

GROWING BEARING BRANCHING OUT ROOTS



Oakwood

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 20, 2023



WELCOME | TO OAKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are so glad you've joined us today! We pray that you see Jesus Christ glorified in our midst, and that you are led to glorify Him as well. As a church our vision, by God's grace, is to become 'oaks of righteousness,' growing roots deep in God's Word, bearing fruit of God-centered holiness and worship, and branching out with Gospel-centered witness and service to State College, Penn State, Central Pennsylvania, and the world.

If you are new here and would like to receive Oakwood news and announcements, or just want to share a prayer request, please see the tear-off section on the last page of this bulletin or send an email with your information to churchoffice@oakwoodpca.org.



For those with small children, we offer nursery for ages 7 months to 3 years and "Stepping Stones" for 3 years - 1st grade during the sermon in both the 8:30 am and the 11:15 am service. For both Nursery and Stepping Stones, children will need to check-in through our Church Center system. PLEASE NOTE: children need to be picked up by a parent during the last song. Unsure what to do? Reach out to one of our ushers or talk to someone at the Welcome Center.

August 20, 2023

Prelude

8:30 – Rick Betts | 11:15 – Oakwood Musicians

Welcome and Announcements

Ben Lee - Small Groups Kickoff

Silent Time of Reflection

Preparing our hearts for worship

"The Lord Jesus emptied himself of glory, that he might be full of trouble. His soul, which was free from human sin, was full of human troubles, that we who are full of sin might be free from trouble."

- "The Treasury of David" Vol. 2, by Charles Spurgeon

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Word of Invitation

Psalm 142:5-7

I cry to you, O Lord;

I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."

Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low!

Deliver me from my persecutors,

for they are too strong for me!

Bring me out of prison,

that I may give thanks to your name!

The righteous will surround me,

for you will deal bountifully with me.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Hymn #30

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

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1. What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone in Christ alone
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hands?
What comes apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ in which we stand

CHORUS

O sing HALLELUJAH!
Our hope springs eternal
O sing HALLELUJAH!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

2. What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good God is good
Where is His grace
And goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ?

CHORUS

3. Unto the grave what shall we sing?
Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

CHORUS

Our Prayer of Adoration

Elder Brian Roberg

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's Law

Psalm 146:1-4

Our Prayer of Confession

Silent Prayer

God's Promise to Pardon

Psalm 146:5-8

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hymn #529

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

It Was Finished Upon That Cross

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1. How I love the voice of Jesus
On the Cross of Calvary
He declares his work is finished
He has spoken this hope to me
Though the sun had ceased its shining
Though the war appeared as lost
Christ had triumphed over evil
It was finished upon that Cross

2. Now the curse it has been broken
Jesus paid the price for me
Full the pardon He has offered
Great the welcome that I receive
Boldly I approach my Father
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness
There is no more guilt to carry
It was finished upon that Cross

3. Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed

4. Death was once my great opponent
Fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us
Rose that we would be free indeed
He rose that we would be free indeed
Free from ev'ry plan of darkness
Free to live and free to love
Death is dead and Christ is risen
It was finished upon that Cross

ENDING

Onward to eternal glory
To my Saviour and my God
I rejoice in Jesus' victory
It was finished upon that Cross
It was finished upon that Cross
It was finished upon that Cross

THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

Responsive Reading - Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 45-48

Question 45: What is the first commandment?

Answer: The first commandment is: You shall have no other gods before Me.

Question 46: What does the first commandment require?

Answer: The first commandment requires us to know and recognize God as the only true God and our God, and to worship and glorify Him accordingly.

Question 47: What does the first commandment forbid?

Answer: The first commandment forbids denying God or not worshiping and glorifying Him as the true God and our God. It also forbids giving worship and glory, which He alone deserves, to anyone or anything else.

Question 48: What are we specifically taught in the first commandment by the words 'before Me'?

Answer: The words 'before Me' in the first commandment teach us that God, who sees everything, notices and is very offended by the sin of having any other god.

God's Promise to Hear

Prayer of Petition

God's Promise to Provide

Our Tithes and Offerings

Psalm 142:1-3a

Elder Brian Roberg

Psalm 142:4-5

Offertory

11:15 CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Thy Mercy, My God

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1. Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

2. Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

3. Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

4. Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me

Hymn #641

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

His Mercy Is More

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1. What love could remember
no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing
He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea
without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more

2. What patience would wait
as we constantly roam
What Father so tender
is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest
the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more

CHORUS

Praise the Lord
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness
new every morn
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more

3. What riches of kindness
He lavished on us
His blood was the payment
His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt
we could never afford
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more

CHORUS

GOD GROWS HIS CHURCH

11:15 SERVICE

Membership Vows

Nathan Lorah

We Praise His Work

Rev. Ben Lee

THE WORD OF LIFE*

Psalm 142

Associate Pastor, Ben Lee

WHO CARES?

¹ With my voice I cry out to the Lord;
with my voice I plead for mercy to the Lord.

² I pour out my complaint before him;
I tell my trouble before him.

³ When my spirit faints within me,
you know my way!

In the path where I walk
they have hidden a trap for me.

⁴ Look to the right and see:
there is none who takes notice of me;
no refuge remains to me;
no one cares for my soul.

⁵ I cry to you, O Lord;
I say, "You are my refuge,
my portion in the land of the living."

⁶ Attend to my cry,
for I am brought very low!
Deliver me from my persecutors,
for they are too strong for me!

⁷ Bring me out of prison,
that I may give thanks to your name!
The righteous will surround me,
for you will deal bountifully with me.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC*

O Safe to the Rock That Is Higher Than I

Hymn #655

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC*

Abide With Me

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1. Abide with me;
fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens;
Lord with me abide.
When other helpers
fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

2. Thou on my head,
in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious,
and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me,
though I oft left Thee,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

3. I need Thy presence,
every passing hour.
What but Thy grace
can foil the tempter's power?

Who, like Thyself, my
guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine,
abide with me.

4. I fear no foe,
with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight,
tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death?
Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

5. Hold Thou Thy cross,
before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom,
and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and
earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

THE BLESSING & SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God's Promise of Blessing

Psalms 145:14, 18, 21

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen, Amen.

Postlude

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SMALL-GROUP SIGN UPS

Small Groups are a vital part of life at Oakwood and a great way to connect with one another. **We will have Small Group sign-ups in the Gathering Space for three Sundays: August 27, September 3, and September 10.**

During sign-ups, you will be able to see the small groups being offered through the Church Center app and can check out information on the tables in the Gathering Space. At these tables, you will be able to sign up for groups through individual QR codes and talk with some of the small group leaders to hear more about what the community looks like at Oakwood.

This year all small groups will kick off the year with a study on Prayer by R. C. Sproul. For any additional questions about small groups please contact Pastor Ben Lee at lee.ben.73@gmail.com.

OAKWOOD ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

Online giving is available by going to
www.oakwoodpca.org/give

WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OAKWOOD?

Want to receive the weekly email announcements? You can fill out the tear off portion of the bulletin and check "Receive the e-announcements," send an email to churchoffice@oakwoodpca.org or sign up on the website at www.oakwoodpca.org



Looking to get involved
with a community of
believers on campus?

Contact Cam Smith:
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HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

Complete online by using the QR code or complete the section below and place it in the offering plate.

GET > > > > CONNECTED



Complete online by using the QR code or complete the section below and place it in the offering plate.

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

EMAIL

PHONE

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE ZIP

SPOUSE / CHILDREN'S NAMES

I WOULD LIKE TO:

- ☐ Become a member
- ☐ Be contacted by an Elder
- ☐ Join a small group
- ☐ Volunteer for:

- ☐ Receive the e-announcements
- ☐ Add my info to the directory
- ☐ Get more info about Oakwood

Have a prayer request?

Please complete the other side.

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING AT OAKWOOD?

Learn about ministry events
going on throughout the week,
& learn more about our church online!

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