

Revelation

MAKING ALL THINGS NEW



Oakwood

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 30, 2025



WELCOME

By God's grace, we long 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.

March 30, 2025

Prelude

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

Welcome and Announcements

Coffeehouse Night

Silent Time of Reflection

Preparing our hearts for worship

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Word of Invitation

Romans 8:31-39

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure 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.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Hymn #297

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

God is For Us

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1. We won't fear the battle
We won't fear the night
We will walk the Valley
With You by our side
You will go before us
You will lead the way
We have found a refuge
Only You can save

CHORUS

Sing with joy now: our God is for us
The Father's love is a
Strong and mighty fortress
Raise your voice now no love is greater
Who can stand against us if our
God is for us

2. Even when I stumble
Even when I fall
Even when I turn back still
Your love is sure
You will not abandon
You will not forsake
You will cheer me onward
With never ending grace

CHORUS

BRIDGE

Neither height nor depth
Can separate us
Hell and death
Will not defeat us
He who gave
His Son to free us
Holds me in His love

CHORUS

Our Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Matt Dabiero

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's Law

Our Prayer of Confession

God's Promise to Pardon

Ephesians 6:10-12

Silent Prayer

Colossians 2:13-15

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

O God, to Us Show Mercy

Hymn #437

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

And Can It Be

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1. And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me who caused His pain!
For me who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

CHORUS

Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!

2. He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For O my God, it found out me!

CHORUS

3. Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

CHORUS

4. No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown,
Through Christ my own.

CHORUS

THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

God's Promise to Hear

2 Thessalonians 3:1-3

Prayer of Petition

Elder Brian Roberg

God's Promise to Provide

Luke 12:33-34

Our Tithes and Offerings*

Congregational Song

8:30 CONGREGATIONAL SONG*

More Love to Thee, O Christ

Hymn #649

11:15 CONGREGATIONAL SONG*

Almost Home

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1. Don't drop a single anchor
We're almost home
Through every toil and danger
We're almost home
How many pilgrim saints
Have before us gone
No stopping now
We're almost home

2. The promised land is calling
We're almost home
And not a tear shall fall then
We're almost home
Make ready now your souls
For that kingdom come
No turning back
We're almost home

CHORUS

Almost home
We're almost home
So press on t'ward that blessed shore
Oh praise the Lord
We're almost home

3. This journey ours together
We're almost home
Unto that great forever
We're almost home
What song anew we'll sing
'round that happy throne
Come faint of heart
We're almost home

CHORUS

4. This life is just a vapor
We're almost home
That sun is setting yonder
We're almost home
Take courage for this darkness
Shall break to dawn
Oh lift your eyes
We're almost home

CHORUS

GOD GROWS HIS CHURCH

8:30 SERVICE

Baptism

Kenneth Hodgins

God Seals His Promise

Rev. Dan Kiehl

11:15 SERVICE

Membership Vows

Beth, Karisa, and Eva Bianchini

We Praise His Work

Rev. Dan Kiehl

THE WORD OF LIFE

Revelation 12:1-17

Senior Pastor Rev. Dan Kiehl

THE DRAGON & THE WOMAN

¹ And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. ² She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. ³ And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. ⁴ His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. ⁵ She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, ⁶ and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days.

⁷ Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸ but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹ And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of

our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹ And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. ¹² Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

¹³ And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. ¹⁴ But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. ¹⁵ The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood. ¹⁶ But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth. ¹⁷ Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC*

We Are God's People

Hymn #355

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

11:15 SERVICE

Elder Robert Spooner

Ordination Vows

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive this brother as a ruling elder, and do you promise to yield him all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which his office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles him?

Prayer

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

Charge to the Ruling Elder

Elder Tim Eshelman

Charge to the Congregation

Elder Doug Sharp

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC*

Hallelujah for the Cross

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1. Up to the hill of Calvary,
My Savior went courageously
And there he bled and died for me,
Hallelujah for the cross
And on that day
the world was changed,
A final, perfect lamb was slain
Let earth and heaven now proclaim,
Hallelujah for the cross

CHORUS

Hallelujah for the war He fought,
Love has won, Death has lost
Hallelujah for the souls He bought,
Hallelujah for the cross

2. What good I've done
could never save,
My debt too great for deeds to pay
But God, my Savior, made a way,
Hallelujah for the cross
A slave to sin, my life was bound,
But all my chains fell to the ground
When Jesus' blood
came flowing down,
Hallelujah for the cross

CHORUS

3. And when I breathe my final breath,
I'll have no need to fear that rest
This hope will guide me in-to death,
Hallelujah for the cross

CHORUS

THE BLESSING & SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God's Promise of Blessing

2 Corinthians 13:14

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

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



Family Coffeehouse Night

Friday, April 11 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Come enjoy a warm and welcoming evening of live music.

Featuring the talented Oakwood musicians performing in our sanctuary, which will be transformed into a charming coffeehouse.

Sip delicious coffee and lemonade, share yummy snacks, enjoy a board game or just chat with friends and family, while soaking in the cozy atmosphere.

This family-friendly event is the perfect way to unwind. Children are more than welcome to attend. Nursery care will be available for ages **5 years and under**.

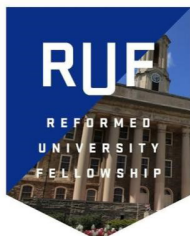
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HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

GET > > > > CONNECTED



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FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

EMAIL

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CITY

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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?

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going on throughout the week,
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