



Faith of Our Fathers



Oakwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
April 26, 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.*

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)

Available During the Sermon

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 113

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised! The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens! Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth? He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the Lord!

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Hymn #164

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

Matthew 6:31-33

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Before your cross I kneel and see the heinousness of my sin, my iniquity that caused you to be “made a curse,” the evil that stirs the severity of divine wrath. Show me the enormity of my guilt by the crown of thorns, the pierced hands and feet, the bruised body, the dying cries. Sin is my malady, my monster, my foe...following me like a shadow, intermingling with my every thought. Sinner that I am, why should the sun give me light, the air supply breath, the earth bear my steps? Yet your compassions yearn over me, your heart hastens to my rescue, your love endured my curse, your mercy bore the stripes I deserved. Let me walk humbly, bathed in your blood, tender in conscience, triumphing gloriously as an heir of salvation.

Adapted from a prayer found in “The Valley of Vision”

God's Promise to Pardon

Luke 12:32

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting

Hymn #188

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
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THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

Ephesians 1:3-12

Responsive Reading

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places

God's People: even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him

Leader: In love He predestined us for adoption to Himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved.

God's People: In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace,

Leader: which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His purpose,

God's People: which He set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth in Him.

Leader: In Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

God's People: so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of His glory.

God's Promise to Hear

Matthew 10:29-31

Prayer of Petition

Elder Tim Eshelman

God's Promise to Provide
Our Tithes and Offerings*

Matthew 13:44-46
Congregational Song

8:30 CONGREGATIONAL SONG*
Your Word Is like a Garden, Lord

Hymn #139

11:15 CONGREGATIONAL SONG*
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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1. Great is thy faithfulness
O God my Father
There is no shadow
Of turning with thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions, they fail not
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be

CHORUS

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness
Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest
Sun, moon, and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness
Mercy, and love.

CHORUS

3. Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside

CHORUS

THE WORD OF LIFE

Genesis 37:1-11 | 42:1-11

Senior Pastor Rev. Dan Kiehl

STRANGE PROVIDENCE

^{37:1} But Jacob lived in the land of his father's sojournings, in the land of Canaan.

² These are the generations of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was pasturing the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colors. ⁴ But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him.

⁵ Now Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers they hated him even more. ⁶ He said to them, "Hear this dream that I have dreamed: ⁷ Behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and behold, my sheaf arose and stood upright. And behold, your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf." ⁸ His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Or are you indeed to rule over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

⁹ Then he dreamed another dream and told it to his brothers and said, "Behold, I have dreamed another dream. Behold, the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me." ¹⁰ But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall I and your mother and your brothers indeed come to bow ourselves to the ground before you?" ¹¹ And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind.

^{42:1} When Jacob learned that there was grain for sale in Egypt, he said to his sons, “Why do you look at one another?” ² And he said, “Behold, I have heard that there is grain for sale in Egypt. Go down and buy grain for us there, that we may live and not die.” ³ So ten of Joseph’s brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt. ⁴ But Jacob did not send Benjamin, Joseph’s brother, with his brothers, for he feared that harm might happen to him. ⁵ Thus the sons of Israel came to buy among the others who came, for the famine was in the land of Canaan.

⁶ Now Joseph was governor over the land. He was the one who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph’s brothers came and bowed themselves before him with their faces to the ground. ⁷ Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke roughly to them. “Where do you come from?” he said. They said, “From the land of Canaan, to buy food.” ⁸ And Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him. ⁹ And Joseph remembered the dreams that he had dreamed of them. And he said to them, “You are spies; you have come to see the nakedness of the land.” ¹⁰ They said to him, “No, my lord, your servants have come to buy food. ¹¹ We are all sons of one man. We are honest men. Your servants have never been spies.”

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC*

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

Hymn #644

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. Thou on my head,
In early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious,
And perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me,
Though I oft left Thee,
On to the close 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

2 Corinthians 13:14

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, May 3, 2026

Genesis 45:4-15



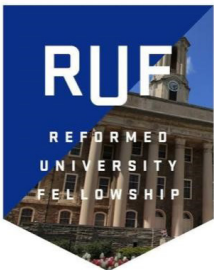
During our worship services this summer we are planning to study the book of Philippians, which calls us to a life of joy in Christ in every situation. Here's a summary of the book's message, taken from the Gospel Transformation Study Bible: "Our union with and unity in Christ are the basis for joyful, humble service - no matter what the circumstances. Paul calls us to stand firm, rejoice, and humbly serve others, even as Christ humbly served us through His redemptive work. May we 'strain forward' (see Philippians 3:13) for the prize of citizenship with Christ - Whom God has exalted for universal praise!" Plan to join us every week this summer as we to strengthen our Gospel perspective on life!



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?

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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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