OAK TREE-ISELIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mind, hearts, hands and voices in Christ

Pentecost Sunday!

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Sunday, June 14, 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

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.
- Psalm 116:1

PRELUDE **Alaine Bolton Director of Music**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS **Len Mesonas**

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

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)** **Len Mesonas**

The Lord hears us when we cry out.
Praise the Lord!
The Lord showers us with blessings.
Praise the Lord!
Let us lift up the name of Lord for all to hear!
Praise the Lord!
Let us sing of God's endless grace and compassion!
Let us worship God!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)** **Len Mesonas**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who forms light and creates darkness, who makes peace and creates all things. God of grace, you created our minds to grow in wisdom. You created our hearts to expand with love for you and your world. You created our voices to sing your praises forever. Fill us to overflowing with your Holy Spirit, that we may worship you in spirit and in truth, bold and unafraid to follow Jesus, even when challenges confront us. In this time of worship, assure us of your presence with us and reveal to us the path you open before us, for we live to serve as your people wherever you lead. Amen.

***HYMN # 828 More Love to Thee, O Christ**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION **Len Mesonas**

We come before God who loves us with a love that surpasses understanding. Even when we struggle to forgive ourselves, God reaches out to us with grace and peace. There isn't anything that could take that love away. We come to God to name where we have failed, trusting in God's amazing grace. Friends, let us confess our sin, first together and then in silent prayer.

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

Loving God, we come with heavy hearts. We have not lived as you have called us to live. We give up too easily. We ignore our neighbor's cries for help and are silent in the face of injustice. We lose hope. We fail to see your blessings among us and are blind to the glimpses of the kingdom all around us. We are weak. Have mercy upon us. Shower us with your grace that we might be enlivened for service and for love. Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

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**

Friends, God loves you. God wants to be in relationship with you. God allows nothing to come between you and Him. Believe this and know that you are free to love and to serve and to be at peace. Hear the good news of the risen Christ: We are forgiven, we are forgiven, we are forgiven.
Alleluia. Amen.

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

***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 joy and wonder, open our hearts and breathe your Spirit upon us. Open our ears to hear these ancient words and be surprised. Open our minds and our eyes to see our place in your living word today and every day.
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING **Psalm 116** **Len Mesonas**
Pew Bible pg. 630
Large Print Bible: pg. 955
(*Liturgist, to create a unified experience for congregants, please ensure that everyone is on the same page before you begin reading.)*

NEW TESTAMENT READING **Romans 5:1-8** **Herb Williams**
Pew Bible pg. 1149
Large Print Bible: pg. 1752-1753
(Guest Speaker, to create a unified experience for congregants, please ensure that everyone is on the same page before you begin reading.)

THE MESSAGE **God Proves His Love for Us** **Herb Williams**

***HYMN # 627 I Love You, Lord** *(2X)*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(Q. 21, Heidelberg Catechism)* **Herb Williams**

What is true faith?

True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace granted solely by Christ's merit. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Responsive)

God of Laughter and Joy, we give thanks for the everyday miracles around us.

For the laughter shared between friends, for the love shared in community, for the beauty of the world that leaves us speechless with joy. But even as we give thanks, we are aware of those who struggle to see a bright future, a world full of blessings, a reason to laugh. We lift up the concerns of this world.

Almighty Father, we pray for the travelers in our midst.

For immigrants finding their way in a new place far from home, for refugees fleeing instability and war, for those forced to leave homes because of violence and intolerance. Journey with them, Lord. Lead your children to places of safety and welcome. Make us as quick to offer hospitality, opening hearts and homes to those in need, until all live in safety and peace.

Lord of the Harvest, we pray for the hungry.

For those who have no idea where their next meal will come from, for those who struggle to scrape together a simple meal for their family, for those who go to bed with grumbling stomachs. Bring an end to hunger, Lord. Lead your children to tables of plenty. Make us as quick to share our

abundance, setting tables and feeding each other, until all are fed by your great abundance.

Lord, our Comforter, we pray for the lonely.
For those whose relationships with family are frayed, for those standing in shadows, yearning to be seen, for the divisions between neighbors born of fear and greed. Mend the threads of community, Lord. Lead us into places of beloved community, where our diversity is seen as a gift, where our uniqueness is valued, where dignity is respected. Make us quick to be peacemakers, breaking down barriers and building bridges, until this world is the way you want it to be for us.

Lord, our Rock and our Salvation, we pray for those who hardly dare to hope.
For those whose dreams seem woefully out of reach, for those whose lives have been turned upside down by illness and loss, for those who suffer from depression, addiction, or patterns of self-harm. Embrace them, Lord. Lead them to places of comfort. Make us quick to reach out, offering a loving presence when all seems lost, until all know your peace.

Holy God, birth a sense of laughter and joy within this world.
Help us to trust what you can do and call us into the dance of reconciliation and healing. Strengthen our hands and feet for service and our hearts and voices for proclamation. This we ask in the name of Jesus, the Joy of the World, 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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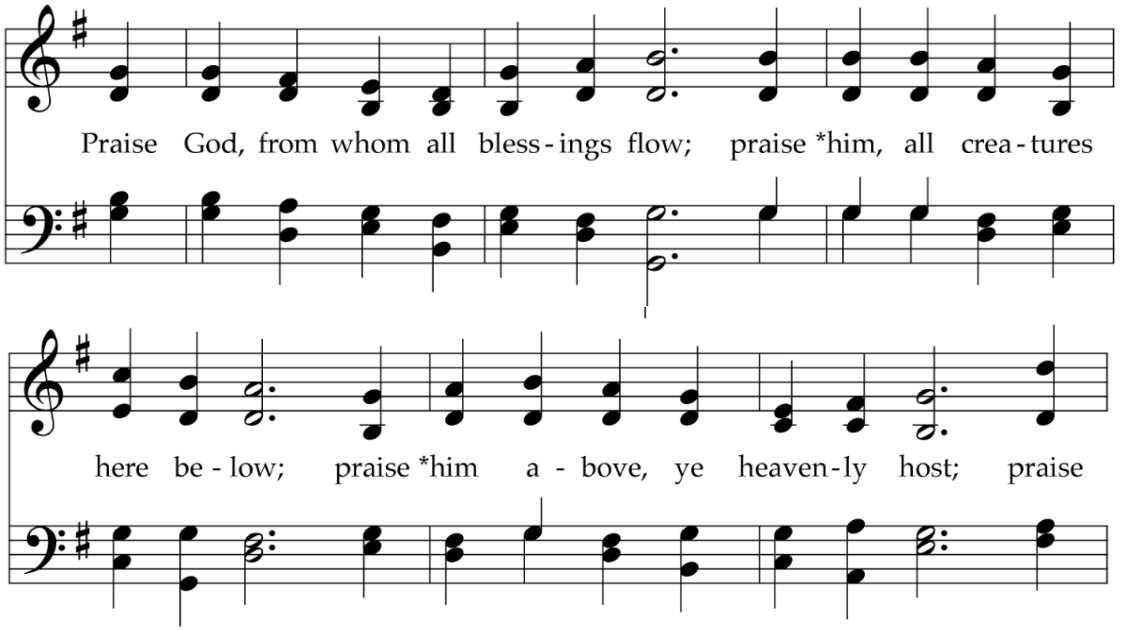

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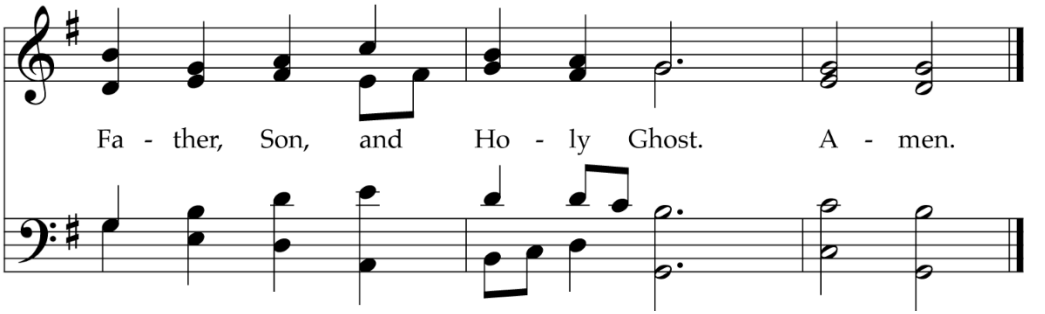

***THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Guest Speaker will share a prayer)

Empowered to Spread God's Love

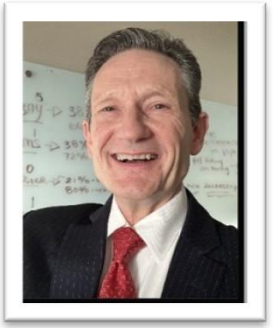
***HYMN # 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

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

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

THE POSTLUDE

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 & remainder of June	Elder Herb Williams will lead worship	
07/05/2026	We welcome Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez as pastor.	

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.

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.

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

July 2026	
07/05/26	Betsy Christensen
07/12/26	
07/19/26	
07/26/26	Ron Stamboly

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

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Nikkie Hayase, Board Secretary Kate Scott, Session Liaison

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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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