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Oakwood

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 1, 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 – Jennifer Banyay | 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 95:1-3

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Hymn #168

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

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

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

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

Our Prayer of Adoration

8:30 - Rev. Richard Smith | 11:15 - Rev. Matt Dabiero

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's Law

Colossians 3:12-13

Prayer of Confession

God's Promise to Pardon

Colossians 2:13-14

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

God, Be Merciful to Me

Hymn #486

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

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1. On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

4. When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest?

2. All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

CHORUS

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I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land,
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land.

3. No chilling winds
nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.

CHORUS

THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

God's Promise to Hear

Psalm 34:15-18

Prayer of Petition

8:30 - Rev. Richard Smith | 11:15 - Rev. Matt Dabiero

God's Promise to Provide

Psalm 34:8-10

Our Tithes and Offerings*

Evidence of Grace

8:30 Evidence of Grace*

RUF-I Campus Assistant - Trenton Cleveland

11:15 Evidence of Grace*

RUF Campus Staff - Jessica Shaver

THE WORD OF LIFE | 8:30 SERVICE

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Rev. Richard Smith
RUF-I Campus Minister - Penn State University

REACHING OUT THE RUF-INTERNATIONAL WAY

^{1:1} To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

² We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹ For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

**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 | 11:15 SERVICE

Acts 3:1-10; 4:1-3, 23-31

Rev. Matt Dabiero
RUF Campus Minister - Penn State University

TWO SIGNS

^{3:1} Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. ² And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. ³ Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. ⁴ And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." ⁵ And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶ But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" ⁷ And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. ⁸ And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. ⁹ And all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰ and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

^{4:1} And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ² greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³ And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening.

^{4:23} When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, ²⁵ who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit,

“Why did the Gentiles rage,
and the peoples plot in vain?

²⁶ The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers were gathered together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed’

²⁷ for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, ²⁸ to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. ²⁹ And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, ³⁰ while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC*

I Am Thine, O Lord, I Have Heard Thy Voice

Hymn #533

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC*

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

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1. Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own.

3. Soul, then know thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station,
Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
Think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee,
Child of heaven, canst thou repine.

2. Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me,
Show Thy face and all is bright.

4. Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee,
God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

THE SIGN & SEAL OF GOD'S COVENANT OF GRACE

God Nourishes Us with Christ 8:30 - Rev. Richard Smith | 11:15 - Rev. Matt Dabiero

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.

Mercy Fund Offering*

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

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Lift High the Cross

Hymn #263

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

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1. What gift of grace
Is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more
For heaven now to give
He is my joy
My righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love
My deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine
I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

2. The night is dark
But I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold
My Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won
And I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

3. No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure
The price it has been paid
For Jesus bled
And suffered for my pardon
And he was raised
To overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released
I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

4. With every breath
I long to follow Jesus
For he has said
That he will bring me home
And day by day
I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete
Still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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 – Jennifer Banyay | 11:15 – Oakwood Musicians

**GET > > > >
CONNECTED**



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



Oakwood Ride Ministry

The Mercy Team is starting a ride ministry that will link people who need transportation to church with willing drivers.

At this point we are trying to recruit willing drivers.

Please consider helping with this ministry.



Please click
the QRcode
for more
information.

For Those With Small Children

Nursery is available for ages 7 months to 2 years and

Childrens Bible Time for ages 3 years to 1st grade

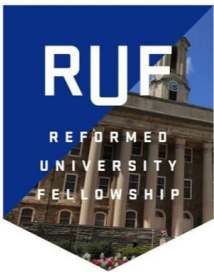
during the Sermon.



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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