# OAK TREE-ISELIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Mind, hearts, hands and voices in Christ*

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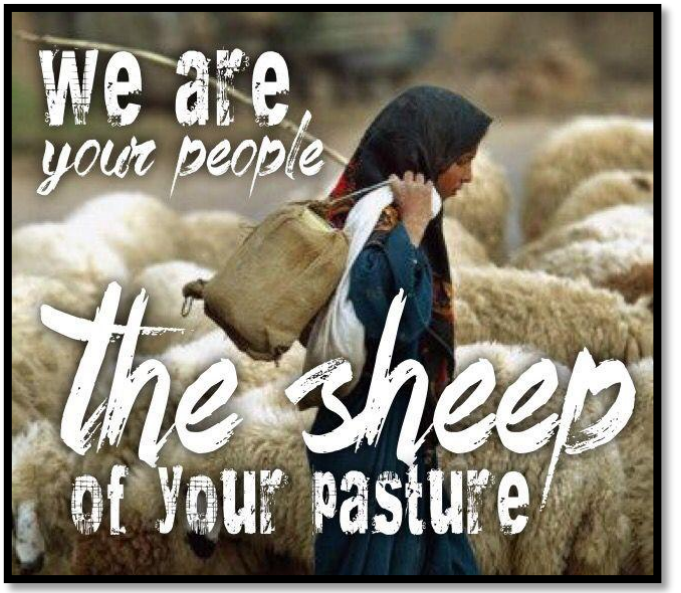
Sunday, April 26, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Service led by: Elder Herb Williams

Liturgist: Elder Ron Stamboly Alaine Bolton, Director of Music




## Gathering for Worship

We request that you silence all electronic devices before service begins.
*Please rise in body or spirit.

## *Centering Thought*

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. - *John 10:11*

**PRELUDE** **Alaine Bolton Director of Music**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** **Ron Stamboly**

**CHORAL INTROIT He Is Lord** (2x)
**He is Lord, He is Lord.**
**He is risen from the dead and He is Lord.**
**Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess**
**That Jesus Christ is Lord.**

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)** **Ron Stamboly**
As a shepherd gathers up his sheep, our Lord gathers us together this morning.
**The Lord is our shepherd, we shall not want.**
Friends, we know what God desires of us:
**That we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with God.**
We gather this morning to remind each other about that,
**To remember that now is always the right time to do these things.**
So with thanks in our hearts, let us worship God.
**Let us worship the Lord. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)** **Ron Stamboly**
**Loving God, we praise you, not only when the sun is shining, but when rain seems endless. For just as a seed needs both sun and rain if it is to grow, so faith becomes stronger, lives become more fruitful, if we root them in the rich and solid earth of your love. For the love you have shown us as sometimes reluctant disciples, your patience in being with us when we decide to go our way, your hand that is there for us as we stumble or are**

**anxious, your gentle whisper reminding us that you will never let us go, for all of this and more besides, what can we do but offer you the worship of our hearts and lives. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

***HYMN # 515 I Come with Joy**

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION** **Ron Stamboly**

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. With contrite hearts let us confess our sins to the Lord and to one another.

**PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (In Unison)** **Ron Stamboly**

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow, more and more, in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen**

**PERSONAL CONFESSION** **Ron Stamboly**

Merciful God, hear now our own personal confessions that we lift up to you in silence.

*(Silence is kept)*

In the strong name of Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** **Herb Williams**

Even in our moments of doubt, our lack of faith, and the blindness with which we fail to see God among us, God is still at work. God is still healing. God is still forgiving. Even when you fail to see God, God still sees you and still loves you. Sisters and brothers, hear the good news of the risen Christ: your sins are forgiven, your sins are forgiven, your sins are forgiven. Go in peace and give praise to God! **Alleluia!**

***THE RESPONSE # 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me**

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE** **Ron Stamboly**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.
**And also with you.**

*(Please pass the peace with friends and loved-ones)*

## Hearing and Responding to the Word Proclaimed

**TIME FOR CHILDREN OR THE YOUNG AT HEART** **Herb Williams**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** **Ron Stamboly**

Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open wounded hearts to the balm of your Word. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today — the voice of truth and grace. Speak to us in clear tones so that we might feel our spirits leap for joy and skip with hope as your resurrection witnesses. **Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** **Psalm 23** **Ron Stamboly**

**Pew Bible pg. 567**
**Large Print Bible: pg. 862**

(*Liturgist, to create a unified experience for congregants, please ensure that everyone is on the same page before you begin reading.)*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** **John 10: 1-10** **Herb Williams**

**Pew Bible pg. 1093**
**Large Print Bible: pg. 1666**

(Guest Speaker, *to create a unified experience for congregants, please ensure that everyone is on the same page before you begin reading.)*

**THE MESSAGE He Calls His Own Sheep by Name Herb Williams**

***HYMN # 802 The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Herb Williams**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.**

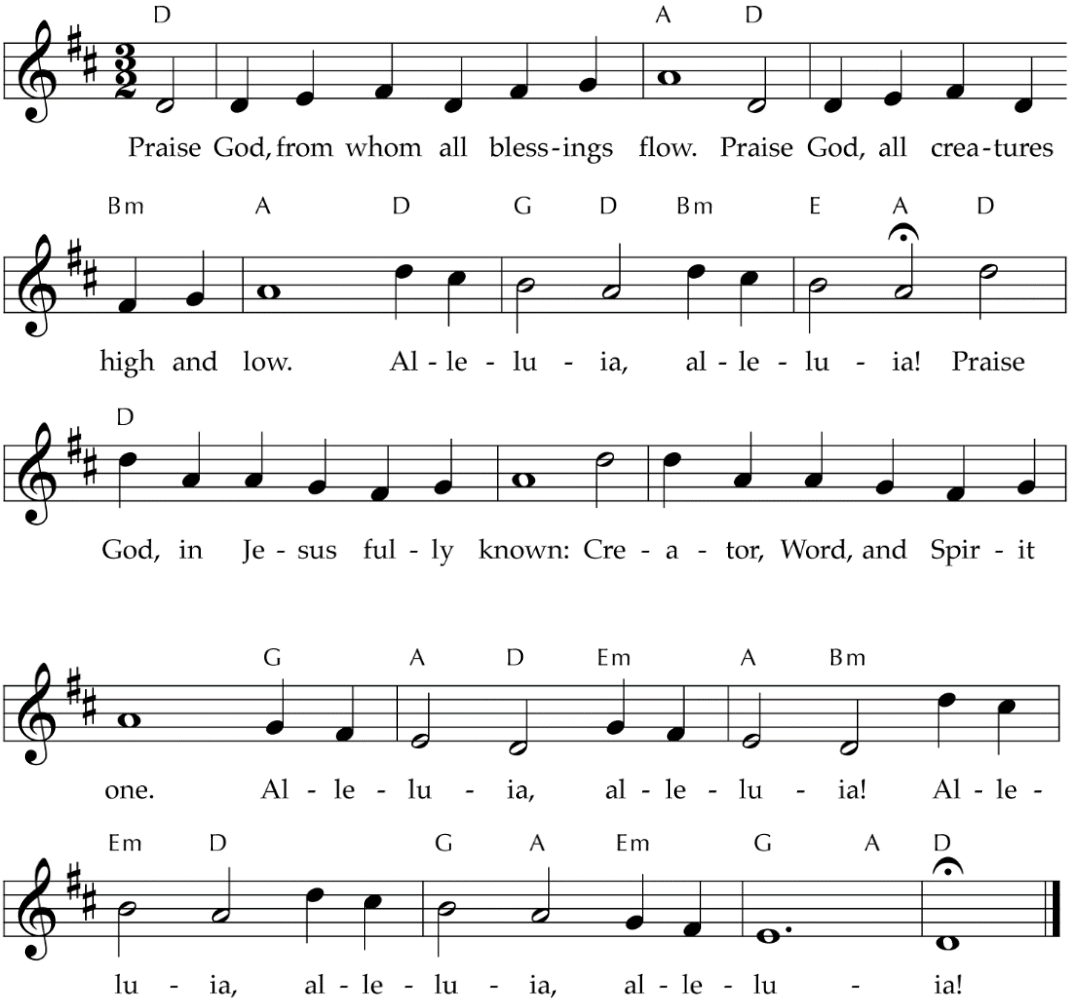
# We Give, in Appreciation for God's Gifts

**THE OFFERING**

With grateful hearts, let us bring our tithes and offerings to the God from whom they came.

***THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE # 609**

SERVICE MUSIC

# 609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**
The Lord be with you.
**And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts.
**We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*(Guest Speaker will share a prayer)*

## *Empowered to Spread God's Love*

***HYMN # 187 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us**

***BENEDICTION**
*(Guest speaker will share benediction)*

***CHORAL BENEDICTION Lord, I Lift Your Name on High** *(2X)*

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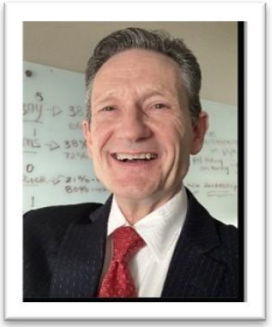
Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

**THE POSTLUDE**

OFFERING: Whether you are just passing through town and wanted to stop in for church, this is your first visit of many future ones, or you are with us every week, we certainly appreciate your desire to give anonymously, but if you would like to receive a record of giving for tax purposes, please fill out a pew envelope, check 'I am visiting', and add your name and address. Please make checks payable to: Oak Tree-Iselin Presbyterian Church. We appreciate every generous gift and want to make sure we have a proper record of it to say, Thank you!

## *Welcome!*



**This morning, we welcome Oak Tree-Iselin Presbyterian Church Elder Herb Williams, to our pulpit.** Herb grew up in Iselin and retired after a career in the Woodbridge Police Department. He attended Sunday school at the lower level of this church (formerly The First Presbyterian Church of Iselin). His mother, Ann Marie, served as an elder in the former Oak Tree Presbyterian Church, Edison, NJ, where she was a beloved member. Herb has two sons, one daughter, and three grandchildren.

### 2026 Per Capita - $42.00

Per Capita is the annual $42 per-member contribution that connects and supports the shared ministry of the Presbytery of the Coastlands, the Synod of the Northeast, and the national PCUSA church. $26.49 supports the operations, mission, and ministry of Coastlands. We remit $4.25 per church member to the Synod and $11.26 to the General Assembly.

# Friendly Reminders

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| **Today** | Elder Herb Williams will lead worship | |
| **Saturday** 05/02/2026 | Men's & CLEF Ladies' Breakfast | 9 am in Fellowship Hall |
| **Sunday** 05/10/2026 | Mother's Day & Blanket Sunday | |
| **Monday** 05/25/2026 | Memorial day | Office Closed |

# Scheduled Liturgists!

*In the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) context, a liturgist sets the tone for worship. They welcome everyone, lead and guide both the congregation and guests through the various parts of worship and assists the pastor throughout the worship service to create an atmosphere of peace, cohesiveness and unity. Please email Margarita at info@oaktree-iselinprs.org if you'd like an opportunity to serve as a liturgist.*

| **April 2026** | |
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| **Today** | Ron Stamboly |

| **May 2026** | |
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| 05/03/26 | Nancy Abel |
| 05/10/26 | Leonard Mesonas |
| 05/17/26 | Chris Madsen |
| 05/24/26 | |
| 05/31/26 | Ron Stamboly |

# Session

Laura Reeves, Clerk of Session

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| Jim Durgana | Treasurer |
| Grace Rozger | Human Resources |
| Leonard Mesonas | Finance Chair, President of Corporation; Officer Nomination Committee |
| Heather Meyers | Christian Education |
| Sue Ramirez | Worship and Music |
| Jeff Reeves | Buildings and Grounds |
| Ron Stamboly | Financial Secretary |
| Herb Williams | Mission |

# The Board of Deacons

Rose Anne Anthony, Moderator

Nikkie Hayase, Board Secretary  Kate Scott, Session Liaison

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| Cards | Marion Feliks, Chair |
| Deacon's Assistance Fund | Joan Moscomagas, Chair |
| Deacon's Nominating Comm. | Joan Moscomagas, Chair |
| Flowers | Joanne Mesonas & Karen Wallner Co-Chairs |
| Hospitality | Rose Anne Anthony & Nancy Abel, Co-Chairs |
| Literature | Nikkie Hayase & Nandai Sookho, Co-Chairs |
| Ministry of Compassion | Nancy Abel, Chair / Sara Schweitzer, Co-Chair |

# Regular Activities

Church Office is open Monday - Friday, 9 am to 1 pm

Men's Breakfast & CLEF Ladies Breakfast meet 1st Saturday in Fellowship Hall.

Session meetings are held monthly (dates will be posted in the Friendly Reminders section).

Prayer Shawl Ministry, every other Thursday at 7 pm, Choir Room
(see Sue Ramirez for confirmation)

Choir practice: Every Sunday at 9:30 am

Divine Worship: In the sanctuary
Sundays at 10:30 am

# Our Mission Statement

We are a warm and welcoming community of faith, living the teachings of Jesus Christ and open to God's presence through the power of the Holy Spirit. We seek new pathways of ministry and service to fulfil God's purpose for our diverse community. - approved by the merger committee on Wednesday, July 20, 2022 and ratified by congregational vote, June 11, 2023.

*Dear Members and Guests, if you'd like to know more information about the latest news,*

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