

SIGN AND SEAL OF
The Covenant



Oakwood

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 17, 2025

WELCOME TO OAKWOOD

The Oakwood church family is multi-generational and multi-cultural. We are singles, young couples just starting out, families of all ages, and retirees. Every year we welcome Penn State undergrads and grad students from all over the world. We are all different but united by an earnest quest to know and serve our Lord.

*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.*

Prelude

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

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Time of Reflection

Preparing our hearts for worship

"The baptism of infants, no doubt, presupposes that salvation is altogether of the Lord. No infant can be the Lord's unless it is the Lord who makes him such. If salvation waits on anything we can do, no infant can be saved; for there is nothing that an infant can do. In that case no infant can have a right to the sign and seal of salvation. But infants in this do not differ in any way from adults; of all alike it is true that it is only 'of God' that they are in Christ Jesus... Every time we baptize an infant we bear witness that salvation is from God, that we cannot do any good thing to secure it, that we receive it from his hands as a sheer gift of his grace, and that we all enter the Kingdom of heaven therefore as little children, who do not do, but are done for." - B.B. Warfield "Christian Baptism"

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Word of Invitation

Psalm 105:1-6

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!
Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!
Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!
Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!
Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Come, Thou Almighty King

Hymn #101

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

All Creatures of Our God and King

Words by Francis of Assisi, 1225. Music by Peter von Brachel, 1623. | CCLI License No. 478868

1. All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing;
Oh praise Him, alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
Oh praise Him, oh praise Him;
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

2. Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness;
Oh praise Him, alleluia
Praise, praise the Father,
Praise the Son
And praise the Spirit three in one
Oh praise Him, oh praise Him;
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

3. All the redeemed
Washed in His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love;
Oh praise Him, alleluia
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
Oh praise Him, oh praise Him;
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

4. He shall return in power to reign
Heaven and earth will e'er proclaim;
Oh praise Him, alleluia
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King
Oh praise Him, oh praise Him;
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Our Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Dan Kiehl

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's Law

Matthew 5:33-37

Corporate Prayer of Confession

God's Promise to Pardon

Isaiah 6:5-7

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

Hymn #473

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Words by Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882. These words are said to have been written after Stead witnessed her husband drown. Music by William J. Kirkpatrick, Canzetta Staton, Louisa M. Stead. 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus lyrics © Universal Music Publishing Group, Essential Music Publishing, Capitol Christian Music Group. | CCLI License No. 478868

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His Word;
Just to rest upon His promise,
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

CHORUS

4. I'm so glad I learned to trust Him,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that Thou art with me,
Wilt be with me to the end.

2. O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood;
And in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

CHORUS

CHORUS

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!

3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy and peace.

THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

Confession of Faith - The Apostles' Creed

In Unison

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell¹.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic² church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

* ¹The state of the dead (Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. #50)

*²The true Christian church of all times and all places

God's Promise to Hear

Exodus 2:23-24

Prayer of Petition

Rev. Ben Lee

God's Promise to Provide

Revelation 21:3

Our Tithes and Offerings

Congregational Song

8:30 CONGREGATIONAL SONG*

I Am Not Skilled to Understand

Hymn #459

11:15 CONGREGATIONAL SONG*

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

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1. Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has brought us nigh to God

3. Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more
He Who washed us with His blood
He Who washed us with His blood
He Who washed us with His blood
Has secured our way to God

2. Let us love the Lord who bought us
Pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He presents our souls to God

GOD GROWS HIS CHURCH

11:15 SERVICE

Baptism

Asher Luke Snider

God Seals His Promise

Rev. Ben Lee

Great Is Thy Faithfulness Chorus

"Great is Thy faithfulness!" "Great is Thy faithfulness!"

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided--

"Great is Thy faithfulness," Lord, unto me!

THE WORD OF LIFE

Matthew 19:13-15

Associate Pastor Rev. Ben Lee

A CASE FOR INFANT BAPTISM

¹³ Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, ¹⁴ but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” ¹⁵ And he laid his hands on them and went away.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC*

How Firm a Foundation

Hymn #94

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC*

There Is A Fountain

Words: William Cowper, in Conyer's "Collection of Psalms and Hymns," 1772. Music: Cleansing Fountain, 19th Century American camp meeting tune. | CCLI License No. 478868

1. There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

2. The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away.
Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;
And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away.

3. Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.
Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

4. When this poor lisping stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler sweeter song I'll sing, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save;
Then in a nobler sweeter song, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.

THE BLESSING & SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God's Promise of Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

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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**GET > > > >
CONNECTED**



**Share a prayer need or request our weekly emails, keeping
you connected to the life of your church!**



The Session (Elders and Pastors) set a goal earlier this year to help Oakwood grow in Christ-exalting, member-strengthening connectedness and strive toward a goal of “Everybody has somebody.”

SMALL GROUPS

Small groups are not the only way to be connected to the Body. But they are an excellent way of achieving this kind of connectedness within a broader culture that is so vigorously committed to independence and self-sufficiency. If we are to be a vibrant gospel counter-culture standing against this autonomous spirit, we need to do it together.

If you are not already connect to a small group we encourage you to join one this fall. Use the QR Code or spend some time looking over the signup displays in the gathering space today.





SUNDAY SERVING



Click the
QR code
for details.



TUESDAYS @ 5:00PM



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for details.

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING AT OAKWOOD?

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