

THANKS LIVING

1 Thessalonians 5:12-18



Oakwood

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 23, 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 CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Word of Invitation

Psalm 134

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,

who stand by night in the house of the Lord!

Lift up your hands to the holy place

and bless the Lord!

May the Lord bless you from Zion,

he who made heaven and earth!

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord

Hymn #16

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

Psalms 34 Taste And See

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1. I sought the Lord
And He answered me
And delivered me, from every fear
Those who look on Him, are radiant
They'll never be ashamed
They'll never be ashamed

2. This poor man cried
And the Lord heard me
And saved me from, my enemies
The Son of God, surrounds His saints
He will deliver them
He will deliver them

CHORUS

Magnify, the Lord, with me
Come exalt, His name, together
Glorify, the Lord, with me
Come exalt, His name, forever

3. Oh, taste and see
That the Lord is good
Oh bless us here, who hides in Him
Oh fear the Lord, oh all you saints
He'll give you everything
He'll give you everything

CHORUS

BRIDGE

Let us bless the Lord
Every day and night
Never ending praise
May our incense rise
Let us bless the Lord
Every day and night
Never ending praise
May our incense rise

CHORUS

Our Prayer of Adoration

Elder Brian Roberg

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's Law

Psalm 100

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Father, you are the giver of every good and perfect gift.

Too often we fail to acknowledge your abundant goodness,

Instead of being grateful, we grumble.

Instead of thanking you, we test you.

We confess we have sinned in all our complaining and selfishness.

Jesus, thank you that your entire life on earth was one of gratefulness.

Thank you for bearing our sins on the cross and enable us by your power to
live lives of thanksgiving for all the riches we've received in Christ.

May our lives be increasingly marked by trust, awe, and gratefulness for the
mercy we've received.

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

God's Promise to Pardon

Psalm 103:8-13

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Blessed Assurance

Hymn #693

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
Yes he rose that we would be free indeed

5. 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
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

Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 1 & 2

Responsive Reading

Q1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong — body and soul, in life and in death — to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Q2. What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

A. Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

God's Promise to Hear

Psalm 136:1-3

Prayer of Petition

Rev. Richard Smith

God's Promise to Provide

Psalm 136:23-26

Our Tithes and Offerings*

Congregational Song

8:30 CONGREGATIONAL SONG*

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

Hymn #335

GOD GROWS HIS CHURCH

8:30 SERVICE

Membership Vows

Dean and Jill Plafcan, Sherri Vidunas

Rev. Dan Kiehl

We Praise His Work

**The Ushers will come forward during the offering.*

**Children are excused to go to nursery (7 mo.-2 yrs) and Childrens Bible Time (3 yrs-1st grade) during the sermon.*

11:15 CONGREGATIONAL SONG*

Oh Give Thanks to the Lord

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1. We were wand'ring in the desert
With our souls so starved and weak
We were hungry for a homeland
We did not know how to seek
But we lifted up our voices
To the only One who hears
And the God of mercy came
And brought us near

2. We were locked out of the garden
And our backs bend down with pain
In the shadow of death's darkness
We were slaves to sin and blame
Then we cried out in our labor
To the only One who hears
And the God of mercy
Wiped away our tears

CHORUS

Oh give thanks to the Lord
For His love endures forever
We were wandering and lost
And our Father brought us home
To a safe dwelling place
To a feast of joy and laughter
Oh give thanks to the Lord
For He is good

3. We were fools in our rebellion
With our hunger strike of pride
We were sick and growing closer
To the death we should have died
Then He heard of our condition
And He called us by our names
And the God of glory
Took away our shame

CHORUS

4. We were far out on the ocean
Making wealth and chasing dreams
But the waves of great destruction
Brought us trembling to our knees
And we cried like drowning sailors
To the only One who hears
And the God of comfort
Took away our fears

CHORUS

THE WORD OF LIFE

1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

Senior Pastor Rev. Dan Kiehl

THANKS LIVING

¹² We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, ¹³ and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴ And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. ¹⁵ See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

SERMON NOTES

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC*

Now Thank We All Our God

Hymn #98

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC*

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

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1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all.

3. Let every kindred, every tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.

4. O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all.

THE BLESSING & SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God's Promise of Blessing

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

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

**GET > > > >
CONNECTED**



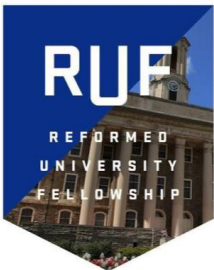
**Share a prayer need or request our weekly emails, keeping
you connected to the life of your church!**



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.” If you are not already connected to a small group we encourage you to join one this fall.



Use the QR Code for more information on how to connect.



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

Contact Matt Dabiero: matt.dabiero@ruf.org

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WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING AT OAKWOOD?

Learn about ministry events going on throughout the week, and more about our church with the Church Center app & website!
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