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Oakwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



NOVEMBER 27, 2022

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 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.

November 27, 2022

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

Welcome and Announcements Bellefonte Presbyterian Church

First Sunday of Advent *Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7; Luke 1:26-33*

8:30 SERVICE ADVENT Bill and Liz Plant

11:15 SERVICE ADVENT The Shimmel Family

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Word of Invitation *Isaiah 49:13*

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;

break forth, O mountains, into singing!

For the Lord has comforted his people

and will have compassion on his afflicted.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Hymn #198

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Words: John F. Wade, circa 1743. Verses 1-3 & 6 translated from Latin to English by Frederick Oakeley, 1841; verses 4 & 5 translated by William T. Brooke (1848-1917). Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attributed variously to John Wade, John Reading, or Simao Portogallo.

1. O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of angels;

REFRAIN

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

2. God of God,
Light of Light;
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb:
Very God, Begotten, not created;

REFRAIN

3. Sing, choirs of angels;
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God in the highest;

REFRAIN

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning:
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
Late in flesh appearing;

REFRAIN

Our Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Owen Hughes

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's Law

Isaiah 51:12-13

Our Prayer of Confession

Silent Prayer

God's Promise to Pardon

Isaiah 52:9-10

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Hymn #193

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 BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

Confession of Faith - The Nicene Creed

In Unison

We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all worlds,
God from God, Light from Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven;
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended to heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

God's Promise to Hear

Isaiah 40:28-29

Prayer of Petition

Elder Doug Sharp

God's Promise to Provide

Isaiah 40:11

Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hymn #196

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' Name.

CHORUS

On Christ the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness hides His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

CHORUS

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

CHORUS

GOD GROWS HIS CHURCH

8:30 SERVICE

Membership Vows

Josie and Cecilia Kroeker

11:15 SERVICE

Membership Vows

SJ Zinets, Jessica Shaver

We Praise His Work

Rev. Ben Lee

THE WORD OF LIFE*

Isaiah 40:1-11

Associate Pastor, Rev. Ben Lee

COMFORT MY PEOPLE

¹ Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,

and cry to her

that her warfare is ended,

that her iniquity is pardoned,

that she has received from the Lord's hand

double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;

make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,

and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,

and the rough places a plain.

⁵ And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,

and all flesh shall see it together,

for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

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Isaiah 40:1-11

Associate Pastor, Rev. Ben Lee

⁶ A voice says, "Cry!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All flesh is grass,

and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades

when the breath of the Lord blows on it;

surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹ Go on up to a high mountain,

O Zion, herald of good news;

lift up your voice with strength,

O Jerusalem, herald of good news;

lift it up, fear not;

say to the cities of Judah,

"Behold your God!"

¹⁰ Behold, the Lord God comes with might,

and his arm rules for him;

behold, his reward is with him,

and his recompense before him.

¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd;

he will gather the lambs in his arms;

he will carry them in his bosom,

and gently lead those that are with young.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC*

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Hymn #197

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC*

Behold Our God

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1. Who has held the
oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered
every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

CHORUS

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him!

2. Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the
one who knows all things?
Who can fathom
all his wondrous deeds?

CHORUS

3. Who has felt the
nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign

CHORUS

BRIDGE

You will reign forever!
(Let Your glory fill the earth)
You will reign forever!
(Let your glory fill the earth)
You will reign forever!
(Let your glory fill the earth)
You will reign forever!
(Let your glory fill)
You will reign forever!
(Let your glory fill the earth)
You will reign forever!
(Let your glory fill)

CHORUS

THE BLESSING & SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God's Promise of Blessing

Isaiah 60:1-2

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



CHRISTMAS HYMN SING

Please join us on Friday, December 9 at 6:30 pm, for a Christmas Hymn sing! In addition to singing Advent and Christmas favorites from our Trinity Hymnal, accompanied by Rick Betts, you'll hear stories you may not know about the hymn writers and their inspirations. Feel free to invite your friends and/or neighbors. A light snack of cookies and hot chocolate will be served afterward.

OAKWOOD LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE

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

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with a community of
believers on campus?

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HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

Five vertical lines representing a tear-off strip for prayer requests.

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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