

*That they
may be
called*

OAKS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS



Oakwood

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 1, 2024



WELCOME

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.

GROWING ROOTS...BEARING FRUIT...
BRANCHING OUT.

December 1, 2024

Prelude

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

Welcome

Silent Time of Reflection

Preparing our hearts for worship

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Word of Invitation

John 1:1-5 and 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Hymn #195

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Words: Charles Wesley, Hymns and Sacred Poems, 1739, alt. Music: Felix Mendelssohn, in his cantata Festgesang an die Künstler, 1840 (second movement, Vaterland, in deinem Gauen); the cantata celebrated the 400th anniversary of Johann Gutenberg's invention of the printing press. This arrangement, by William H. Cummings, appeared in the Congregational Hymn and Tune Book, by Richard R. Chope, 1857.

1. Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King:
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th’angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”

2. Christ, by highest heav’n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the Virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th’incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”

3. Hail, the heav’n-born
Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris’n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”

Our Prayer of Adoration

Elder Tim Eshelman

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's Law

Our Prayer of Confession

God's Promise to Pardon

2 Timothy 3:14-17

Silent Prayer

Colossians 3:15-16

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Hymn #193

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. 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.
4. 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 BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

Advent Explanation

“Advent is a tradition observed throughout many centuries of church history, where the four Sundays leading up to Christmas day are focused upon the “advent” (“coming” or “arrival”) of Jesus Christ. With its association to the celebration of Christmas, it’s primary focus has been upon Christ’s first coming, His incarnation. But, historically, Advent has also been a time to focus on Christ’s second coming, when He will bring to completion the deliverance and transformation promised to His people and all creation.”

Advent Reading

1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 9:6-7, Luke 1:26-33

8:30 – Michael Betts | 11:15 – The Howden Family

God’s Promise to Hear

Psalms 18:30-31

Prayer of Petition

Elder Tim Eshelman

God’s Promise to Provide

Psalms 12:6-7

Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

THE WORD OF LIFE*

Isaiah 61:1-4

Associate Pastor Rev. Ben Lee

THE LORD WHO SPEAKS

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³ to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified. ⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC*

Come, for the Feast Is Spread

Hymn #480

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC*

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Public Domain. Words: Charles Wesley. Music: Rowland Prichard.

1. Come Thou long-expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the saints Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

2. Joy to those who long to see thee,
Day-spring from on high, appear;
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse,
Of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing
News, glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to Him, your praises bringing;
Christ the Lord has come to earth."

3. Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He whose glories knew no end;
By His life He brings us gladness,
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
Born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder;
Christ was born the Lord of all.

4. Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

THE SIGN & SEAL OF GOD'S COVENANT OF GRACE

God Nourishes Us with Christ

Rev. Ben Lee

Celebrate the Lord's Supper! Today we will celebrate the Lord's Supper during the morning worship service. 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

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hymn #196

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

In Christ Alone

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1. In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest
Drought and storm
What heights of love,
what depths of peace
When fears are stilled,
When strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

3. There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious
Blood of Christ

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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

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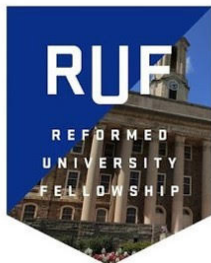
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Did you know you can donate your tithes and offerings to Oakwood online? Your generous gifts help provide for the needs of our ministries at a time when the world desperately needs the witness of the church.

www.oakwoodpca.org/give

WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OAKWOOD?

Want to receive the weekly email announcements? You can fill out the tear off portion of the bulletin and check "Receive the e-announcements," send an email to churchoffice@oakwoodpca.org or sign up on the website at www.oakwoodpca.org



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

**Contact Matt Dabeiro:
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RUF International**

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HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

GET > > > > CONNECTED



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FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

EMAIL

PHONE

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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