



SONGS OF ADVENT

THE BENEDICTUS



Oakwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
December 7, 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 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

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymn #208

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

Come People of the Risen King

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1. Come people of the Risen King
Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in

CHORUS

Rejoice, rejoice,
Let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart, one voice
O Church of Christ rejoice

2. Come those whose joy
is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change
And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace

CHORUS

3. Come young and old from ev'ry land
Men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age
Our God is all in all

CHORUS

Our Prayer of Adoration

Elder Jeremy Amaismeier

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's Law

Hebrews 3:12-14

Prayer of Confession

God's Promise to Pardon

Hebrews 4:14-16

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Hymn #193

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

Before The Throne Of God Above

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1. Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea;
A great High Priest whose name is love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands;
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

3. Behold Him there the Risen Lamb,
My perfect spotless, Righteousness.
The great unchangeable I Am,
The King of Glory and of grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God.
With Christ my Savior and my God.

2. When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within.
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free.
For God the Just is satisfied.
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

Advent Explanation

“Advent is a tradition observed throughout many centuries of church history, where the four Sundays leading up to Christmas day are focused upon the “advent” (“coming” or “arrival”) of Jesus Christ. With its association to the celebration of Christmas, it’s primary focus has been upon Christ’s first coming, His incarnation. But, historically, Advent has also been a time to focus on Christ’s second coming, when He will bring to completion the deliverance and transformation promised to His people and all creation.”

Advent Reading

2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-9; Galatians 4:4-7

8:30 – Trenton and Megan Cleveland | 11:15 – Sylvia Family

God’s Promise to Hear

Hebrews 10:19-22

Prayer of Petition

Elder Jeremy Amaismeier

God’s Promise to Provide

Hebrews 10:23-24

Our Tithes and Offerings*

Congregational Song

8:30 CONGREGATIONAL SONG*

As with Gladness Men of Old

Hymn #226

11:15 CONGREGATIONAL SONG*

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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1. Come Thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I’m fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

3. O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I’m constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here’s my heart Lord, take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I’m come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

*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.

THE WORD OF LIFE

Luke 1:67-79

Senior Pastor Rev. Dan Kiehl

THE BENEDICTUS

⁶⁷ And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

⁶⁸ “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

for he has visited and redeemed his people

⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us

in the house of his servant David,

⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies

and from the hand of all who hate us;

⁷² to show the mercy promised to our fathers

and to remember his holy covenant,

⁷³ the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us

⁷⁴ that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,

might serve him without fear,

⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to his people

in the forgiveness of their sins,

⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God,

whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high

⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,

to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

SERMON NOTES

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC*

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Hymn #251

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC*

The Lord Is My Salvation

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1. The grace of God has reached for me
And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground
The Lord is my salvation

2. I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help me
Scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
The Lord is my salvation

CHORUS

Who is like the Lord our God
Strong to save faithful in love
My debt is paid and the victory won
The Lord is my salvation

3. My hope is hidden in the Lord
He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades
I know spring will come
The Lord is my salvation

4. In times of waiting times of need
When I know loss when I am weak
I know His grace will renew these days
The Lord is my salvation

CHORUS

5. And when I reach the final day
He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise He will call me home
The Lord is my salvation

CHORUS 2 X'S

THE SIGN & SEAL OF GOD'S COVENANT OF GRACE

God Nourishes Us with Christ

Rev. Dan Kiehl

Celebrate the Lord's Supper! This morning we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. Scripture calls us to examine ourselves before we come to the Lord's Table (*1 Cor. 11:28*). The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is to be observed in remembrance of Christ, and to proclaim the Lord's death until He comes (*1 Cor. 11:23-26*). If you are a communicant member in good standing of Oakwood (meaning that you've made a profession of faith in Christ to our Elders) or another Bible-believing church, we invite you to join in the Lord's Supper. If these conditions do not describe you, but you desire to be admitted to the Table, please contact the Pastor or an Elder after the service to discuss participating in the Lord's Supper.

Please note: Due to the dietary concerns of some of our members, our communion bread is gluten-free.

11:15 COMMUNION SONG

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Words: Isaac Watts, Hymns and Spiritual Songs, 1707. Charles Wesley reportedly said he would give up all his other hymns to have written this one. Music: Hamburg, Lowell Mason, 1824; first appeared in The Boston Handel and Haydn Society Collection of Church Music, third edition, 1825.

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

3. See from His head,
His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Mercy Fund Offering*

Our Deacons will use this offering to meet the material needs in our congregation and the community.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Hymn #218

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

Joy to the World!

Words by Isaac Watts based on Psalms 98, 1719. Music by George Frideric Handel. Antioch C.M. rep. Arranged by Lowell Mason, 1836.
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1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven
and nature sing.

4. He rules the world
with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

2. Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods,
rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

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

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

**GET > > > >
CONNECTED**



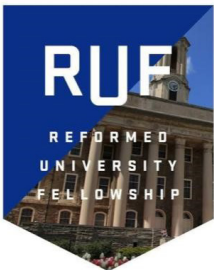
**Share a prayer need or request our weekly emails, keeping
you connected to the life of your church!**



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!
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