#### WORSHIP AT WHITE OAK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- Thank you for turning off cell phones during the worship service.
- Nurseries for children 3 and under are provided.
- Nursing Mothers room available.
- Restrooms are located on the right side exit by the choir loft, down the stairs to the right and or on the left and right side of the main hallway in the new building.
- Listen to sermons on our website at http://www.whiteoakarp.org/Sermons.html.

#### **W**ELCOME

We welcome you to worship God, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and are grateful you're visiting with us. Our hope and prayer is that the Holy Spirit will minister to you through the preaching of God's Word, the sacraments, hymns, and prayers.

If you're so inclined, please complete a contact information card located on the back of the pews. There is also a prayer request card for your requests, and they may both be placed in the offering plate.

We look forward to meeting you following the worship service!

### **ABOUT WHITE OAK ARP**

White Oak Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church has been worshipping since 1836 and was organized as a congregation in 1848 in Coweta County. Our congregation is part of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian (ARP) denomination (arpchurch.org). We hold to the Westminster Confession of Faith and emphasize the following:

- The Bible is the Word of God; the only infallible rule of faith and practice.
- God is the Creator and Sovereign Ruler of the universe.
- Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the only Savior from sin.
- The Holy Spirit enables us to begin and continue to live the Christian life.
- Salvation is by God's grace and is not earned but is received through faith.

WHITE OAK ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



OCTOBER 27, 2024

PRELUDE

Bokhee Min Lee

**MEDITATION** 

Hebrews 12:12-15a

"Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God..."

Call to Worship is directed to the people by God through the Worship leader. It is a call to focus mind heart, and intention on the worship of God.

#### † THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 92

Minister: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

People: to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,

Minister: to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

All: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Music is part of worship throughout scripture. It lifts us up and expresses our joy and celebration. Each hymn connects to the parts of worship around it.

† PSALTER (PSALM 92)

"It's Good to Thank the Lord"

Psalter No. 92

## † THE INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

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.

Question & answer catechisms help teach and reinforce biblical truths.

#### † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Apostles Creed** 

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living

†Those who are able please stand





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

**† OUR RESPONSE** 

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen.

HYMN

"All My Boast Is in Jesus" Pg. 12 in Bulletin (Choir Sings 1st Verse, Congregation sings verses 2 & 3)

WORSHIP IN GIVING

(PLEASE PLACE PRAYER/VISITOR CARDS IN OFFERING PLATES.)

† DoxoLogy

Hymn No. 382

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

† **New Testamemnt Reading** 1 Timothy 4:6-10

Pastor Jonathan Holst Reading usually comes

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, We confess that we have spent enough of our past doing the will of those who oppose You; and we acknowledge that all men will give an account to Your Son, who is ready to judge the living and the dead. We thank You that Christ Jesus suffered in the flesh for our sins. We heed the instruction that we too, "should no longer live according to the lusts of men, but for Your will." In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Based on I Peter 4:1-6

#### **SILENT CONFESSION**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND COMFORT

Isaiah 55:6-7

"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

The Gloria Patri is an ancient hymn of praise to our Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It has been part of the church's worship for centuries.

The offering is an act of thanksgiving and worship commanded by God. By giving our tithe, we demonstrate our dependence on the Lord, the maker and sustainer of all things.

From Greek doxa, (glory, splendor, grandeur) & logos, (word/speaking); short hymns of praise to God in response to His gifts to us...

The Gospel/Scripture Reading usually comes from the lectionary and is designed to focus our attention on the greatness and Work of Jesus.

Sin is a pervasive part of our lives, and we must confess our sin to God and then receive the forgiveness that Christ gave the Church the authority to declare.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE 2 Peter 1:5-7

The Sermon is where | SERMON we explore scripture together and corporately encounter Christ.

"Diligent Godliness"

Dr. Will Wood

† HYMN

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

Pg. 11 in Bulletin

God always gets the last word in our encounter of worship. The benediction is His blessing as we go out together.

**† PRAYER & BENEDICTION** 

2 Thessalonians 3:16

"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all."



#### EVENING SERVICE (6:00 PM):

Please join us tonight at 6pm for our evening worship service. Pastor Ronny will preach from chapter 3 as we begin the second major section of the book of Micah.

## White Oak Welcomes Dr. Will Wood

Please welcome today's guest preacher, Dr. Will Wood! He is the Associate Professor of Old Testament at Reformed Theological Seminary in Atlanta and an ordained minister in the OPC. He has preached for us in the past and we are thankful for his joining us again and his proclamation of God's Word.

Please plan to join us for our Reformation Celebration! Wednesday, October 30th, 5:30-7:30pm.

DINNER \* LESSON \* GAMES \* CRAFTS \* INFLATABLE SLIDE \* HAYRIDE!

> Please RSVP using this QR code or respond to the church email.



## All My Boast Is in Jesus



## O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

Words by George Matheson Music by Christopher Miner



### **SERVING TODAY**

DEACONS OF THE MONTH: ALAN EGERDAHL

TOM GRIDLEY

ELDER OF THE MONTH: JASON COFFEE

#### **PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY:**

INITIAL CONTACT: JOHN & CHARLOTTE HEMPHILL (770-254-1263) BACK-UP CONTACT: FORREST & CAMMY TIDWELL (770-304-9585)

Small hearing devices are available from an usher or Deacon for those wishing to use them.

Church Office Hours This Week: Tuesday - Thursday: 8:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### **NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

	8:30 AM	9:45 AM	11:00 AM	6:00 PM
	Worship	Sunday School	Worship	Worship
Oct. 27	Jannette Emmerick Lauren Hitt Cindy Ward	Mark Dodds Joe Roberts Joanne Wasdin	Martha Blackwell Karen Egerdahl Billie Gentry	Lynne Dodds Todd Weaver
Nov.	Sherry Holst	Melinda Hemphill	Beth Abernathy	Ben Sewell
	Carol Robertson	DJ Hitt	Jill Fosnough	Joanne
	Haley Sweetin	Robin Sewell	Jason Headley	Wasdin



## LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:30 Church Service	71
11:00 Church Service	104
YouTube Views	54



## CURRENT BUDGET INFORMATION AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2024

	General Fund		<b>Building Fund</b>	
YTD Budgeted Collections	\$	557,185		
YTD Actual Collections	\$	589,424	\$	3,975
YTD Actual Expenses	\$	548,760		
YTD Actual Difference	\$	40,664		

Online giving available at https://www.whiteoakarp.org/give

## **Church Calendar**

Today	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Reformation Sunday Sunday Morning Early Worship Service Sunday School Morning Worship Service Evening Worship Service
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Diaconate Meeting
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	5:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.	Reformation Celebration @ White Oak Hall
Thursday		Ladies Bible Study Meets Men's Prayer Group Meets
Friday	10:00 a.m.	Pillow Making (for Newnan Health & Rehab) in White Oak Hall
November 3	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Early Worship Service Sunday School Morning Worship Service Evening Worship Service
November 4	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education Committee Meeting
November 5	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
November 6	5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:10 p.m.	Men's Bible Study Meets in Room 111  Wednesday Connect  Fellowship Dinner in White Oak Hall  Wednesday Connect/Youth Group in White Oak Hall  Adult Bible Study  Choir Practice
November 7		Ladies Bible Study Men's Prayer Group Meets
November 8		Ladies Bible Study Youth Ornament Making @ the Manse
November 10	2:00 p.m.	Wedding Shower for Meagan Schroeder (see invitation in bulletin)



The November newsletter deadline is Tuesday, October 29 at 9:00 a.m. Please have your information to the church office by this time.

## Sunday School Classes 9:45 AM—10:30 AM

Class/Ages	<u>Teacher</u>	Location	<u>Topic</u>
2 & 3 Year-Olds	Amy Coffee, Jill Fosnough	Rm. 116	A Sure Foundation: His Praiseworthy Deeds
PK/K: 4, 5, 6 Year Old's	Sally Estes, Annette Olsen, Susan Sloan, Eileen Zito	Rm. 115	God Leads His People
1st & 2nd Grade	Amanda Beatenbough, Lauren Hitt	Rm. 113	Pleasing God
3rd – 5th Grade	Andy Hemphill, Jason Coffee	Rm. 112	God's Design for Worship
Middle/High School	Benjamin Clark, T.J. Sweetin	Rm. 203	Westminster Confession

## **Adult Classes**

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Location</u>
Membership Class	Pastor Jonathan Holst	Rm. 105
First Samuel	Alan Egerdahl	Rm. 107
Life Principles from the Kings of the Old Testament (Friendship Class)	John & Susan Sloan	Rm. 111
Romans 8	Todd Weaver	Rm. 206
The Lord's Prayer	Jake Wasdin	Rm. 208

## **Matters for Prayer**

**Prayer Focus:** Pray that God would bring people to our church.

**Homebound**: Joy Bowers, Inge Blount

**Sick/Recuperating**: Bea Boswell, Dianne Conaway, Shirley Kirbow, Betty Newby, Joe Black, Mary Effie Bridges, Sam Phillips, Emma May, Alison Newman, Charlene McDaniel, Alan Egerdahl

**Expectant Parents**: Micayla Clark



There are prayer cards on the back of the pews you can fill out and put in the offering basket. These are sent out to a group of people committed to pray for needs that are expressed. You can also email your prayer requests to Elder Bill Minton at bminton35@yahoo.com.

## Officer Training Meetings with Pastor Holst - UPDATED

Pastor Holst plans to offer a truncated series of officer training meetings in November and December, and then a fuller series of classes next Spring. These classes are required for new nominees who have not been ordained, and open to others who wish to learn or refresh their understanding of the privileges and responsibilities of church office.

Reading will be assigned in advance and then discussed in the meetings.



## Wreaths of Remembrance UPDATE

Wreaths of Remembrance on December 7 is almost here!



There is still time to honor our brave Veterans by purchasing a wreath to place on their graves.

If you would like to help assemble the wreaths and place them on the graves, please join us in front of White Oak Hall at 12:00 noon on Saturday, December 7.

Thank you so much!-Melanie Whitehead

## WHITE OAK NEWS & UPDATES

- ⇒ The White Oak Diaconate donated \$2500 to the Hurricane Helene Disaster Support Synod Fund, this gift was taken from our Local Benevolence Fund.
- ⇒ The October 6th Barbeque has raised a total of \$11,844.00 so far. The funds will be distributed as follows:
  - Bridging the Gap A local non-profit the provides case management, food pantries, hot meals, showers, and more will receive \$2,268.80.
  - Missionary Frank Van Dalen will receive \$4,537.60.
  - Missionary Sam Cotton will also receive \$4,537.60.

We thank God for the opportunity to raise these funds and for the privilege of passing these monies on to this organization and to these individuals.

## -missions

## Lithuania – Frank and Emily van Dalen

In the historic Reformed Church of Lithuania, applicants for membership first profess faith in Christ and then kneel on the cushions for a prayer of commitment and dedication. One Sunday in September, our congregation witnessed the Confirmation of Faith (required for membership) of Sophia and Alexander Litke.

Because my (Frank) Lithuanian is limited, and so that all who were present could fully understand the ceremony, the confirmation questions were asked in 3 languages: English, Lithuanian, and Russian. Alexander understands English, so he translates my sermons into Russian, for his wife.

It was a blessing for our small Lithuania congregation to grant membership to this couple from an "enemy nation," thereby showing that the Church of Jesus Christ transcends political boundaries. Please join us in praying for God's blessing upon this couple, as they dedicate themselves to serving Him.







Congratulations to Michael and Maddie Troyer, and big brother David upon the birth of Levi James Troyer on October 17, 2024. Levi weighed 6 lbs. 5 oz., and was 18.5 inches long. Paternal grandparents are David and Peggy Troyer.

Levi was named after his uncle, Jeremiah James Troyer.

and

Congratulations also to Drew and Courtney Fincher, and big brother Parker, upon the birth of Palmer Drew Fincher, on October 17, 2024. Palmer weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz., and was 21 inches long. Palmer's grandparents are Greg & Lori Fincher.

### **COMMUNICANTS CLASS**

White Oak will begin a new Communicants Class soon! This class is intended to help parents as they lead their children to claim Christ as their personal Lord and Savior and make a public profession of faith. After the class, those children who are ready will meet with their shepherding elder and others to declare their faith and become full communing members of the church. To register or for more information, please contact Pastor Ronny.



## PURSING HOME CHRISTMAS SHOP 2024 UPDATE

We are happy to announce that we have the Residents' wish lists for the Christmas Shop! There are 45 Residents who will be participating in the Shop this year.

## How can I help?

Stop by the Christmas Shop table in the lobby after both services <u>TODAY</u> to "adopt" a resident, and see other ways you can participate (a sign-up sheet will be available).

Join us on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>December 7 at 9:00 am</u> at *Newnan Health and Rehab*, 244 East Broad Street, Newnan, GA 30263 for the event. We need volunteers to:

- ⇒ Help with set up and clean up
- ⇒ Wrap Gifts
- ⇒ Serve Refreshments
- ⇒ Sing Christmas Carols
- ⇒ Escort Residents back to their rooms with their gifts

Thank you for your help with this important community outreach project!

For more information, please contact:

Eileen Zito: 404·218·6944, Dianne Minton: 404·683·3568, Billie Gentry – 404·606·9936

## SPECIAL PROJECT FOR THE CHRISTMAS SHOP!!!

Help needed: Calling All Crafters!! For the Christmas Shop this year, we will be making small pillows as a gift for the residents of Newnan Health & Rehab. The pillow is a simple design (see picture) - NO SEWING INVOLVED - just tying the tabs on the top and bottom pieces together and filling with Poly-fil.

## How can you help? We need:

- Donations of bags of Poly-fil to fill the pillows
- Volunteers to join us on <u>Friday, November 1 at 10AM</u> in White Oak Hall to help cut out the patterns and assemble the pillows.

Many hands make light work, so please join us! If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Billie Gentry - 404-606-9936. Thank you!





## WOMEN'S MINISTRY MEETING NOVEMBER 3, 2024

The women members of White Oak Reformed Presbyterian Church are invited to gather in the sanctuary during the Sunday School Hour on November 3 for a brief meeting of the Women's Ministry.

The purpose of this meeting is to approve the revised Constitution of the Women's Ministry and to approve three new nominees to the Helper Team for 2025.

The Helper Team, which is the leadership team of the Women's Ministry, has approved this document unanimously. We believe that it reflects simply and clearly the mission and purpose of the Women's Ministry at White Oak. We have also approved the three new nominees. A copy of the revised Constitution will be emailed to you for review before voting on November 3.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Billie Gentry, Chairman

#### LET'S SHOWER THE BRIDE WITH LOVE

## **MEAGAN SCHROEDER'S BRIDAL SHOWER**

**NOVEMBER 10, 2024 AT 2 PM** 

734 SID HUNTER ROAD, SENOIA, GEORGIA 300276

PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING MEAGAN'S SWITCH FROM MISS TO MRS

SINCE HER SUITCASE IS SMALL, MAY OUR GIFTS BE AS WELL.

WE ASK THAT YOU BRING YOUR FAVORITE RECIPE ON A 3 x 5 INDEX CARD

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BLESS THEIR NEW HOME, PLEASE BRING A GIFT CARD (PREFERS AMAZON, TJ MAXX OR TARGET)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT CINDY WARD (770) 596-0535

PLEASE RSVP TO CINDYKWARD@BELLSOUTH.NET