



Faith of Our Fathers



Oakwood

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 8, 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

Psalm 33:18-22

Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him,
on those who hope in His steadfast love,
that He may deliver their soul from death
and keep them alive in famine.
Our soul waits for the Lord;
He is our help and our shield.
For our heart is glad in Him,
because we trust in His holy name.
Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in You.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

Hymn #57

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

Be Thou My Vision

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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.

Our Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Ben Lee

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's Law

James 5:7-8

Corporate Prayer of Confession

God's Promise to Pardon

Psalm 40:1-3

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

To You, O Lord, I Fly

Hymn #692

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

Confession of Faith - The Apostles' Creed

In Unison

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell¹.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic² church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

** ¹The state of the dead (Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. #50)*

**²The true Christian church of all times and all places*

God's Promise to Hear

Romans 8:26-27

Prayer of Petition

Elder Jeremy Amaismeier

The Lord's Prayer (ESV)

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the kingdom
and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.*

God's Promise to Provide

Romans 8:23-25

Our Tithes and Offerings*

Evidences of Grace

Todd Erdley

**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

*Genesis 15:1-21**

Senior Pastor Dan Kiehl

WAITING IN FAITH

¹ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ² But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” ⁴ And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” ⁵ And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶ And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

⁷ And he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.” ⁸ But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” ⁹ He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” ¹⁰ And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half.

¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. ¹³ Then the Lord said to Abram, “Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. ¹⁴ But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. ¹⁵ As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. ¹⁶ And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”

THE WORD OF LIFE CONTINUED

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, ¹⁹ the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, ²⁰ the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, ²¹ the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites.”

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC*

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

Hymn #128

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC*

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.

3. I need Thy presence,
Every passing hour.
What but Thy grace,
Can foil the tempter's power
Who, like Thyself,
My guide and stay can be
Through cloud and sunshine,
Abide with me.

4. 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 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

Bible Passage

Sunday, March 15, 2026

Genesis 22:1-19

For Those With Small Children

Nursery

Ages 7 months to 2 years

(located outside the Sanctuary)

&

Childrens Bible Time

Ages 3 years to 1st grade

(in room 126)

Are Available During the Sermon

WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT 2026

Join Us!!!

Come join the Women of Oakwood
March 27-28

For our annual Women's Spring Retreat,
"A Hunger for More," at The Penn Stater!

Registration cost is \$40 per person.

High school and college students are free,
and if cost is an issue, please register as a student at no cost.

Click the QR code for more info and to register

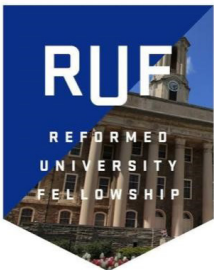




The Session (Elders and Pastors) set a goal earlier this year to help Oakwood grow in Christ-exalting, member-strengthening connectedness and strive toward a goal of “Everybody Has Somebody.” If you are not already connected to a small group we encourage you to join one this fall.



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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