OAK TREE-ISELIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mind, hearts, hands and voices in Christ

Pentecost Sunday!

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Sunday, May 31, 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

"Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" - Psalm 8:1

PRELUDE **Alaine Bolton Director of Music**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS **Ron Stamboly**

CHORAL INTROIT # 404 What Is This Place *(all verses)*

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)** **Ron Stamboly**

Our gracious God has created us and called us his own.
Let us worship the triune God.
Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, has redeemed our lives.
Let us worship the triune God.
The Holy Spirit sustains and guides us all the days of our lives.
In gratitude and joy, let us worship the triune God!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)** **Ron Stamboly**

God of all glory, on this first day you began creation, bringing light out of darkness. On this first day you began your new creation, raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death. On this Lord's Day grant that we, the people you create by water and the Spirit, may be joined with all your works in praising you for your great glory. We praise you, Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

***HYMN # 1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION **Ron Stamboly**

God calls us, again and again, to turn from all that separates us from the Divine and to return to God's path. Let us, then, name the ways we have sinned in wandering from God, relying on God's mercy to forgive and renew

us. With contrite hearts let us confess our sins to the Lord and to one another.

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (In Unison) **Ron Stamboly**
Look deep, loving God, and see us as we really are. We are a people who prefer our will to your will. We focus on things of the self and give little thought or care to others. We wander through our days giving little thought to our own discipleship, let alone our call to help others become disciples. Forgive us, God of grace. Forgive us and set us again on the path of your righteousness. 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**
Hear the Good News! While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that in the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Know that we are forgiven, we are forgiven, we are forgiven, and be at peace.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

***THE RESPONSE # 581 Glory Be to the Father**

***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**

Loving God, open our hearts and minds to what you would say to us this day. By your Spirit, we ask that you would speak, as we, your people, are listening. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING **Psalm 8:1-9** **Ron Stamboly**

Pew Bible pg. 558

Large Print Bible: pg. 848

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING **Matthew 28:16-20** **Herb Williams**

Pew Bible pg. 1017

Large Print Bible: pg. 1550

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

THE MESSAGE **What Is Mankind That You Are Mindful of Them?**
Herb Williams

***HYMN # 451 Open My Eyes, That I May See**

***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 (RESPONSIVE)

Gracious and loving God, hear us now, we pray, as we bring to you our prayers and concerns for the world around us.

We pray for the world around us. Where there is oppression and injustice, may your kingdom come. Where there is war and violence, may your peace reign. May we each work for the good of others, around the world and close to home.

Heavenly Father, we pray for our nation.

It seems as if our divisions and enmities define us. We have lost the vision of our nation as a source of great hope for all. We have forgotten about the greater good and gotten lost in our special interests. Forgive us, God of unity, and guide us again to seeing the humanity in one another, regardless of political position.

Almighty Lord, we pray for our communities.

May the local church be the source of hope and help in each place where we live. May our witness be strong and sure in the neediest in our communities, and may our churches work for a better future for all.

Creator of the universe, we pray for all who are sick or suffering.

As Jesus was near to those who suffered, teach us to do the same. Teach us to serve as Jesus did and to surround those who need your special care with your peace that surpasses all understanding.

Lastly, Lord, teach us your ways and grow us into the disciples you want us to be. We pray all these things in the name of the one who taught us to pray, saying, **"Our Father…".**

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 # 606**

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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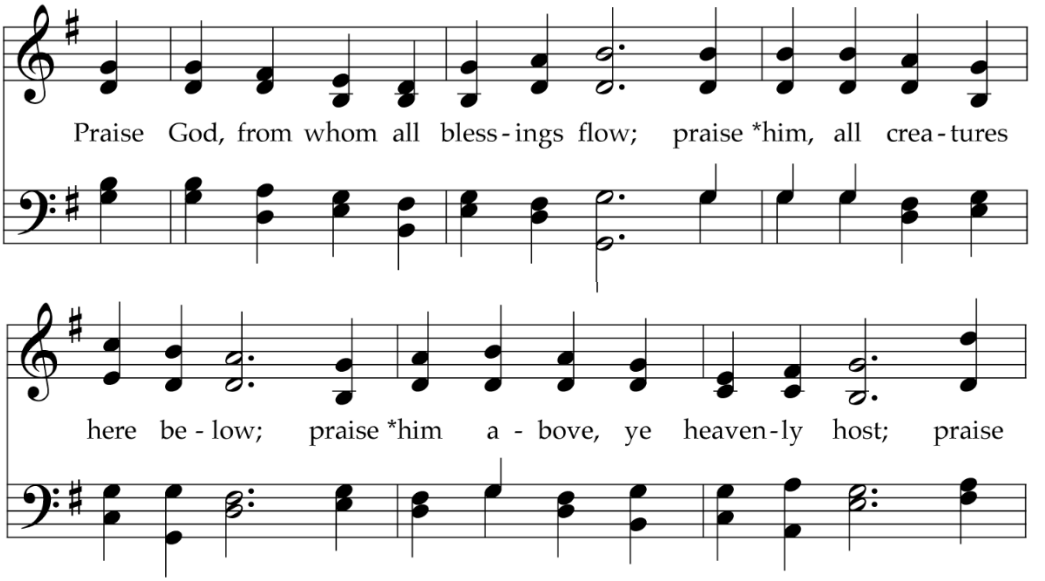

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***THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Guest speaker will share a prayer)

Empowered to Spread God's Love

***HYMN # 716 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending**

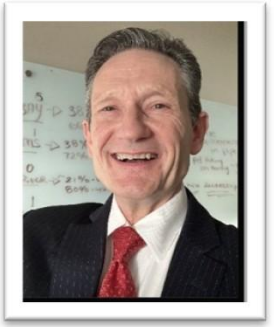
***BENEDICTION**
(Guest speaker will share benediction)

***CHORAL BENEDICTION # 745 Now Go in Joy** *(2x)*

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.

Friendly Reminders

Today	Elder Herb Williams will lead worship through the end of May 2026.	
Saturday 06/06/2026	Men's Breakfast and CLEF Ladies' Breakfast	9 am at Meline Doodnauth's house 17 Vallata Place Edison, NJ 08820
Sunday 06/07/2026	Elder Linwood Bagby will lead worship	

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	
Today	Ron Stamboly

June 2026	
06/07/26	
06/14/26	Len Mesonas
06/21/26	Jim Durgana
06/28/26	Ron Stamboly

July 2026	
07/05/26	
07/12/26	
07/19/26	
07/26/26	

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.

Look forward to welcoming our new pastor!

Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez will begin her journey with the Oak Tree-Iselin Presbyterian Church starting Wednesday, July 1, 2026, and will deliver her first sermon on as pastor of this church Sunday, July 5, 2026.

Session

Laura Reeves, Clerk of Session

Jim Durgana	Treasurer
Grace Rozger	Human Resources
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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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