OAK TREE-ISELIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mind, hearts, hands and voices in Christ

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Sunday, July 19, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Service led by: Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez

Liturgist: Elder Herb Williams 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.

PRELUDE **Alaine Bolton Director of Music**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS **Herb Williams**

CHORAL INTROIT # 276 Sing a New Song unto the Lord *(vs 1)*

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)** **Herb Williams**

(Liturgical Helps/PCUSA)

Leader: God of promises, how wonderful it is to know that you care for us and love us.

People: Surely the Lord is present in this place!

Leader: We gather in the house of God to marvel at God's works.

Unison: We gather to give thanks, because God is faithful and fulfills God's promises.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)** **Herb Williams**

Eternal God, Author of our life and End of our pilgrimage: Guide us by your Word and Spirit amid all perils and temptations, that we may not wander from your way, nor stumble in the darkness; but may finish our course in safety, and come to our eternal rest in you; through the grace and merit of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

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

INVITATION TO CONFESSION **Herb Williams**

In this vast world that God has created—including each one of us—God's presence is everywhere. Knowing that we stand in the presence of our loving and merciful God, let us join together in confessing our failures:

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (In Unison) **Herb Williams**

God of heaven and earth, we confess that we overlook your presence in the ordinary places of our lives. We expect you only in the sacred and the certain, and miss you in the everyday and the unknown. Forgive us for limiting where we think you can be found. Make us aware that every place can become holy ground. Amen.

PERSONAL CONFESSION **Herb Williams**

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 **Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez**

God does not abandon us when we make mistakes. We cannot hide from God's love. God's forgiveness accompanies us, and God's presence brings us comfort. Therefore, I assure you that, in the name of Christ, we have received the forgiveness of our sins and can live in peace. **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

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

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE** **Herb Williams**

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 AND THE YOUNG AT HEART Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **Herb Williams**

Ever-present God, we come before you needing to be reminded that we come from you and that we belong to you. Open our hearts and minds to discern the word you have for us today. Guide us to serve you faithfully in the places and circumstances where you call us to be. In your holy name we pray. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING **Genesis 28:10-19** **Herb Williams**
Pew Bible pg. 29
Large Print Bible: pg. 43-44
(*Liturgist, to create a unified experience for congregants, please ensure that everyone is on the same page before you begin reading.)*

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *(excerpt from Surely the Presence)*

NEW TESTAMENT READING **Romans 8:12-25** **Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez**
Pew Bible pg. 1152
Large Print Bible: pg. 1757
(To create a unified experience for congregants, please ensure that everyone is on the same page before you begin reading.)

THE MESSAGE **From Dawn to Dusk: A Journey of Faith** **Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez**

*** HYMN # 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** **Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez**
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 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

***THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God, present with us at all times, we give you thanks for the many blessings we receive each day. Accept these gifts, offered in love, for the well-being of all your creation. Because you are our God and we are your children, keep our hearts open and willing to help meet the needs of your people and your world. May these offerings become instruments of your grace, hope, and love. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

Empowered to Spread God's Love

***HYMN # 846 Fight the Good Fight**

***BENEDICTION**
God is Good: **All the Time!** All the Time: **God is Good!**
We are blessed: The Lord, God of all generations, gives us their blessing: a blessing to care for us and for our whole family, and a blessing that calls us to be a blessing to others. May God's presence in our lives fill us with confidence and purpose,

empowering us to be the mind, heart, hands, and voice of Christ in the world. Amen.

***CHORAL BENEDICTION # 192 Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining** *(vs 1)*

THE POSTLUDE

About Our Pastor

Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez, originally from the Dominican Republic, has been involved in intercultural and cross-cultural ministries since the beginning of her career. At the national level, Pastor Jeniffer serves as a minister of diversity, equity, and inclusion with the Presbyterian Foundation. She is also a member of the special committee responsible for drafting a confession to be considered for inclusion in the Book of Confessions of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Rev. Jeniffer and her husband, Kyle Craig, are the parents of Emma Sophia and Eric Gabriel.

Friendly Reminders

Sunday 8/2/2026	Rev. Jennifer will not be present. Guest Speaker TBD	
Tuesday Tues 8/4	Margarita Vacation Day	
Sunday 8/9/2026	Communion	
Wed 8/12-Wed 8/19	Margarita Vacation	

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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 (except July and August)

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

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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