



Welcome to Oakwood



Oakwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
July 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)

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 145:1-4, 10-13

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.
One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.
All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your saints shall bless you!
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,
to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
The Lord is faithful in all his words
and kind in all his works.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Christ for the World We Sing

Hymn #447

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

Our Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Ben Lee

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's Law

1 John 2:15-17

Prayer of Confession

Almighty Father, we acknowledge and confess before Your holy Majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and corruption, prone to love the world, unable of ourselves to do any good; who, by reason of our sinfulness, transgress Your holy commandments. O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and deplore our offenses. Be pleased to have compassion on us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt and corruption, grant us the daily increase of Your Holy Spirit that we might put to death the sin that is within us and bear all the fruit of the Spirit in our daily lives. We trust You for these graces on the basis of the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen

God's Promise to Pardon

John 14:1-2

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me

Hymn #641

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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1. What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer.

2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our Refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

Isaiah 2:2-5

Responsive Reading

Leader: It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

God's People: and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,

Leader: and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob,

God's People: that He may teach us his ways and that we may walk in His paths."

Leader: For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

God's People: He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples;

Leader: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

God's People: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

All: O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

God's Promise to Hear

Hebrews 4:14-16

Prayer of Petition

Elder Dave Borch

God's Promise to Provide

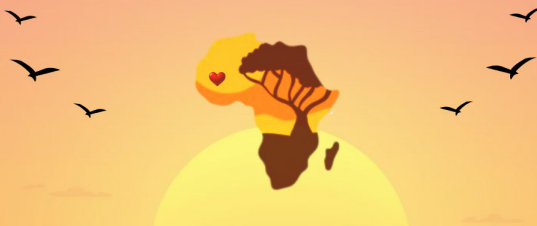
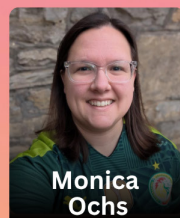
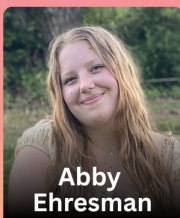
1 Timothy 6:17-19

Our Tithes and Offerings*

Evidence of Grace

Dave Borch

WEST AFRICA MISSIONS TEAM



Please pray for our West Africa Missions Team.
They will be traveling from July 30 - August 8, 2027.

Thank You

THE WORD OF LIFE

Acts 1:1-11

Senior Pastor Rev. Dan Kiehl

WHY JESUS HAD TO GO AWAY

¹ In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ² until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴ And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

**The Ushers will come forward during the offering.⁹*

**Children are excused to go to nursery (7 mo.-2 yrs) and Childrens Bible Time (3 yrs-1st grade) during*

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC*

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Hymn #353

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

Bible Passage | Sunday, August 2, 2026 | Colossians 2:16-23

THE BLESSING & SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God's Promise of Blessing

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

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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We are excited to announce the kickoff of our new Discipleship Hour program on August 9 at 10:00 am.

Please bring you and yours to the all-church brunch, where you'll have an opportunity to fellowship and hear about the adult classes that will begin on August 23. Children will also have an opportunity to see their classroom and meet their teachers! We've created a sign-up for food and appreciate your contributions!

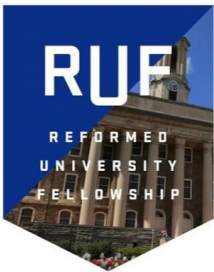
See Church Center home page or use the QR code to select the food item you'd like to bring.



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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