



Welcome!



Oakwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
January 4, 2026

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 32:1-2, 10-11

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Hymn #297

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

Oh Love That Will Not Let Me Go

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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.

Our Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Ben Lee

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's Law

Revelation 16:1-7

Prayer of Confession

God's Promise to Pardon

Micah 7:18-20

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

A Few More Years Shall Roll

Hymn #540

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' Name.

4. When He shall come
With trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

CHORUS

On Christ the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

CHORUS

2. When darkness hides His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

CHORUS

THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

God's Promise to Hear

Matthew 6:7-8

Prayer of Petition

Rev. Dan Kiehl

God's Promise to Provide

Matthew 6:19-21

Our Tithes and Offerings*

Congregational Song

8:30 CONGREGATIONAL SONG*

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Hymn #146

11:15 CONGREGATIONAL SONG*

Abide With Me

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1. Abide with me;
fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens;
Lord with me abide.
When other helpers
fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless,
Abide with me.

2. Hold Thou Thy cross,
before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom,
and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and
earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord,
Abide with me.

**The Ushers will come forward during the offering.* ⁵

**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

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Rev. Brent England

HOW MUCH ARE YOU WORTH?

^{3:14} Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! ¹⁵ The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. ¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. ¹⁷ The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. ¹⁸ I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. ¹⁹ Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰ At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the Lord.

SERMON NOTES

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC*

Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross

Hymn #264

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC*

He Will Hold Me Fast

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1. When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

CHORUS

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

2. Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

CHORUS

3. For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When he comes at last

CHORUS

THE SIGN & SEAL OF GOD'S COVENANT OF GRACE

God Nourishes Us with Christ

Rev. Ben Lee

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.

COMMUNION SONG

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.

Mercy Fund Offering*

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

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

We Are God's People

Hymn #355

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!"

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

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.

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.

CHORUS

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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CONNECTED**



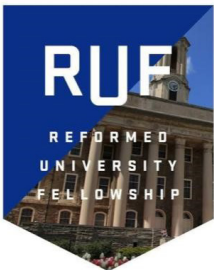
**Share a prayer need or request our weekly emails, keeping
you connected to the life of your church!**



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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