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Oakwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 30, 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 and "Stepping Stones" for 3 years - 1st grade during the sermon in both the 8:30 am and the 11:15 am service. For both Nursery and Stepping Stones, 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.

April 30, 2023

Prelude 8:30 – Jennifer Banyay | 11:15 – Oakwood Musicians

Welcome and Announcements Young Adults Sunday School Class

Silent Time of Reflection Preparing our hearts for worship

"Covenant is the essence of true religion...God is infinitely great and condescendingly good; he is Sovereign but also Father; he is Creator but also Prototype. In a word, he is the God of the covenant."

- Herman Bavinck, "Reformed Dogmatics" v2, pp 569-70

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Word of Invitation

Psalm 111:1,2,9,10

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is His name!

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it
have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever!

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Hymn #4

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

Rev. Dan Kiehl

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's Law

Our Prayer of Confession

God's Promise to Pardon

Psalm 25:8-10

Silent Prayer

Psalm 25:11-13

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

When All Your Mercies, O My God

Hymn #56

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

His Mercy Is More

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CHORUS

Praise the Lord

His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness

new every morn

Our sins they are many

His mercy is more

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

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

CHORUS

THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

Responsive Reading

Questions and Answers from the Shorter and Larger Catechism:

SC Question 4: What is God?

Answer: God is a spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth.

SC Question 10: How did God create man?

Answer: God created man male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

SC Question 13: Did our first parents continue in the state in which they were created?

Answer: Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.

LC Question 30: Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

Answer: No, from his mere love and mercy God delivers his elect out of it, and brings them into an estate of salvation by the covenant of grace.

LC Question 32: How is the grace of God manifested in this covenant?

Answer: The grace of God is manifested in this covenant, in that he freely provides and offers to sinners a Mediator, and life and salvation by him.

LC Question 36: Who is the Mediator of the covenant of grace?

Answer: The only Mediator of the covenant of grace is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, of one substance and equal with the Father, in the fullness of time became man, and so was and continues to be God and man, in two entire distinct natures, and one person forever.

God's Promise to Hear

Psalm 25:14-15

Prayer of Petition

Rev. Dan Kiehl

God's Promise to Provide

Psalm 111:1-5

Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

11:15 CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

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1. Marvelous grace of our loving Lord
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt

2. Dark is the stain that we cannot hide
What can avail to wash it away
Look there is flowing a crimson tide
Whiter than snow you may be today

CHORUS

Grace grace God's grace
Grace that will pardon
and cleanse within
Grace grace God's grace
Grace that is greater than all our sin

3. Marvelous infinite matchless grace
Freely bestowed on all who believe
You that are longing to see His face
Will you this moment His grace receive

CHORUS

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!

Hymn #600

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

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1. Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own.

2. Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me,
Show Thy face and all is bright.

3. Go, then, earthly fame and treasure,
Come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service, pain is pleasure,
With Thy favor, loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father,
I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;
All must work for good to me.

4. Soul, then know thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station,
Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
Think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee,
Child of heaven, canst thou repine.

5. Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee,
God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

GOD GROWS HIS CHURCH

11:15 SERVICE

Membership Vows

Annabelle Ewing, Jeff Bell, Kyle and Julie Harshbarger

We Praise His Work

Rev. Ben Lee

THE WORD OF LIFE*

Genesis 1:1, 26-28, 2:1-3

Associate Pastor Ben Lee

GOD'S STORY OF HIS COVENANT OF GRACE

^{1:1} In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

^{1:26} Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

^{2:7} So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

^{2:8} And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.
² And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC*

I Love to Tell the Story

Hymn #478

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC*

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

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1. What gift of grace
is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more
for heaven now to give
He is my joy
my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love
my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine
I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

2. The night is dark
but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my
Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won
and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

3. No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price
it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered
for my pardon
And he was raised
to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released
I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

4. With every breath
I long to follow Jesus
For he has said
that he will bring me home
And day by day
I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete
still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

THE BLESSING & SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God's Promise of Blessing

Psalm 105:1-2, 8-9

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Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

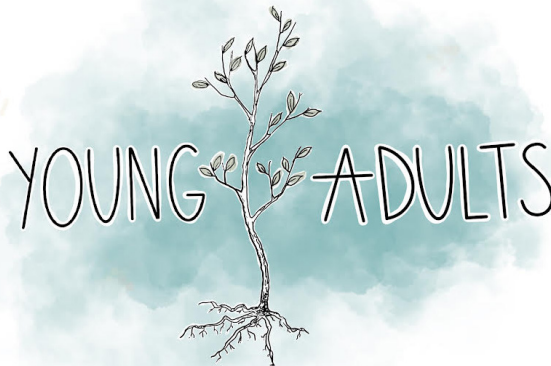
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen, Amen.

Postlude

8:30 – Jennifer Banyay | 11:15 – Oakwood Musicians



YOUNG ADULTS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

There will be a Young Adults Sunday School class beginning in May. To kick it off we will hold a fellowship meal on Sunday, May 7 after the 11:15 am service, and the class will begin the following week on Sunday, May 14, at 10:00 am in room 129.

We will use Rev. Tim Keller's book *Every Good Endeavor* to examine work – whether it be our jobs as part of the “secular” workforce, as part of a Christian ministry, or as students preparing for the future. We begin with a view of God's plan for work. We then examine our problems with work. Finally, we conclude by comparing the perspectives toward work afforded by various worldviews and how the Gospel empowers us to work. How it is possible to work with joy, satisfaction, and no regrets so that we, too, can say, “*Nunc dimittis*.”

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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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