



PHILIPPIANS

summer series



Oakwood

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 5, 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 84:1-4, 10-12

How lovely is your dwelling place,

O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints

for the courts of the Lord;

my heart and flesh sing for joy

to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home,

and the swallow a nest for herself,

where she may lay her young,

at your altars, O Lord of hosts,

my King and my God.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house,

ever singing your praise! Selah

For a day in your courts is better

than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God

than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield;

the Lord bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold

from those who walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts,

blessed is the one who trusts in you!

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

O Father, You are Sovereign

Hymn #75

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

Wonderful Merciful Savior

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1. Wonderful Merciful Savior,
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought
that a Lamb could
Rescue the souls of men,
Oh, rescue the souls of men.

2. Counselor, Comforter, Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace,
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost their way
Oh we've hopelessly lost the way.

CHORUS

You are the one that we praise,
You are the one we adore,
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh our hearts always hunger for.

3. Almighty, Infinite Father,
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness you find us,
Falling before your throne,
Oh, we're falling before your throne.

CHORUS

Our Prayer of Adoration

Elder Tim Eshelman

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's Law

Psalm 63:1-5

Prayer of Confession

God's Promise to Pardon

Isaiah 43:1

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

O God, to Us Show Mercy

Hymn #437

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

4. Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou art worthy Lamb of 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 sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown
He, who washed us with His blood,
He, who washed us with His blood,
He, who washed us with His blood,
Soon will bring us home to God

THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

God's Promise to Hear

Psalm 34:4-6

Prayer of Petition

Elder Doug Sharp

God's Promise to Provide

Psalm 34:8-9

Our Tithes and Offerings*

Congregational Song

8:30 CONGREGATIONAL SONG*

More Love to Thee, O Christ

Hymn #649

11:15 CONGREGATIONAL SONG*

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

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1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His Word;
Just to rest upon His promise,
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy and peace.

2. O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood;
And in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

CHORUS

4. I'm so glad I learned to trust Him,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that Thou art with me,
Wilt be with me to the end.

CHORUS

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!

CHORUS

GOD GROWS HIS CHURCH

11:15 SERVICE

Membership Vows & Baptism

Cara Guo

We Praise His Work

Rev. Ben Lee

THE WORD OF LIFE

Philippians 3:12-4:1

Associate Pastor Rev. Ben Lee

REACHING TOWARD THE GOAL

^{3:12} Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. ¹⁶ Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

^{4:1} Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC*

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Hymn #251

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. 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.

THE SIGN & SEAL OF GOD'S COVENANT OF GRACE

God Nourishes Us with Christ

Rev. Ben Lee

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

Blessed Assurance

Hymn #693

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

How Great Thou Art

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1. O Lord my God,
When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds
Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars,
I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout
The universe displayed.

2. And when I think,
That God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die,
I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross,
My burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died
To take away my sin.

CHORUS

Then sings my soul,
My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art,
How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul,
My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art,
How great Thou art!

CHORUS

3. When Christ shall come,
With shout of acclamation,
And take me home,
What joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow,
In humble adoration,
And there proclaim:
“My God, how great Thou art!”

CHORUS 2X

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

8:30 – Rick Betts | 11:15 – Oakwood Musicians

Bible Passage | Sunday, July 12, 2026

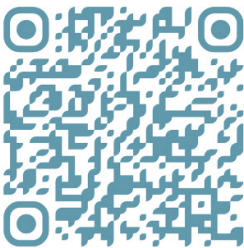
Philippians 3:17-4:1

Volunteers Needed!

OAKWOOD



**Children's
Discipleship**



For More Info

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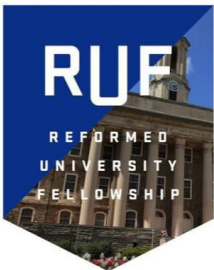
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The Session (Elders and Pastors) set a goal earlier this year to help Oakwood grow in Christ-exalting, member-strengthening connectedness and strive toward a goal of “Everybody Has Somebody.” If you are not already connected to a small group we encourage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