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# Overbrook Presbyterian Church

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FOR GOD  
SO LOVED  
**THE**  
WORLD  
THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON,  
THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM  
SHALL  
**NOT**  
PERISH  
**BUT**  
HAVE  
ETERNAL  
**LIFE.**  
**JOHN**  
**3:16**

Worship Service  
Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 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

### PRELUDE

Three Trios: G minor, C minor, G major

Josef Rheinberger

### INTROIT

Wondrous Love

arr. Roberta Siebert

*The Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir*

### ❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

People: **slow to anger and abounding in love.**

Leader: The Lord of life is lifted up!

People: **Let us look to him and live. Let us worship God together!**

### ❖HYMN No. 388

Come All You People

UYAI MOSE

repeated several times

*first time: choir only*

*all subsequent repetitions: choir and congregation*

### GREETING

*Pastor Bruce Gillette*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION- (UNISON)

God of mercy,

you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.

We confess that we have strayed from you  
and turned aside from your way.

We are misled by pride,

for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,  
and great when we are small.

We have failed in love,

neglected justice,

and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.

Return us to paths of righteousness

through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

# KYRIE ELEISON (sung by all)

Andrew Senn

The musical score is written for organ and voice. It consists of two staves. The first staff is for the organ, starting with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a series of quarter notes: C, D, E, F, G, A, B, C. The dynamic marking *mp* is placed above the staff. The lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." are written below the notes. The second staff is for the voice, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a series of quarter notes: C, D, E, F, G, A, B, C. The dynamic marking *mf* is placed above the staff. The lyrics "Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." are written below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## ❖ HYMN No. 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

## HEARING THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT      Ephesians 2:1-10      Page 181/pew Bible  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## ANTHEM

Create in me a clean heart, O God      Gwendolyn Emery-Owings  
*The Overbrook Junior Choir*

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

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

GOSPEL LESSON  
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

John 3:14-22

Page 88/pew Bible

SERMON “The Amazing Grace of 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 209

My Song Is Love Unknown LOVE UNKNOWN

❖AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- *Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39*

We believe there is no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus;  
for we know that all things work together for good  
for those who love God,  
who are called according to God's purpose.  
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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

Wash me throughly  
*The Overbrook Choir*  
*Iris Fairfax, soprano*

S. S. Wesley

❖DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

❖ HYMN No. 649

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

## SENDING FORTH

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

Be thou our strength and stay, O Lord

Donald Cashmore

*Today's extended postlude lasts approximately 15 minutes.*

*Please consider staying to hear it, or  
depart quietly to allow others to listen.*

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in E minor, BWV 548

J. S. Bach

**Johann Sebastian Bach** (1685-1750) was a German organist and composer who exemplified the Baroque style. His large output includes cantatas, Passions and oratorios, solo instrumental music, and chamber works. His compositions are known for their intricate counterpoint, which contributes to their solid construction.

The **Prelude and Fugue in E minor**, BWV 548, is a work of the mature Bach, probably composed sometime after he moved to Leipzig in 1723. The prelude takes the form of a concerto, with an opening section that returns in various keys, separated by episodes, similar to the alternation of full orchestra and soloist in the modern concerto. The fugue is what scholars call an “art fugue”—a work that has, by design, an unusually high degree of contrapuntal skill or accomplishment. Here, the subject is the main accomplishment, a chromatic, ever-expanding motive that gives this fugue the nickname of “the Wedge.” The episodes in between statements of the subject are a technical tour de force, with a flurry of cadenza-like passages that propel the piece to its exciting conclusion.



**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: Amanda Duckworth; Acolyte: Emmanuel Richie  
The Overbrook Choir  
The Overbrook Junior Choir  
The Overbrook Westminster Handbell Choir  
Iris Fairfax, Soprano  
Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God  
by Rachel Carnahan and Jeremy Blatchley

**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:**  
Brad Biedermann and Carol Tulba

Following worship today - please join us for refreshments in the Wistar Morris Room. We would like to thank Mimi Winkler and Woody Adams 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

Sun., Mar 11	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Deacons Meeting-Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	New Members Inquirers Lunch-Williamson Room
Tues. Mar 13	7:00 p.m.	Session
Wed., Mar 14	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study-Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	Property Committee
	6:00 p.m.	Soup and Bread Meal
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Prayer Service-Chapel
Sun., Mar. 18	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum-Will Schick
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Christian Education Meeting



**Want to know more about what goes on at OPC? Thinking of becoming a member?** You are invited on today at 12:00 p.m. in the Williamson Room for a lunch and a brief inquirers class. For more information see Pastor Bruce Gillette

**Wednesday Bible Study**- This Wednesday, Mar. 14, our Wednesday morning Bible study is at 10:30am, led by Pastor Bruce. He will be teaching on the following Sunday's reading, John 12:20-33, March 14.



### March 18: Will Schick on Overbrook Hospital in Thailand.

Come hear Will at 9:15 am in the chapel as he shares about his participation in Overbrook Hospital's 115th anniversary celebration and ways we can continue to keep connected with our Thai friends.

### ☛Wednesday Lenten Supper & Prayer Service –Each Week of Lent

March 14-March 21<sup>st</sup> There will be special meals followed by opportunities for children, youth and adults to worship together. Please contact Eileen Wiggins if you would like to help prepare soups for Wednesday evening soup nights.

- ◆March 14 - 6:00 p.m. - Soup and bread meal at OPC
- ◆March 21 - "We Care Wednesday" at a JD McGillicuddy's

On all of these Wednesday nights in Lent, you are invited to join us following dinner at 7:00 p.m. in the OPC Chapel for worship. The theme of these Lenten Prayer Services will be "Lord, Teach Us to Pray" with a special focus on the Lord's Prayer. Each of these services will be approximately half an hour in length. Child care will be provided for the youngest children in the church nursery, if it is needed.

### ☛"Sister Act" – Now Showing at Overbrook Presbyterian Church on

March 11, 16, 17 presented by Narberth Community Theatre. This Sunday, please buy your tickets from Jeff Bowker as our church's fundraiser (instead of going to a special performance). We will be selling tickets during coffee hour for all shows of this production. Tickets are \$20.00/each. Revenues from ticket sales go to support OPC's general budget.



March 19 Play: "This Evil Thing," is an amazing one-man play that will be performed here in OPC's Fellowship Hall at 7:30 p.m. This play is about conscientious objectors during the First World War. This touring play (first performed in Scotland) is being coordinated by the

PCUSA-supported Center for Conscience & War. Free admission with donations welcome.



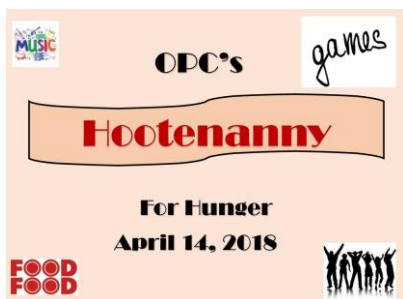
## MARCH FOR OUR LIVES

Bus Trip to DC to Participate in “March for Our Lives” on March 24 to Prevent Gun Violence. Tentative departure time is 6:00 a.m. from Overbrook Church Parking Lot; participants will return at approximately 6:00 p.m. the same day. Tickets are \$40 for the roundtrip. Space on the buses is limited, so please contact Bruce and Carolyn Gillette ASAP for details and to reserve tickets.



Ice Cream Social

Share a Sundae Sunday-Join the New Member Committee immediately after worship on March 25<sup>th</sup> for ice cream and conversations. Make your own sundae and meet new friends. Sugar and lactose free options will be available.



The FMSC Mobile Pack is quickly approaching. Mission & Outreach is hosting a unique event for all ages. Get ready for great food, music, dancing, games, and fellowship at OPC's Hootenanny for Hunger, a Feed My Starving Children fundraiser - April 14, 2018. More details to follow.



Easter Flowers

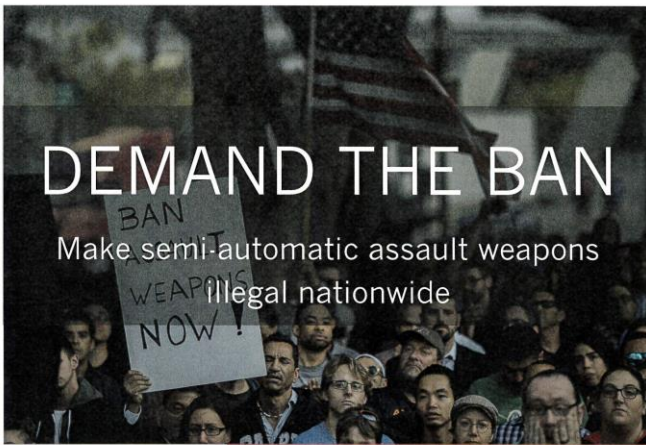
Sign-up Sheet for Easter Flowers are in the Wistar Morris Room. Pay as you wish-if paying by check note “Easter Flowers” in the memo.



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 in April: April 8, April 15, April 22 and April 29. Instructions for this easily accomplished, highly valued ministry are available on the OPC web site and in the church kitchen (on the microwave). 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.



# DEMAND THE BAN

Make semi-automatic assault weapons  
illegal nationwide



**Wednesday, March 21, 2018**  
**Philadelphia**

- 10:00 am: Gather at Arch Street Friends Meeting House 4<sup>th</sup> and Arch Streets: Ceremonial meltdown and repurposing of an assault weapon into a garden tool
- 11:00 am: Procession to Senator Toomey's Office, 200 Chestnut Street
- 11:30 am: Legal Rally at Senator Toomey's Office demanding Toomey's Co-sponsorship of S.2095, **Assault Weapons Ban of 2017**
- 12:00 Noon: Nonviolent Civil Disobedience Action\*  
A group of nonviolent advocates will attempt to deliver the repurposed assault weapon/garden tool to Senator Toomey and will occupy his office until he co-sponsors S.2095

Left photo by Coe Burchfield: Plough forged from a gun by the blacksmiths of Raw Tools: [www.rawtools.org](http://www.rawtools.org)

For more information or to register:

[www.DemandTheBan.org](http://www.DemandTheBan.org)

Sponsored by CHARLES Foundation, Delaware County United for Sensible Gun Policy, Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence, Raw Tools, The Simple Way

\*For more information about participating in the civil disobedience action, contact Terry Rumsey:

[terry@delcounited.net](mailto:terry@delcounited.net) or 484.326.1370



#wedemandtheban  
@demandtheban

## Prayer List

- ◆ Victor Fiorillo recovering at home from a seizure
- ◆ Deb Rottinger recovering at home from high blood pressure
- ◆ The Rev. David McMillian leg wound is improving slowly.
- ◆ Leo Miller, Vince Gilhool's nephew, receiving cancer treatment
- ◆ Rev. Lois Ann Furgess-Oler recovering from a fall.
- ◆ Ken Carroll awaiting medical test results
- ◆ Anna Lemley's father, Thomas James, battling lung cancer.
- ◆ 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 has decided to start hospice care so that she is able to stay in her apartment.

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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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 community  
that actively seeks to love and serve God,  
each other and the world.***

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