OAK TREE-ISELIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mind, hearts, hands and voices in Christ

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Sunday, May 10, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Service led by: Elder Herb Williams

Liturgist: Elder Len Mesonas 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

"Honor your father and mother—which is the first commandment with a promise—so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

PRELUDE **Alaine Bolton Director of Music**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS **Len Mesonas**

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)** **Len Mesonas**
Come! Let us speak plainly and boldly of our faith.
The Spirit of God descends upon us, and Christ's promise to us is fulfilled.
The expression of the Spirit's power in our community is a wonder to behold.
We each have a different voice, yet we witness God's joy together!
What a blessing to come together and worship the Lord.
Let us raise our voices together and praise HIs mighty name. Amen

***PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)** **Len Mesonas**
How can this be, wonder-working God? You bring the gift of the Spirit to be with us. Our Comforter, our Advocate, Our Counselor, our Wisdom. These are but a few of the names we give as the Spirit speaks to our hearts. We give you thanks for the unending gifts of the Spirit. How can this be, that we have what we need when we need it? You, O God, are one and all things to us, and we raise our Hallelujahs. In Jesus' holy name we pray, Amen

***HYMN # 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION **Len Mesonas**

Do you imagine, whoever you are, that when you sin you will escape the judgment of God? Or do you despise the riches of God's kindness and forbearance and patience? Do you not realize that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (In Unison) **Len Mesonas**

O God, fill this house of worship with your presence, and fill us with your passion. You are doing a new thing, actively moving in the world. Forgive us when we act as if your stories have all been written. You hear the prayers of every language and call us to hear each other. Forgive us when we act as if your Spirit only spoke our native tongue. Wash us in your grace, O God, and illumine us with your fire. Send us out to follow your spirit and teach us to hear the prayers of all your people.

PERSONAL CONFESSION **Len Mesonas**

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**

Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Brothers and Sisters, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, we are forgiven, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

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

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE** **Len Mesonas**

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 **Len Mesonas**

God of power and grace, fill us with the wisdom of your Word and the understanding of your Spirit so that we may be your church: a people of faith; a people of the Truth; a people of love. Open our hearts to hear what you mean for us to hear today, that we may know your will for us and be your people, a people with dreams and visions, at work in all the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING **Proverbs 31:25-31** **Len Mesonas**

Pew Bible pg. 682

Large Print Bible: pg. 1032-1033

(*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 19: 25-27 **Herb Williams**

Pew Bible pg. 1105

Large Print Bible: pg. 1684-1685

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

THE MESSAGE Mary, the First Disciple **Herb Williams**

***HYMN # 54 Make a Joyful Noise to God!**

***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

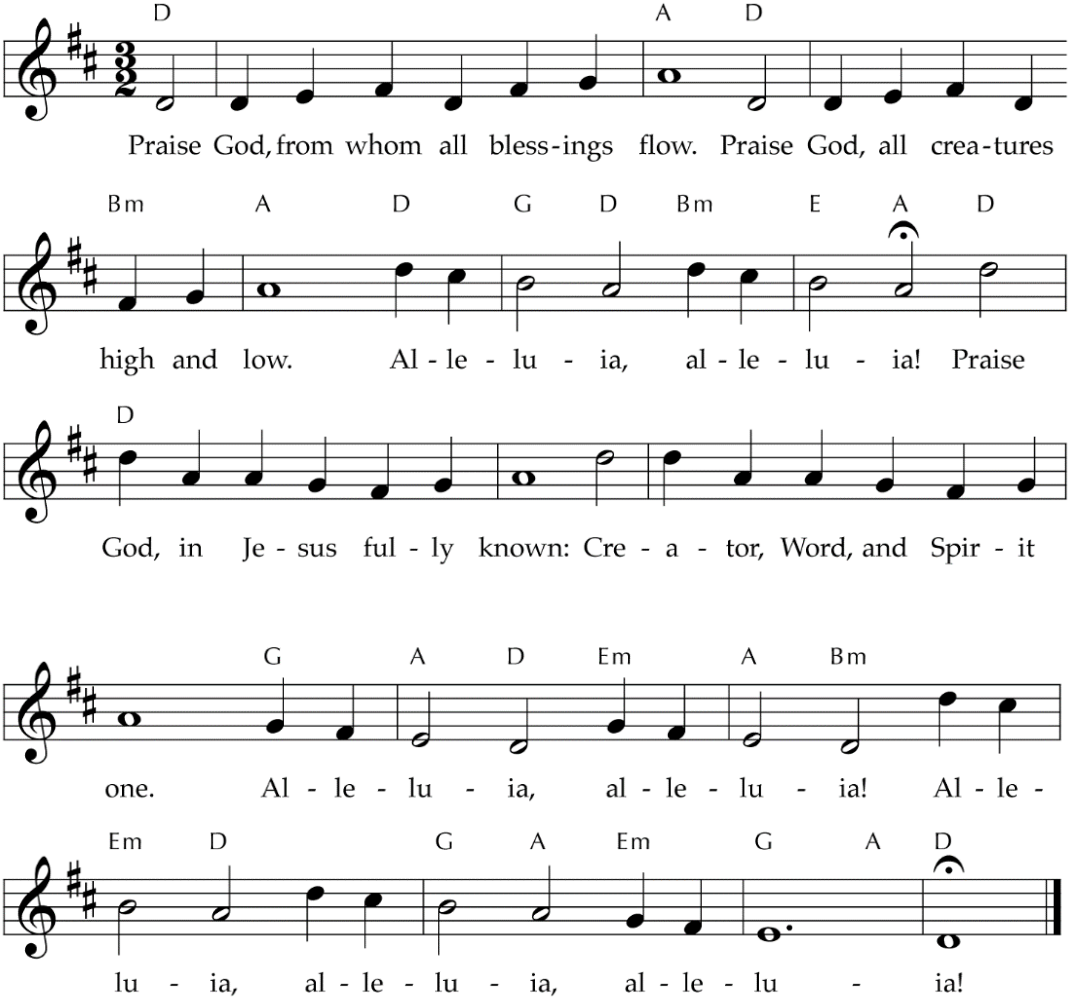
THE LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, For thine is the kingdom,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

(Hymn begins next page)

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 # 317 In Christ There Is No East or West**

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

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

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

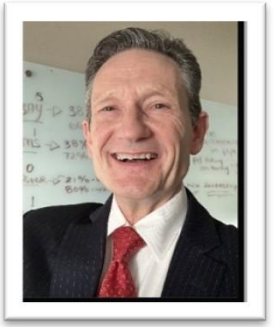
You came from heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

THE POSTLUDE

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING! Please remain seated.

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

Today	Elder Herb Williams will lead worship through the end of May 2026.	
Today 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.

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

June 2026	
06/07/26	
06/14/26	
06/21/26	
05/24/26	
06/28/26	Ron Stamboly

Blanket Sunday Donation – Today!

Session

Laura Reeves, Clerk of Session

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

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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