
Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
Third Sunday of Easter
April 15, 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

Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan Johann Pachelbel

INTROIT

Whate'er my God ordains is right J. S. Bach
The final movement of *Weinen, Klagen, Sorgen, Zagen*,
a cantata for Jubilate Sunday, translated by Catherine Winkworth.

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lord of life, submitting to death,

People: you conquered the grave.

Leader: By being lifted on a cross,

People: you draw all peoples to you.

Leader: By being raised from the dead,

People: you restore to humanity all that we had lost through sin.

All: Let us worship together.

❖HYMN No. 234

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain ST. KEVIN

GREETING

Pastor Bruce Gillette

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Almighty God,

in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.

We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.

We overlook the poor and the hungry,
and pass by those who mourn;

we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,
and indifferent to calls for peace;

we despise the weak,
and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy.

Help us to trust your power

to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖HYMN No. 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT 1 John 3:1-7 Page 225/pew Bible
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 4:8

I will lay me down in peace
Toffer Mihalka, tenor

Maurice Greene

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Pastor Carolyn Gillette

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

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:36b-48

Page 85/pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Bible Study with Jesus”

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.)*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

❖HYMN No. 456

Listen, God Is Calling

NENO LAKE MUNGU

The part of the “Leader” will be sung by members of the choir.

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- *United Church of Canada*

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

- Nancy Elmore
- Irma Mae Leskin
- Marlin Newsome
- Mary Lou Ryce

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Pastor Bruce Gillette

MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Raelyn Harman, Congregational Life
Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music*

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

On Earth Has Dawned This Day of Days arr. Robert Benson
The Overbrook Choir

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

❖ HYMN No. 298

Lord, You Give the Great Commission ABBOTS LEIGH

SENDING FORTH

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

I will lay me down in peace Eric Thiman

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

POSTLUDE

Improvisation: Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan



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: Elizabeth Cosgriff; Acolyte: Emma Biedermann
The Overbrook Choir

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

Today's bulletin cover is a Rembrandt etching of the supper at
Emmaus.

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

Openers/Closers:
Mike Rottinger

Deacons Delivering Flowers:
Artia Benjamin and Ellen Valudes

Following worship today - please join us for refreshments in the Wistar Morris Room. We would like to thank Terri and Solomon Hunter for hosting this week's coffee hour. 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, April 15	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Christian Education-Chapel
Wednesday, April 18	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study-Chapel
Sunday, April 22	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Mission & Outreach-Chapel
	5:30 p.m.	Youth Group



Today we are receiving four new members into our Overbrook Church Family. Let's give a warm welcome to Nancy Elmore, Irma Mae Leskin, Marlin Newsome, and Mary Lou Ryce.

Bible Study: This week's Bible study will be at 10:30am but will be a group led discussion. A video of Kenneth Bailey's on the Good Shepherd (Session 1) will be shown and then a group discussion to follow.



Come join us Next Sunday, April 22 at 9:15 a.m. for Adult Forum. The topic that week will be continuing Women in the Bible focusing on “Mary, the mother of Jesus.”



Next Sunday 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.



Next Sunday during Coffee Hour be sure to bring your sweet tooth. The Youth Group will be hosting coffee hour with a bake sale of homemade treats. All proceeds will go to benefit the Youth Group Mission Trip this summer.



Book Drive for City School children: 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 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



Overbrook Presbyterian “Mobile Pack” Day for Feed My Starving Children will be on Saturday, April 28. Join us for this annual event when we prepare meals for thousands of people. Sign-up and details are available on our church

web site.



“A House Divided” – Up Next at Overbrook Presbyterian Church on May 4,5,6 and 11,12 presented by Narberth Community Theatre. If anyone is interested in seeing this play please see Jeff Bowker for your tickets. Proceeds of tickets sales will go to support OPC’s general budget. Tickets are \$20.00/each.



☞“It’s time! It’s time for us to update our photo directory. We will be photographing everyone *on Mon., June 4th, Tues., June 5th and Fri., June 8th, 2pm-9pm and Saturday, June 9th, 10am-5pm* right here at our church. Our directory won’t be complete without you. You can schedule your own appointment by

going to www.overbrookpresb.org and click on the link on the home page or we will have an onsite sign-up table before and after worship every Sunday through June 3rd. The sooner you schedule your appointment the more choices you have for appointment times. Our goal is 100% participation by OPC members and friends. Everyone cherishes their OPC photo directory. Everyone who gets their photo taken will get a free 8x10 photo and a free photo directory. There is no obligation to buy any additional photos. Lifetouch is a reputable company that will be taking the photos and creating the directories. If these times do not work with your schedule or if you have any questions, please contact Raelyn Harman (610-331-8972/raelynkay@aol.com) or Artia Benjamin (215-266-8758/NewLife5125@aol.com) and we can help make alternative arrangements.



OPC Women's Retreat, Saturday, June 2, 2018-8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. The 2nd Annual OPC Women’s Retreat will be on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at the IHM Conference Center in Bryn Mawr. This year’s theme will be “Finding Joy” based on the Letter to the Philippians, and our leader will be Pastor Carolyn Gillette.

Cost for the day is estimated at \$40 per person. Scholarships are available. Please contact Artia Benjamin, Becky Lazo or Sabrina Johnson for more information.



Coffee Hour Hosts are needed for the following Sundays: May 6, 13 and 27 and June 3. Instructions for this easily accomplished, highly valued ministry are available on the OPC web site and in the church kitchen (on the microwave). For more information please contact Amarilis Stricker at 484-343-0679 or

Raelyn Harman at 610-331-8972. Thank you.



Chancel Flowers. If anyone is interested in dedicating in honor of or in memory of the Sunday Chancel Flowers please see the sign up in the Wistar Morris Room. The cost of the flowers is a monetary donation of your choice. The following dates are available April 22, May 29 and June 3rd.



Recently, Artia Benjamin and I checked-in with OPC's custodian, Leonard Robbins, to be sure we understood what he needed from members and friends who use the kitchen. **WE MUST PUT AWAY, TAKE AWAY, OR THROW AWAY ALL UNUSED FOOD FROM ANY EVENT WE ARE HOSTING.** Not doing this has created burdensome work for Leonard and encouraged unwelcome critters to visit. Sometimes we want to leave leftovers for others to use or for a future occasion. If you want it kept for a specific event or person, you must clearly label the item and leave it in the refrigerator, in the freezer, or in the tightly sealed plastic bins on top of the dishwasher. Markers are kept in the kitchen drawer to the left of the refrigerator. Otherwise, unlabeled food will get thrown away or will be used by anyone who happens to come along.

There are people who volunteer to open and close the church before and after worship every Sunday. After coffee hour, they stack dirty cups and dishes and soak flatware and serving utensils in a "bowl" of water so that it is easier for Leonard to load the dishwasher and get the job done Monday morning. After coffee hour, it is always helpful to leave your dirty dishes on the rolling cart provided or stacked on the stainless-steel counter to the left of the doors as you enter the kitchen.

Thank you for being good hosts and guests at the many occasions where we share a meal together by leaving the area at least as clean and tidy as we found it and by being considerate of everyone who helps us keep it that way.

Other than coffee hour, when planning an event that will create any dirty dishes, you must plan to hand-wash the dishes or check to see in advance if Leonard is available to help clean up during his regularly scheduled hours. He can be reached through the church office, 215-877-2744.

Best Regards,
Raelyn Harman & Artia Benjamin, Co-Chairs

Inaugural Concert of the Dennis Elwell Organ Recital Series

RICHARD ELLIOTT

Principal Organist of the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City



SUNDAY, MAY 6

2:00 P.M.

Overbrook

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\$20 suggested donation

It's not too late to give!

Become a sponsor:

- \$1,000 and up: Trompette Harmonique
- \$500-\$999: Cymbel
- \$250-\$499: Diapason
- \$100-\$249: Bourdon
- \$0-\$99: Gemshorn

How to give:

- by cash or check.
- online, by clicking "Donate" on our web site or scanning the QR code at right.



(Don't forget to write
"Performing Arts" in
the memo line!)

Pick up a color flyer at coffee hour to invite your friends!

Prayer List

- ◆ John Nathaniel is in the hospital after having a stroke.
- ◆ Helen Nablo, former OPC Interim Pastor, father passed away.
- ◆ Bill DiPonziano, friend of Lynn Pompa, is hospitalized and undergoing medical testing.
- ◆ DeDe Sherlock, Pat Dillion's sister, having health issues.
- ◆ Ed Harvey recovering from surgery. He welcomes prayers by his church family and phone calls to his home, 215-871-0858.
- ◆ Park Mayne recovering from emergency appendectomy at home.
- ◆ Victor Fiorillo adjusting to life after being hospitalized for a seizure and side effects of medications.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Charlotte Carpenter recently diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis
- ◆ Lynda Johnson having health concerns
- ◆ 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.

✿ 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:

Sara Davis, Clerk of Session , Pastors Bruce & Carolyn Gillette, Moderators
Kate Shackelford & Stephanie Morris, Co-Treasurers

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Eileen Wiggins and Karen Wong.

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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

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