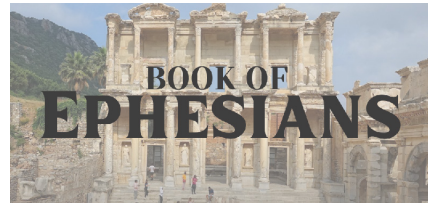


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Oakwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DECEMBER 31, 2023



WELCOME | TO OAKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are so glad you've joined us today! We pray that you see Jesus Christ glorified in our midst, and that you are led to glorify Him as well. As a church our vision, by God's grace, is 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.

If you are new here and would like to receive Oakwood news and announcements, or just want to share a prayer request, please see the tear-off section on the last page of this bulletin or send an email with your information to churchoffice@oakwoodpca.org.



For those with small children, we offer nursery for ages 7 months to 3 years during the sermon in both the 8:30 am and the 11:15 am service. Children will need to check-in through our Church Center system. PLEASE NOTE: children need to be picked up by a parent during the last song. Unsure what to do? Reach out to one of our ushers or talk to someone at the Welcome Center.

December 31, 2023

Prelude	8:30 – Rick Betts 11:15 – Oakwood Musicians
Announcement	Men's 12th Night Tree Burning, January 5
Silent Time of Reflection	Preparing our hearts for Worship

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Word of Invitation

Psalm 95:1-2

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Hymn #103

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

All Creatures of Our God and King

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1. All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing;
Oh praise Him, alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
Oh praise Him, oh praise Him;
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

4. He shall return in power to reign
Heaven and earth will e'er proclaim;
Oh praise Him, alleluia
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King
Oh praise Him, oh praise Him;
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

2. Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness;
Oh praise Him, alleluia
Praise, praise the Father,
praise the Son
And praise the Spirit three in one
Oh praise Him, oh praise Him;
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

3. All the redeemed
washed in His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love;
Oh praise Him, alleluia
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
Oh praise Him, oh praise Him;
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Our Prayer of Adoration

Elder Doug Sharp

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's Law

Our Prayer of Confession

God's Promise to Pardon

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Jesus Lives, and So Shall I

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

His Mercy Is More

Galatians 5:13-15

Silent Prayer

Romans 5:1-2

Hymn #706

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1. What love could remember
no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing
He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea
without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more

2. What patience would wait
as we constantly roam
What Father so tender
is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest
the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more

CHORUS

Praise the Lord
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness
new every morn
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more

3. What riches of kindness
He lavished on us
His blood was the payment
His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt
we could never afford
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more

CHORUS

THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

Responsive Reading - Colossians 3:12-17

Leader: Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,

God's People: bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Leader: And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

God's People: And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Leader: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

God's People: And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

God's Promise to Hear

James 5:13,14

Prayer of Petition

Elder Doug Sharp

God's Promise to Provide

James 5:15,16

Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

More Love to Thee, O Christ

Hymn #649

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

He Will Hold Me Fast

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1. When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

3. For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When he comes at last

CHORUS

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

CHORUS

2. Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

CHORUS

THE WORD OF LIFE*

Ephesians 5:15-21

Austin Hess

REDEEMING THE TIME

¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC*

A Few More Years Shall Roll

Hymn #540

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC*

All Glory Be to Christ

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1. Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
in vain Its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
all glory be to Christ

CHORUS

All glory be to Christ our king
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ

2. His will be done His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy
the thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness Yet
all glory be to Christ

CHORUS

3. When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be
All glory be to Christ

CHORUS

THE BLESSING & SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God's Promise of Blessing

Ephesians 3:20-21

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



MEN! LET'S BURN SOME TREES!

What: Annual "12th Night" Tree Burning

Where: Doug Sharp's home
585 Maurer Lane, Julian, PA 16844

When: Friday, January 5 at 7:00 pm

Why: To enjoy time with other men, get rid of your Christmas tree, or two or three of your neighbor's trees, and watch an amazing fire with really big flames! Please feel free to bring your favorite adult or regular beverage of choice to enjoy and share. Bring any other food you enjoy around a fire.

Questions: Doug Sharp at sharpys6852@gmail.com or 814-441-6852

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

Did you know you can donate your tithes and offerings to Oakwood online? Your generous gifts help provide for the needs of our ministries at a time when the world desperately needs the witness of the church.

www.oakwoodpca.org/give

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Looking to get involved with a community of believers on campus?

Contact Cam Smith:
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HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

Complete online by using the QR code or complete the section below and place it in the offering plate.

GET >>>> CONNECTED



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FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

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ADDRESS

CITY

STATE ZIP

SPOUSE / CHILDREN'S NAMES

I WOULD LIKE TO:

- Become a member
- Be contacted by an Elder
- Join a small group
- Volunteer for:

- Receive the e-announcements
- Add my info to the directory
- Get more info about Oakwood

Have a prayer request?

Please complete the other side.

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING AT OAKWOOD?

Learn about ministry events going on throughout the week, & learn more about our church online!

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