Festival	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 1:00 PM Worship Committee 7:00 PM Finance Committee	<b>4</b> 10:30AM Bible Study 4:00 PM We Care Wednesday-ChickfilA Springfield Park 5:00 PM Property Committee	<b>5</b> 10:00 AM Personnel Committee 6:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 8:00 AM Men's Group
<b>8</b> 9:15 AM Adult Forum 9:15 AM Junior Choir 10:30AM Worship Sunday School 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 5:30 PM Youth Group	<b>9</b> 7:00 PM Green Team	<b>10</b> 7:00 PM Session	<b>11</b> 10:30AM Bible Study	<b>12</b> 6:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Stewardship Committee-Karen's Wong Home	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 5:30 PM Hootenanny for Hunger
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<b>29</b> 9:15 AM Adult Forum 9:15 AM Junior Choir 10:30AM Worship with Service of Healing/Wholeness Sunday School 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 12:00 PM New Members Committee	<b>30</b>	<b>Holy Week at Overbrook</b> <i>March 29-Maundy Thursday-7:00 PM Sanctuary</i> <i>March 30-Good Friday-7:00 PM Sanctuary</i> <i>Noon-joint service at St. Thomas African Episcopal Church.</i> <i>4:30 PM Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence's Annual Good Friday Interfaith Stations and Walk in West &amp; Southwest Philadelphia at Holy Apostles and Mediator Church (51st &amp; Spruce Streets)</i>				

## Holy Week in the Study Catechism of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

**Question 32. What do you affirm when you say that he "suffered under Pontius Pilate"?**

First, that our Lord was rejected and abused by the authorities of that time, both religious and political. Second, and even more importantly, that he submitted to condemnation by an earthly judge so that we might be acquitted before our heavenly Judge.

**Question 33. What do you affirm when you say that he was "crucified, dead and buried"?**

From Christ's lonely and terrible death we learn that there is no sorrow he has not known, no grief he has not borne, and no price he was unwilling to pay in order to reconcile us to God.

**Question 34. What do you affirm when you say that he "descended into hell"?**

That our Lord took upon himself the full consequences of our sinfulness in order that we might be spared.

**Question 35. What do you affirm when you say that "on the third day he rose again from the dead"?**

Our Lord could not be held by the power of death. Having died on the cross, he appeared to his followers, and revealed himself to them as the Lord and Savior of the world.

Biblical references along with explanations of the rest of The Apostles Creed, the Ten Commandments and the Lord's Prayers relating to faith and life today can be found in this Catechism online at <http://www.pcusa.org/media/uploads/theologyandworship/pdfs/studycatechism.pdf>



Twenty Overbrook Presbyterians were among the 800,000 people who participated in the March for Our Lives in Washington, DC on March 24. This protest was the largest in the history of Washington. The above group photo is of the 54 people who rode a bus from Overbrook Presbyterian Church to New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington (where Lincoln worshipped) before the march. More Overbrook Presbyterians joined the March for Our Lives protest in Philadelphia, one of more than 800 sister protests throughout the United States and overseas in support of ending gun violence.