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Oakwood

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 26, 2021

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, you can use the QR Code to the right, complete 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 the 11:15 am service. We also offer "Stepping Stones" in both the 8:30 am and the 11:15 am services during the sermon for 3 years - 1st grade. For both Nursery and Stepping Stones, children will need to check-in through our new Church Center system. Unsure what to do? Reach out to one of our volunteers in the gathering space to help you with the process.

December 26, 2021

Prelude

8:30 – Amy Gustafson | 11:15 - Oakwood Musicians

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Brian Roberg

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Word of Invitation

Galatians 4:4-6

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymn #53

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

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1. What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone in Christ alone
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hands?
What comes apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ in which we stand

CHORUS

O sing HALLELUJAH!
Our hope springs eternal
O sing HALLELUJAH!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

2. What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good God is good
Where is His grace
and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ?

CHORUS

3. Unto the grave what shall we sing?
Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

CHORUS

Our Prayer of Adoration

Elder Brian Roberg

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's Law

Our Prayer of Confession

God's Promise to Pardon

Colossians 3:5

Silent Prayer

Colossians 3:1-4

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

More Love to Thee, O Christ

Hymn #649

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

Nothing but the Blood

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1. What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

CHORUS

O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

2. For my pardon this I see—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing this my plea—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

CHORUS

3. Nothing can for sin atone—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

CHORUS

4. This is all my hope and peace—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

Responsive Reading - Isaiah 42:1-7

Leader: Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

God's People: He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;

Leader: a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

God's People: He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

Leader: Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it:

God's People: "I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,

In Unison: to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

God's Promise to Hear

Psalm 54:1-2

Prayer of Petition

Elder Tim Eshelman

God's Promise to Provide

Psalm 54:4

Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

11:15 SERVICE OFFERTORY

Behold the Lamb of God

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8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Jesus Calls Us

Hymn #591

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

CHORUS

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

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

11:15 SERVICE

GOD GROWS HIS CHURCH

Baptism

We Praise His Work

John Homan

THE WORD OF LIFE*

Luke 2:25-35

Associate Pastor, Rev. Owen Hughes

BEHOLD, THIS CHILD...

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹ "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation

³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel."

³³ And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him.

³⁴ And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵ (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

Sermon Notes continued on the following page

SERMON NOTES

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC*

A Few More Years Shall Roll

Hymn #540

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC*

Only a Holy God

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1. Who else commands
all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make
every king bow down
Who else can whisper
and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

2. What other beauty
demands such praises
What other splendor
outshines the sun
What other majesty
rules with justice
Only a Holy God

CHORUS

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

3. What other glory
consumes like fire
What other power
can raise the dead
What other name
remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

CHORUS

4. Who else could rescue
me from my failing
Who else would offer
His only Son
Who else invites me to
call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God!

CHORUS

THE BLESSING & SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God's Promise of Blessing

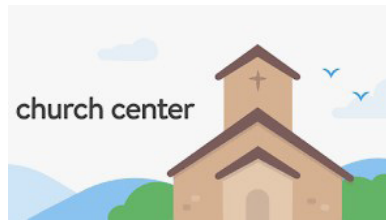
2 Corinthians 13:14

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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Welcome to Oakwood Church Center!

Check-ins on Sunday Morning:

You will check in your child(ren) once on Sunday morning for both Stepping Stones and Sunday School. This means you will use the same pick-up sticker for both pickups, so make sure you don't misplace it (or give it to the teacher). Note: teachers will still need to verify your pickup code, but keep the pickup sticker and leave your child's sticker on!

Check-ins for Nursery during the Service:

Parents are required to check-in nursery-age children in the Nursery room when they are dropped off during the service if they have not been checked in previously.



Annual 12th Night Tree Burning

Oakwood's annual *12th Night* Tree Burning Men's Event is happening
Wednesday, January 5 at 7:00 pm at the Sharp home
(585 Maurer Lane, Julian, 16844).

This is an opportunity 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 a friend, your favorite adult beverage of choice to enjoy and share as well as any other food you enjoy around a fire. Contact Doug Sharp at sharpys6852@gmail.com or 814-441-7131 if you have any questions.

OAKWOOD LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE

Livestream available for the
11:15 am worship service at
www.oakwoodpca.org/live

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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 Cam Smith:
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HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

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ARE YOU NEW HERE?



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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
- Update my contact information

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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