

## 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>.

## WELCOME

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](http://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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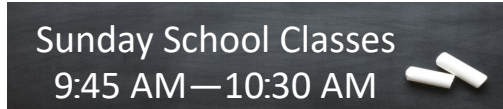
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**PRELUDE** Bokhee Min Lee

**MEDITATION** Ephesians 4:11-13

“And he [that is Christ] gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.”

† **THE CALL TO WORSHIP** Colossians 3:16-17

Minister: “Oh sing to the Lord a new song;

**People: sing to the Lord, all the earth!**

Minister: Say among the nations, ‘the Lord reigns!’

**All: Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.”**

† **PSALTER (96:1-8)** “O Sing a New Song” ARP Psalter No. 96A

† **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.

† **CONFESSION OF FAITH** Belgic Confession Article 30 - From a Sister Church Article 30, The Government and Offices in the Church.

We believe that the true Church must be governed by the spiritual policy which our Lord has taught us in His Word namely, that there must be pastors to preach the word, and to administer the sacraments; also elders and deacons, who together with the pastors form the council of the Church; that by these means the true religion may be preserved and the true doctrine everywhere propagated.

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.

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.

Question & answer catechisms help teach and reinforce biblical truths.

† Those who are able, please stand.

<u>Class/Ages</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>
2 & 3 Year-Olds	Melinda Hemphill Jill Fosnough	Rm. 116	God’s Story
PK/K: 4, 5, 6 Year Old's	Sally Estes, Annette Olsen, Susan Sloan, Eileen Zito	Rm. 115	Living in God’s Family
1st & 2nd Grade	Amanda Beatenbough, Lauren Hitt	Rm. 113	Pleasing God
3rd – 5th Grade	Andy Hemphill, Jason Coffee	Rm. 112	Listening to Jesus
Middle/High School	Benjamin Clark, T.J. Sweetin	Rm. 203	Westminster Confession

**Adult Classes**

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Location</u>
1 Thessalonians (Part 1)	Peter Loutzenhiser	Rm. 107
Church Officer Training Class	Rev. Jonathan Holst	Pastor’s Study
Life Principles from the New Testament Men of Faith (Friendship Class)	John & Susan Sloan	Rm. 111
A Study of Judges	Tracy Schroeder David Didier	Rm. 206
Genesis (Chapter 1)	Bob Abernathy	Rm. 209

**Take Home an Older Hymnal!**

With the arrival of our new hymnals for congregational worship, we no longer need our older hymnals. Rather than storing them away, we’d love for them to find new homes!

You’ll find the older hymnals on a table in the lobby. Feel free to take one (or more!) for yourself, or share them with someone who might enjoy using them. Let’s make sure these hymnals continue to bless others in song and worship!

Thank you for helping us give them a new purpose!

Please plan to join us for...  
**WEDNESDAY CONNECT!**  
 Timeline, Activities, & Locations

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>GROUP</b>	<b>Location</b>
5:30-6:00	Family Dinner	All Ages	White Oak Hall (WOH)
6:00 - 6:15	Worship	All Ages	WOH
6:10 - 7:15	Bible Study	Adults	Room 206
6:15 - 6:45	Bible Lesson	1st - 2nd	Room 113
6:15 - 6:45	Crafts	3rd - 5th	Room 111
6:15 - 7:15	Bible Lesson & Crafts	PK - K	Room 115
6:45 - 7:15	Crafts	1st - 2nd	Room 111
6:45 - 7:15	Bible Lesson	3rd - 5th	Room 112

TO RSVP, please use this QR code:



**Fellowship Committee**

**Come Join the Fellowship Committee**

It's time to form our Fellowship Committee for 2025 and we need new members.

If you enjoy planning and staffing church events to encourage and foster a growing and deeper fellowship among our church membership, you will have that opportunity as a member of the Fellowship Committee. Since the Covid days, our committee has been pretty stagnant, but it's time to expand our church activities and grow fellowship among our members. If you are interested, please contact David or Debbie Didier (see Breeze for contact info) and plan to attend a short organizing meeting immediately after the 11AM service on Sunday, January 26 in Room 111 in the Education Bldg.

† 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. Amen.

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.

HYMN

“The Battle Is the Lord’s”

Hymn No. 545

INSTALLATION & ORDINATION OF NEW CHURCH OFFICERS

Elder: Installation Robert Abernathy  
 Forrest Tidwell  
 Patrick Ward

Deacon: Ordination & Installation Joe Spooner

Installation: Andy Hemphill  
 Joe Roberts  
 Haddon Schroeder

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.

WORSHIP IN GIVING

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

† DOXOLOGY

Hymn No. 567

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.

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

† OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 18:13-27

Assoc. Pastor Ronny Hull

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our Father, we thank and praise You that Christ Jesus appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away our sin. We acknowledge that we are sinners and are destined to die once, and after that to face the judgment. Even so, we trust in His sacrifice, knowing that by His death our sins are taken away. We look to that day when He will appear a second time, not to bear sins, but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await Him. In His name we pray, Amen.

Based on Hebrews 9:24ff

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.

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

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

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND COMFORT**

Psalm 28:6-9

“Blessed be the Lord! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. The Lord is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.”

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

+ **NEW TESTAMENT READING** 1 Timothy 3:1-13

**SERMON**

Pastor Jonathan Holst

“Christ’s Gift of Elders and Deacons”

+ **HYMN**

“O the Deep, Unbounded Riches”

Hymn No. 226

+ **PRAYER & BENEDICTION**

“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your entire spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The One who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.”



**Evening Service: 6:00 PM**

Last week we planned to begin a new sermon series. Today, God willing we will step into 1 Kings 17 which leads us into the lives and ministries of Elijah and Elisha. Feel free to read ahead: 1 Kings 17- 2 Kings 13.

**missions**

Praises and prayer requests from Ben & Trish Alexander from December 2024. Ben is a church planter in Chelmsford, England supported by our church through World Witness.

Praises:

At the close of this year we would like to praise the Lord for continually settling us into life in England. Ben and Trish both have their British driving licenses! We have seen God do so much! Ben has preached at CPC on Sundays, schools and universities during the week, and our family has seen God use our home group to bring people closer to one another in Christ.

Matthew, our friend who came to Christ this year, is now completing his studies in York and serving his Saviour in the Christian union there.

Prayer requests:

New opportunities to expand our ministry for the Gospel in England.

Please pray as we travel in January to the North of England (Hexham) to minister in a church that does not have a minister.

**Matters for Prayer**

**Prayer Focus:** Pray that members of our church would love one another and that would be attractive to the lost around us.

**Homebound:** Joy Bowers, Inge Blount, Betty Newby

**Sick/Recuperating:** Bea Boswell, Dianne Conaway, Shirley Kirbow, Joe Black, Mary Effie Bridges, Sam Phillips, Charlene McDaniel, Forrest Tidwell, Carolyn Dodds, Vickie Bray

**Expectant Mothers:** Lauren Hitt, Katlyn (Robertson) Golemon, Helen (Ward) Crawford, Haley Sweetin

**Military:** Jack Ward, Paul Lee (Son of Bokhee Min & Ken Lee), T.J. Hemphill



**HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?**

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](mailto:bminton35@yahoo.com).

## Youth Spring Retreats 2025

No Cost to any student.

Contributions to the general fund are welcome.

### High School

March 7 - 9

Please see Pastor Ronny to register by February 9.

### Middle School

March 21 - 23

Please see Pastor Ronny to register by February 23.

### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES IN 2025**

January	15	Wednesday Connect Resumes Meeting
February	7 - 9	High School Spring Retreat
March	21 - 23	Middle School Spring Retreat
April	19 30	Missions Car Wash Wednesday Connect Ends for Summer Break
June	TBD TBD 16 - 21 23 - 28	VBS VBS After Party Quest Camp Horizon Camp
September	3 19 - 21	Wednesday Connect Resumes Meeting High School Fall Retreat
October	29	Reformation Celebration
November	14 - 17 19	Middle School Fall Retreat Wednesday Connect Ends for Winter Break

Each event requires volunteers. Please let Pastor Ronny know if you are interested in volunteering.

### SERVING TODAY

**DEACONS OF THE MONTH:** T. J. SWEETIN  
D. J. HITT

**ELDER OF THE MONTH:** DENNY ROBERTSON

#### 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 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

	8:30 AM Worship	9:45 AM Sunday School	11:00 AM Worship	6:00 PM Worship
Jan. 19	Sally Estes Tom Gridley Lauren Hitt	Mark Dodds Robin Sewell <b>NEED VOLUNTEER</b>	Amanda Beatenbough Martha Blackwell Jill Fosnough	Sherry Holst Ben Sewell
Jan. 26	Melinda Hemphill Susan Rogers Todd Weaver	Joe Roberts Joanne Wasdin <b>NEED VOLUNTEER</b>	Leighanna Beatenbough Vickie Bray Melanie Schroeder	Lynne Dodds Andy Hemphill

### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:30 Church Service	61
11:00 Church Service	79
YouTube Views	65

### CURRENT BUDGET INFORMATION AS OF DECEMBER 29, 2024

	General Fund	Building Fund
<b>YTD Budgeted Collections</b>	<b>\$ 768,494</b>	
<b>YTD Actual Collections</b>	<b>\$ 797,787</b>	<b>\$ 24,569</b>
<b>YTD Actual Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 732,434</b>	
<b>YTD Actual Difference</b>	<b>\$ 65,353</b>	

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

## Church Calendar

Today	8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Early Worship Service 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service
Monday	7:00 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting
Tuesday	9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 2:30 p.m. Sisters In Christ Bible Study Resumes Meeting
Wednesday	10:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study Wednesday Connect 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Children Classes/Youth Group 6:10 p.m. Adult Class 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice
Thursday	6:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Meeting
January 26	8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Early Worship Service 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service 12:10 p.m. Brief Visitation Committee Meeting in Room 111 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service
January 27	7:00 p.m. Diaconate Meeting
January 28	9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
January 29	10:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study Wednesday Connect 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Children Classes/Youth Group 6:10 p.m. Adult Class 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice
January 30	6:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Meeting
January 31	9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study

### CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

This training and a background check are required every 3 years for anyone working with the children/youth of the church. We use MinistrySafe (MS) to provide both computer-based training and the background check. As you near the end of your current certification, you will receive an e-mail from MS that provides a site link for you to use to re-take your training; the background check will automatically initiate following completion of your training. If you have never had the training and would like to work with the youth, please contact Bob Abernathy at [abernmp@gmail.com](mailto:abernmp@gmail.com) to request training.



## Have you heard of Breeze? What exactly is Breeze?

Breeze CHMS is Church Management Software that White Oak Church uses to manage the Church calendar, maintain the Church directory, manage volunteer scheduling, and much more!

Breeze can be accessed on a computer, tablet, or smartphone via the internet, at [breezechms.com](http://breezechms.com), or by downloading the Breeze smartphone/tablet app for both iOS and Android (see icon above).

**How Do I Access Breeze?** E-mail Bob Abernathy, [abernmp@gmail.com](mailto:abernmp@gmail.com) to create your personal account -- provide your first and last name, and e-mail address. You will get an e-mail with a link to set up your ID and password. If you forget your password, you can reset it, using the email account you used to create your login.


The first time you use the Breeze app you will be prompted to enter our subdomain, which is WOARP. Then you will be prompted to enter your login information.

Once you log in, you'll have access to these areas:

- People (Church directory & contact information), Events (Church calendar),
- Tags (Groups, such as Session, Diaconate, committees, etc.)

**INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS in Breeze:** Breeze can generate a Church Directory IF everyone uploads a picture for themselves in Breeze.

- First, open Breeze and select "People" from the menu bar.
- Select your name from the list to access your personal profile page.
- Your personal profile page will have a "person" icon in the top left of the screen. When you click on this icon, it will give you the option to upload a picture from your computer, tablet or smartphone.
- Click "Upload Image" and select the image you want to upload.
- Crop the image to the appropriate size and save the change. If you don't like that photo, repeat the process, and upload a different photo!

**WOULD YOU LIKE A PHOTO TAKEN FOR BREEZE TODAY??** To create an  up-to-date and helpful church directory, you are being asked to upload your photo to your profile on Breeze. Listed above are directions to do this; however, **IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR PHOTO TAKEN TODAY**, some of our Youth will be available in the lobby following the worship service and will be happy to help. They can send your name and photo to Pastor Ronny who can upload it for you!

# GRADUATIONS

By David and Annelies Galletta



47 graduates received their Global Diploma by Erskine.

## SEED Ministry –

In early December, most of our SEED team were together in Rwanda, where we graduated 47 men and women from our original two cohorts in the eastern and western provinces. Most of these students had never graduated from anything, so they wore full regalia for receiving the Global Diploma issued by Erskine. What a day of celebration with students we have come to love along with their families.

I (David) then went to Kampala, Uganda to attend the graduation ceremony at Africa Reformation Theological Seminary, where I have been teaching since the Seminary opened seven years ago. I was invited to be the Commencement Speaker, which was a great honor and privilege. My sermon/speech was entitled, “Salt, Light, and the Gospel,” (Matthew 5:13-16). We graduated 17 students with Master’s in Divinity, Biblical Counseling, and Pastoral Studies.

It was an 8-day trip between the two countries. How great it was to witness and participate as students finished their program. I will return to Rwanda and then Ethiopia, this month. Thanks to all of you who support me in this ministry with finances and prayer.