



Welcome!



Oakwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 28, 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

Psalms 1:1-4

Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates day and night.
He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.
The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

O Come All Ye Faithful

Hymn # 208

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

O Come All Ye Faithful

[Default Arrangement] by C. Frederick Oakeley and John Francis Wade.] CCLI License No. 478868

1. O come all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels

CHORUS

O come let us a-dore Him
O come let us a-dore Him
O come let us a-dore H-im
Christ the Lord

2. God of God,
Light of Light;
Lo, He ab-hors not the Virgin's womb
Ver-y God, begotten not created

3. Sing choirs of angels
Sing in ex-ul-ta-tion
O sing all ye cit-i-zens of heaven above
Glo-ry to God all
Glory in the highest

4. Yea Lord we greet Thee
Born this hap-py morning
Jes-us to Thee be all glo-ry giv'n
Word of the Fa-ther
Now in flesh ap-pearing

Our Prayer of Adoration

Elder Tim Eshelman

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's Law

Exodus 19:4-6

Corporate Prayer of Confession

God's Promise to Pardon

Psalms 130:1-4

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

Hymn #465

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)

Arrangement by Charles Hutchison Gabriel and Chris Tomlin. © 2006 Varios Publishing. | CCLI License No. 478868

1. I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner condemned unclean

3. And with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see
It will be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me

CHORUS

How marvelous how wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous how wonderful
Is my Savior's love for me

CHORUS

2. He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them His very own
(And) He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

CHORUS

THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

The Nicene Creed

In Unison

We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all worlds,
God from God, Light from Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven;
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended to heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

God's Promise to Hear

Psalm 34:17-19

Prayer of Petition

Elder Tim Eshelman

God's Promise to Provide

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

Our Tithes and Offerings*

Congregational Song

8:30 CONGREGATIONAL SONG*

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

Hymn #345

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC*

Oh Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Arrangement] by Taylor Johnson, George Matheson, Albert Lister Peace, and Robbie Seay © 2010 Birdwing Music | CCLI License No. 478868

1. O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

2. O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

4. O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

THE WORD OF LIFE

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-8

Dr. Robert Gustafson

^{2:11} For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

^{3:4} But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. ⁸ The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.

SERMON NOTES

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC*

Be Thou My Vision

Hymn #642

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC*

Be Thou My Vision

Public Domain. Ancient Irish hymn.

1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
3. Be Thou my battle shield, sword for the fight
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight
Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high tower,
Raise Thou me heavenward,
O power of my power.
4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.
5. High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

THE BLESSING & SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Closing Prayer

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**



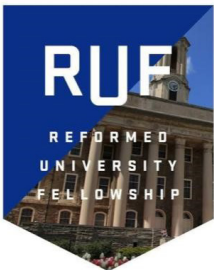
**Share a prayer need or request our weekly emails, keeping
you connected to the life of your church!**



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.



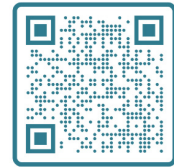
Looking to get involved with a community of believers on campus?

Contact Matt Dabiero: matt.dabiero@ruf.org

Contact Richard Smith: richard.smith@ruf.org for RUF International

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!
www.oakwoodpca.churchcenter.com



OAKWOOD CHURCH OFFICE

Need to get in touch with us during the week?

OFFICE HOURS: M–Th | By Appointment

PHONE: 814.238.5442

EMAIL: churchoffice@oakwoodpca.org

ADDRESS: 1865 Waddle Rd.
State College, PA 16803