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# Overbrook Presbyterian Church

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Worship Service  
Transfiguration of the Lord  
February 11, 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

### PRELUDES

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern (two settings) Max Reger

### INTROIT

O come, let us worship and bow down George Thalben-Ball

### ❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let the light shine out of darkness.

People: God of all glory, gather us in.

Leader: Let the light shine out of darkness.

People: Lord Jesus Christ, shine in our hearts.

### ❖HYMN No. 189

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair DEO GRACIAS

### GREETING

*Pastor Bruce Gillette*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION- (UNISON)

God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. You shine with perfect beauty, but we turn away from your presence. You blaze with heavenly glory, but we hide our faces from your truth. Forgive us, God of grace. Shine in our hearts this day through the light of your Word so that we may glorify you forever; through Jesus Christ our 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                      2 Corinthians 4:3-6      Page 169/pew Bible  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### ANTHEM

O nata lux

Thomas Tallis

*The Overbrook Choir*

O nata lux de lumine,  
Jesu redemptory saeculi,  
Dignare clemens supplicum  
Laudes precesque sumere.

O Light born of Light,  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
mercifully deign to accept  
suppliant praise and prayer.

Qui carne quondam contegi  
Dignatus es pro perfidis,  
Nos membra confer effici  
Tu beati corporis.

O you who once deigned to be hidden  
in flesh on behalf of the lost,  
grant us to be made members  
of your blessed body.

### TIME WITH CHILDREN

*Pastor Carolyn Gillette*

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

### GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9:2-9

Page 41/pew Bible

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### SERMON

“Seeing God”

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.273

He Is King of Kings

HE IS KING

❖AFFIRMATION OF FAITH-*Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our  
Lord Jesus Christ, the  
love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the  
Holy One of Israel, whom alone we  
worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ,  
fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick  
and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.  
With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

*Pastor Carolyn Gillette*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Dr. Christopher Gage*

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

There shall a star come out of Jacob  
*The Overbrook Choir*

Felix Mendelssohn

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

❖ HYMN No. 306

**Blest Be the Tie That Binds**

DENNIS

## SENDING FORTH

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

So we may praise thee

John Yarrington

*Church members are asked to remain  
in the sanctuary for the annual meeting.*

POSTLUDE

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

Marcel Dupré

# 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: Susy Brandt, Acolyte: Everett Whalen  
The Overbrook Choir  
Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

Today's bulletin cover is drawn by Julianna Johnson.

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:

Max Mason, Noble Brigham, Ken Carroll, John Mason, Mary Scott, Jason Sheau, Alan Sigler, Nickie Stokes and Adepeju Adebajo

## Deacons Delivering Flowers:

Ellen Valudes and Artia Benjamin

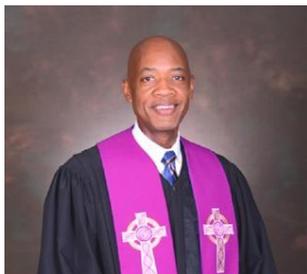
Following worship today - please join us for refreshments in the Wistar Morris Room. We would like to thank Arita Benjamin, Nickie Stokes and LaToya Richie. If you would like to host an upcoming coffee hour, please sign up now on the sign-up board in the Wistar-Morris Room. Contact Amarilis Stricker at 484-343-0679 with questions.

## This Week at Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Sunday, Feb. 11 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 a.m.	Annual Congregation Meeting
	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour
Tues, Feb. 13 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Session
Wed., Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study-Chapel
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
Sunday, Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	CE Meeting-Chapel

**Annual Congregation Meeting**-Today immediately following worship-The Session announces that the **Annual Meeting** of the congregation and corporation of Overbrook Presbyterian Church will be held in the sanctuary following worship today. All business proper to a general meeting of our congregation will be addressed.

**Sunday, February 11** - Youth Group at Church - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Potluck supper at 5:30 p.m. - bring something to share - followed by discussion and recreation.



### Courageous Conversations Continue:

#### Where Do We Go From Here?

All are invited to the Black History Month Worship Celebration at Oxford Presbyterian Church, hosted by the National Black Presbyterian Caucus, Philadelphia Chapter, and the Presbytery of Philadelphia today, February 11, 2018 beginning at 3:00 pm, with guest preacher, the Rev. Dr. Paul Timothy Roberts, Sr. The Reverend Dr. Paul Timothy Roberts Sr. is President of Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary

in Atlanta, GA, a position he has held since the spring of 2010. Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary is one of the ten theological schools of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and the only one that is historically African American. Under Paul's leadership, JCSTS is reinventing itself and has gained prominence in the national conversation about new models of theological education. The church is located at 8501 Stenton Ave, Philadelphia. Contact Pastor Bruce Gillette if you would like to carpool.

☞ Wednesday Bible Study- This Wednesday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> our Wednesday morning Bible study is at 10:30am. This week Bible study will be led by Pastor Carolyn. She will be teaching on the following Sunday's lectionary reading, Mark 1:2-9, February 18<sup>th</sup>.



### This Wednesday! Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Our Ash Wednesday Worship Service will be at 7:00 p.m., this Wednesday, Feb 14, in the sanctuary of the Overbrook Presbyterian Church. This special worship service marking the start of the Lenten season will be a traditional celebration, rich in symbolism, which Christians have observed for over a thousand years. The service includes hymn-singing, readings from the Bible, a brief meditation, prayers, and then ashes for those who want to come forward. The ashes remind us that our lives are gifts from God and that we continue to depend on our Lord. Join us for a special service as we begin the Lenten season.

☞ Next Sunday's February 18<sup>th</sup> Adult Forum Martin Luther King, Jr., Presbyterians and the 2018 Poor People's Campaign. We will listen to Dr. King's address to the Presbyterian Church General Assembly, share memories of his work and discuss the new Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival led by the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, II.



Coffee Hour Hosts are needed for the following Sundays: **March 4, 11, 18 & 25<sup>th</sup>**. Are you wondering which ministry you can get involved with at OPC that can fit into your schedule? Volunteering to host a coffee hour after worship is an ideal activity. Instructions for this easily accomplished, highly valued ministry are available on the OPC web site and in the church kitchen (on the microwave). Ask your new or long-time friends, "pew mates", fellow committee members or people who you would like to get to know a little better to sign-up with you. **All ages** can participate. Remember to keep it simple. Every week, there are always folks present to lend a hand. Coffee hour is a cherished tradition at OPC and hosts are heaped with gratitude by this congregation, who love to touch base with each other over a cup of coffee or tea after worship. For more information please contact Amarilis Stricker at 484-343-0679 or Raelyn Harman at 610-331-8972. Thank you.

## SEWING GIFTS:



Hopefully, you have noticed the unique handmade potholders and pillowcases on sale in the Wistar Morris Room. Today there are new colors and designs; take some time to check them out at the Mission table. All proceeds go to Feed My Starving Children. They will be on sale this Sunday and next Sunday, and then what is left will be available to anyone who wishes to take some to friends or places of business to help generate more funds and support for FMSC from outside OPC. Many thanks for your support for this mission. Nancy Gilhool



## THE NEXT “WE CARE WEDNESDAY”

This Month’s “We Care Wednesday” is February 21<sup>st</sup> at the Panera Bread at 116 W. Township Line Road, (Rt. 1), Havertown, in the Quarry Shopping Center. These events are to contribute to one of OPC’s most vital ministries – Feed My Starving Children. A portion of the proceeds are given to FMSC. Please join us. See you at Panera Havertown. Bring your family, friends and neighbors. See Kristan Davis, Becky Lazo, Janet Bowker or Deb Rottinger for a We Care Wednesday form to be sure your meal is credited to OPC.

## LENTEN DEVOTIONAL



This booklet of daily devotions will be available during Coffee Hour this Sunday for anyone that wishes to have a copy. This devotional for Lent includes reflections by the late Henri J.M. Nouwen, one of the most widely read spiritual writers of our time. His deeply moving spiritual insights and prayerful conversations with God are particularly timely during this holy season of Lent when we contemplate the Christ who is our hope through his suffering, death and resurrection. Each meditation begins with a relevant quote from Scripture and ends with a brief prayer.

## Wednesday Lenten Supper & Prayer Service - Each Week of Lent

Starting on Wednesday, February 21, at 7:00 p.m. there will be a Lenten Prayer Service for all ages in the chapel. Join us each week of Lent for scripture readings, a brief sermon by one of our pastors, prayer and special music. The special music for February 21 will be offered by Lynn Pompa. These services will include readings, prayers and activities that are child-friendly and welcoming of worshipers of all ages.



OPC church members, families and friends are invited to attend the earlier "We Care Wednesday" dinner on February 21 at Panera Bread in Havertown and then to come to the Lenten Prayer Service at OPC. The theme of these Lenten Prayer Services will be "Lord, Teach

Us to Pray" about Jesus' teaching on prayer with a special focus on insights about the Lord's Prayer.



Starting on February 28, we will offer a simple Wednesday dinner of delicious soups and breads from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. prior to the 7:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service. We will go to the "We Care Wednesday" on March 21. Please contact

Eileen Wiggins if you would like to help prepare soups for Wednesday evenings.



Want to know more about what goes on at OPC? Thinking of becoming a member? Well you are invited on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm for a lunch and a brief inquirers class.

For more information see Pastor Bruce Gillette.

## Prayer List

- ◆ Rev. Lois Ann Furgess-Oler recovering from a fall.
- ◆ Ken Carroll awaiting medical test results
- ◆ Anna Lemley's father, Thomas James, battling lung cancer.
- ◆ Nancy Gilhool recovering at home from outpatient foot surgery
- ◆ Ed Harvey awaiting medical test results
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Andrea Gosfield, recovering from a car accident
- ◆ Ellen Burr ongoing health issues
- ◆ Gloria Justin, still recovering at home

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

**OPC SESSION MEMBERS/COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Sara Davis, *Clerk of Session*, *Pastors Bruce & Carolyn Gillette*, *Moderators*

Jeff Bowker, *Co-Chair-Property*, Rachel Carnahan, *Chair-Worship/Music*, Edelene Carroll, *Chair-Personnel*, Kevin Davis, Raelyn Harman, *Chair-Congregational Life*, Anil “Bob” Kothari, *Chair-Finance*, Becky Lazo, Deborah Rottinger, Jane Rozmiarek, Kate Shackelford-*Treasurer*, Aimerie Scherluebbe, *Chair, Mission & Outreach*, Will Schick, *Chair-Stewardship*, Sean Whalen, *President, Board of Trustees*, Eileen Wiggins, and Karen Wong.

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Mike Rottinger, *Moderator-Board of Deacons*,  
Brad Biedermann, *Treasurer*, Jill Van Rawley, *Secretary*  
Adepeju Adebajo, Artia Benjamin, Brad Biedermann, Suchita Fiorillo, Angie Goodall, Terri Hunter, Sabrina Johnson, Stephanie Morris, Mike Rottinger, Davorka Sabljak, Alan Sigler, Nickie Stokes, Carol Tulba, and Ellen Valudes, Jill Van Rawley.

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**The Rev. David McMillan - Pastor Emeritus**

**Dr. Christopher Gage - Director of Music**

**Lisa Faso - Office Manager**

**Carol Rozmiarek - Financial Secretary**

**Leonard Robbins - Church Custodian**

**Every Church Member - Minister**

**The Overbrook Quartet**

**Iris Fairfax, soprano; Lois Randel, mezzo-soprano;**

**Toffer Mihalka, tenor; Matthew Lulofs, bass**

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

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