
Overbrook Presbyterian Church

*Almighty God,
your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ,
ascended far above all heavens
that he might fill all things.
Mercifully give us faith to trust
that, as he promised,
he abides with us on earth
to the end of time;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Worship Service
The Ascension of the Lord
Mother's Day
May 13, 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

Nun freut euch, lieben Christen gemein J. S. Bach
("Rejoice now, dear Christians one and all")

INTROIT

Give to the Lord the honour due unto his name G. T. Thalben-Ball

❖CALL TO WORSHIP-(based on Psalm 139)

Leader: We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God,

People: **Who, like a mother, knows us intimately,**

Leader: Loves us unconditionally,

People: **Teaches us the way we should go,
and comfort us in times of need.**

All: Praise God, the Source and Sustainer of life!

❖HYMN No. 643

Now Thank We All Our God NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

GREETING

Pastor Bruce Gillette

PRAYER OF CONFESSION- (UNISON)

O Lord,

we have not lived our lives
as kingdom people.

We place our crowns
on hopelessness, fear,
and selfishness.

We are ruled by our schedules
and our need for control.

We make kings of the things we acquire
and queens of our immediate desires.

We forget that your kingdom

draws near to us on earth,
as it is in heaven.
Forgive us, we pray.
Come, Lord,
and open in us
the gates of your kingdom. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖HYMN No. 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Acts 1:1-11

Page 110/pew Bible

ANTHEM

The Call Ralph Vaughan Williams
Matthew Lulofs, baritone

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.

Luke 24:44-53

Page 85/pew Bible

SERMON

“Looking to Heaven?”

Pastor Bruce Gillette

❖HYMN No. 262

Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus ALL SAINTS

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Pastor Carolyn Gillette/Ken Carroll

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Member of Stewardship Committee

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

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
The Overbrook Choir

Eric H. Thiman

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

❖ HYMN No. 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun DUKE STREET

SENDING FORTH

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CHORAL RESPONSE

God is gone up with a shout Eric H. Thiman

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

POSTLUDE

Allegro maestoso from Sonata II Felix Mendelssohn



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: Trudy Sheau, Acolyte: Sam Wong

The Overbrook Choir

Matthew Lulofs, baritone

Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God

by Emily Amerman and Jim Vagnoni.

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**

Opener/Closer

Bowker

Deacons Delivering Flowers:

Jill Van Rawley and Nicole Stokes

Following worship today - please join us for refreshments in the Wistar Morris Room. We would like to thank **Lainie Blodgett, Leah Mayne and Judy Williamson** for today'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, May 13	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
Wednesday, May 16	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study-Chapel
Friday, May 18	6:30 p.m.	Ice Cream Social
Sunday, May 20	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Christian Education Meeting-Chapel

Bible Study- This week's Bible study will be at 10:30am and will be led by Pastor Carolyn. She will be teaching on Acts 2:1-21, the story of Pentecost, the lectionary reading for next Sunday, May 13 .



Come join us Next Sunday, May 20 at 9:15 a.m. for Adult Forum. Sharon Kraybill will be doing a presentation and discussion on spirituality. Our discussion leader will be is a graduate of Eastern Baptist Seminary (now Palmer Seminary) and spiritual director who has being using space at Overbrook Presbyterian Church for nine years.



The warm weather has finally arrived. What better way to celebrate than with fun, fellowship and ICE CREAM!

Come one and all to the
OVERBROOK ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Friday, May 18, 6:30-8:30 pm.

Tickets are \$5/person or \$20 for family of four or more.

Proceeds support this summer's youth mission trip to West Virginia. Tickets will be on sale during Coffee Hour on May 13 and at the door. If you cannot make it but would like to support the cause, please see a friend on the Stewardship Committee: Keedra Carroll, Davorka Sabljak, Will Schick, Jason Sheau, Amarilis Stricker or Karen Wong. Also if you have any backyard games to lend the committee for the evening please see either Keedra Carroll or Amarilis Stricker.

☞ Next Sunday, May 20, is Pentecost Sunday, a day when we celebrate the Holy Spirit's presence in the church. It is one of the three most important celebrations in the Christian year (along with Christmas and Easter). It is also a special day because it is Confirmation Sunday; six youth will profess their faith and be received into church membership on Pentecost. Please consider wearing red and/or white, the traditional colors of Pentecost. Most importantly, please come and celebrate God's Spirit, Christ's church, and the students being confirmed.

☞ Overbrook Farmers Market will be opening on Saturday May 26 @ 9:00am. Make plans to stop by now. The market will be doing a survey to find out what kind of vendors and items you may need. Thanks for supporting the Food Trust and OFC Farmers Market. Looking forward to seeing you.



☞ Please join us on Sunday May 27 at noon for a brief prayer service in honor of Memorial Day by the World War II Memorial window in the Sanctuary.



Coffee Hour Hosts are needed for the following Sundays: May 27; June 10, 17 and 24. 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



☞ “OPC Photo Directory Please schedule your appointment TODAY! Either stop by the table in the Wistar Morris Room or follow links on the church web site (www.overbrookpresb.org).

Time slots are almost filled and we aren't able to add days until the current ones (June 4, 5, 8, 9) are booked. This week we will start contacting (by phone and email) the people who have not yet scheduled an appointment. Remember our goal is 100% participation, every person who is in the photo directory gets a free 8x10 photo and free directory. See Raelyn or Artia if you have any questions or scheduling conflicts. Thank you.



Tickets will be on sale this Sunday, May 13 and next Sunday, May 20 for the Women's Retreat on June 2. They are \$40 and can be paid with cash or check. We need to provide a final headcount to the host site by May 24 so if you will not be in church and are interested in attending the retreat, please contact

Becky, Artia, Sabrina, or Carolyn. We have a good group assembled so far and would love if you could join us, too! Who couldn't use a little more JOY in her life? We hope to have the chance to worship and be with you on June 2.
-The Women's Retreat Committee

☞ Session Communication Committee – Reminder The Communication Committee (Karen Wong, Sean Whalen, Jane Rozmiarek, Raelyn Harman and Rev. Bruce Gillette) appreciate the in-person and written feedback we have received thus far. The Session would like to hear from as many people as possible. It's been a year of change and transitions and we want to make informed decisions about what you would like to see more of, less of, need clarification about, suggested new ideas, etc. You can speak to any one of the committee in-person, by email, by phone or by submitting written comments in the box on the table outside the church office. Thank you.

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Connect with Us! We have a new member/friend database called Realm. This database will make it easier for our church family to connect with each other and keep up with what's going on here at OPC. Starting this upcoming week, Carol Rozmiarek and I will begin to send email invitations out to all


members/friends that we have emails for to join the Realm Community. If you should not receive an email by Thursday, May 17, please contact the office to make sure that we have the correct email on file.

Frequently Asked Questions: *These FAQs will also be posted on the website should you need to access them again.*

◆ **Is my personal information safe and who can see my information?**

All of your information is safe and cannot be accessed by anyone that has not been invited to join Realm. You also can set your privacy to limit what members/friends see on the directory. While you can hide the majority of your information from most of the church, you should know that, regardless of your settings, contact data will still be visible to certain members of the church staff.

◆ **How do I set my privacy settings?**

1. Log into the site.
2. Click your name in the upper-right corner, and select My Profile.
3. On the Info tab, next to Edit Profile, click to the privacy icon  Privacy.
4. Select a family member (if more than one).
5. Click Custom Privacy and select a setting for each field.
 - a. Address/Phone/Email – Select if you want that information to be viewed by all church members/friends in the online directory.
 - b. Personal Information – **Select Church Staff Only.**
6. Click Save.

◆ **Realm will not load on my computer.**

Make sure that you are using a compatible browser.

For best results, keep your browser updated to the latest version. We recommend using the latest version of any of the following internet browsers:

Chrome
Firefox
Microsoft Edge
Safari

Want to see if you are using the latest browser? Go to whatbrowser.org to find out.



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Operating Systems:

Some older operating systems cannot use the latest browser versions. If your operating system cannot use the latest version of your browser, update the operating system first. This will not only give you access to the best features in Realm but will help ensure your security on the Internet. Out-of-date operating systems and browsers are far more vulnerable to attacks.

◆How do I create a secure password?

Your Realm password must:

- Be 8 or more characters long. There is no maximum limit on length. The longer a password, the more secure it is. Each additional character makes it exponentially harder to crack.
- Meet 3 of the following additional requirements:
 - Contain at least 1 uppercase character.
 - Contain at least 1 lowercase character.
 - Contain at least 1 symbol (!,@,#,\$,%,&, etc.).
 - Contain at least 1 number.
 - Contain 15 or more characters.

Your password cannot:

- Contain any 3-or-more-character sequence from your username or email. If, for instance, your username is JeffAnderson@jeffsemail.com, your password could not contain "jeff", "ander", etc.
- Include 3 or more repeating characters (222, etc.).
- Include 3 or more characters in sequence (123, 321, abc, etc.).

If you have any questions or want to know more about Realm please feel free to contact either Lisa or Carol in the office and they will be more than happy to assist.

–Lisa Faso and Carol Rozmiarek



Question 36. What do you affirm when you say that "he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father"? First, that Christ has gone to be with his loving Father so that he is now hidden except to the eyes of faith. Second, however, that he is not cut off from us but is present here and now by grace. He reigns with divine authority, protecting us, guiding us, and interceding for us until he returns in glory. - Study Catechism of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Prayer List

- ◆ Luis Wong who is recovering from surgery for a broken hip. He is now in rehab.
- ◆ I-Mei Huang, her husband Jason Sheau and her whole family on the death of I-Mei's father, Mr. Yao Huang.
- ◆ John Nathaniel is now in rehab and welcomes visitors after they have checked with Ellen Valudes about the timing for the visit. Ellen's cell phone is 215-498-0933.
- ◆ DeDe Sherlock, Pat Dillon's sister, is continuing to have health issues. Pat is going back to be with her in Michigan soon.
- ◆ Ed Harvey is now home recovering from surgery. He is very grateful for prayers by his church family.
- ◆ Ken Carroll finished radiation therapy for prostate cancer this past week.
- ◆ Leo Miller, Vince Gilhool's nephew, is receiving cancer treatment.
- ◆ The Rev. David McMillian, OPC Pastor Emeritus, is thankful to be recovering from knee surgery!
- ◆ Thomas James, father of Savannah England (formerly Anna Lemley) is battling lung cancer.
- ◆ Charlotte Carpenter is dealing with rheumatoid arthritis.
- ◆ Lynda Johnson is having health concerns.
- ◆ Ellen Burr has 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, 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.

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The Overbrook Quartet: *Iris Fairfax, soprano; Lois Randel, mezzo-soprano; Toffer Mihalka, tenor; Matthew Lulofs, bass* | Every Church Member - *Minister*

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