



PHILIPPIANS

summer series



Oakwood

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 24, 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)

and

Childrens Bible Time

Ages 3 years to 1st grade

(in room 126)

Is 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 63:1-4

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

All Creatures of Our God and King

Hymn #115

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

Rev. Ben Lee

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's Law

Galatians 5:16-24

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

God's Promise to Pardon

John 6:37-40

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

O Safe to the Rock That Is Higher Than I

Hymn #655

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

Build My Life

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1. Worthy of ev'ry song
we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise
we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath
we could ever breathe
We live for You

BRIDGE

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

CHORUS

2. Jesus the name
above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one
who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath
we could ever breathe
We live for You We live for You

CHORUS

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those
around me

THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

Psalm 73:23-28

Responsive Reading

Leader: Nevertheless, I am continually with You; You hold my right hand.

God's People: You guide me with Your counsel, and afterward You will receive me to glory.

Leader: Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides You.

God's People: My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Leader: For behold, those who are far from You shall perish; You put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to You.

God's People: But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all Your works.

God's Promise to Hear

Psalm 23:1-4

Prayer of Petition

Elder Jeremy Amaismeier

God's Promise to Provide

Psalm 23:5-6

Our Tithes and Offerings*

Evidence of Grace

Purviance Family

THE WORD OF LIFE

Philippians 1:18-30

Senior Pastor Rev. Dan Kiehl

TORN BETWEEN LIFE & DEATH

¹⁸ Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰ as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.

²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴ But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.

²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.

²⁹ For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC*

Stand Up, My Soul; Shake Off Your Fears

Hymn #577

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC*

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

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1. Mine are days that God has numbered

I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

2. Mine are tears in times of sorrow

Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace
that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me

3. Mine are days here as a stranger

Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name
But mine is armour for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore
And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart
has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

BRIDGE

Come rejoice now O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore

TAG

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart
has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

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

Bible Passage | Sunday, May 31, 2026

Philippians 2:1-11



- Sunday School Presentation
- Luncheon at 12:45 pm

Purviance Family Visit

The Purviances, members of Oakwood doing missionary work in Central Asia, will be sharing during the Sunday School hour and doing at Evidences of Grace during both church services today. Please come join us to hear about all that God is doing in their ministry and how we can pray for them! They are looking forward to connecting with everyone!

A luncheon will be held after the 2nd service.



Elderly Care

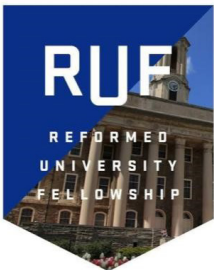
Please reach out to Dan Shields or Ling Rothrock with any questions.



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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