OAK TREE-ISELIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mind, hearts, hands and voices in Christ

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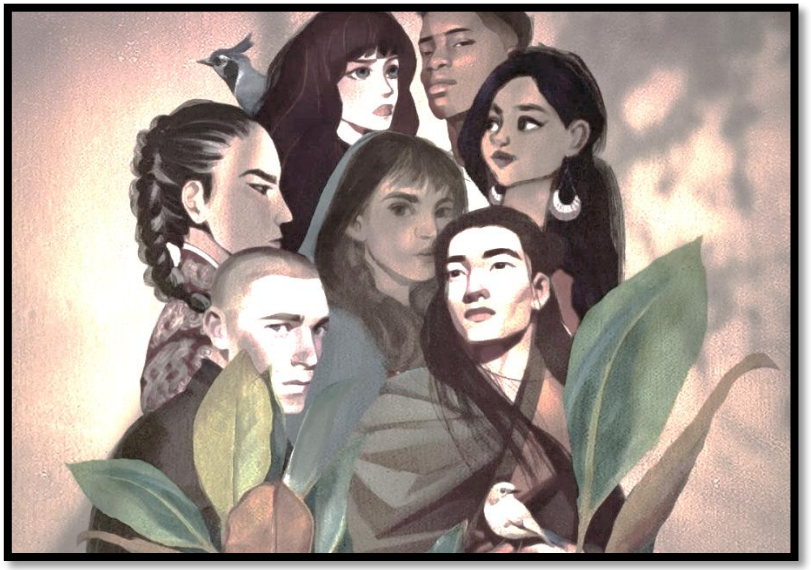
Sunday, August 2, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Service led by: Elder Ron Stamboly

Liturgist: Elder Heather Meyers Alaine Bolton, Director of Music



"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God"
Romans 15:7 (NIV)

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 **Heather Meyers**

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

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)** (Psalm 145:8-9, 14-18) **Heather Meyers**
The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all, and God's compassion is over all that God has made.
The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.
The eyes of all look to you, God, and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. The Lord is just in all God's ways, and kind in all God's doings.
The Lord is near to all who call on the Lord, to all who call on the Lord in truth.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)** **Heather Meyers**
God, we give you thanks, for when we call upon you, you hear us and answer us. We praise your steadfast love, O Savior of those who seek refuge. We thank you for your righteous dealings with us. As we open our eyes in the morning, we lift our praise to you, for we awaken with the joy of beholding your face. We give you thanks, O God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

***HYMN # 462 I Love to Tell the Story**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION **Heather Meyers**
We come to confession not because we believe we are bad people, but because we know there are areas of our lives that stand in need of God's healing touch. And God, who is more ready to forgive than we are to confess, will hear us with a loving ear, ready to heal any brokenness within us or between us …

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (In Unison) **Heather Meyers**
Holy God, you have revealed yourself to us in Jesus Christ. Every- thing we need to know about you has been shown. Your goodness, mercy, healing and renewal are on full display. But sometimes we do not see what is right before us. Sometimes we miss the miracle. We misunderstand you, and so we misunderstand the world. Forgive us, we pray. Restore to us the ability to see you

as you reveal yourself. Renew within us the capacity to perceive your way in the world, for this life, and in the life that is to come. We pray it in Jesus' name, Amen.

PERSONAL CONFESSION **Heather Meyers**

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 **Ron Stamboly**

Ours is the adoption as sons and daughters; ours the divine glory, the covenants, the law, the privilege to worship God, and of depending on God's promises. Praise be God forever! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. We 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** **Heather Meyers**

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 **Ron Stamboly**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **Heather Meyers**

Holy God, amidst the flood of words that barrage us daily, speak your eternal Word that offers life, and bless us in its hearing, through Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING **Genesis 32: 22-31** **Heather Meyers**

Pew Bible pg. 35

Large Print Bible: pg. 53

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

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

NEW TESTAMENT READING **Romans 9:1-13** **Ron Stamboly**

Pew Bible pg. 1153

Large Print Bible: pg. 1758-1759

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

THE MESSAGE **To the Jews and the Gentiles** **Ron Stamboly**

*** HYMN # 8 Eternal Father, Strong to Save**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** **Ron Stamboly**

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.

Holy God, the world and all that is within it was made at your Word. You have blessed us with countless gifts of love. Receive then, our offerings as commitments of our intention to see the world through the eyes of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen**.

Empowered to Spread God's Love

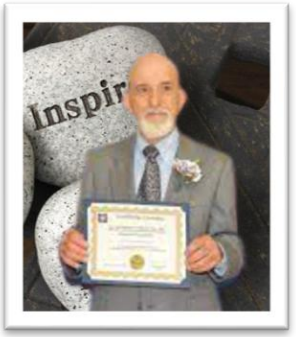
***HYMN #463 How Firm a Foundation**

***BENEDICTION**
God is Good: **All the Time!** All the Time: **God is Good!**
Go into a world of abundance, with eyes open for the miraculous workings of our God, and as you go, may the blessing of our triune God, creator, redeemer and sustainer, be with you always. ***Amen.***

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

THE POSTLUDE

Welcome!



Today we welcome Elder Ron Stamboly to our pulpit. Ron has served in various committees in our church and currently serves as our Financial Secretary.

Friendly Reminders

Today	Elder Ron Stamboly will lead worship	
Tuesday Tues 8/4	Margarita Vacation Day	
Sunday 8/9/2026	Communion	
Wed 8/12-Wed 8/19	Margarita Vacation	

Session

Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez, Moderator
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 (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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