

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). 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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FEBRUARY 2, 2025

PRELUDE

Bokhee Min Lee

MEDITATION

Colossians 1:18-20

He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

† **THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Revelation 5:11ff

Minister: Then I looked, and I heard the voices of many angels encircling the throne, and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they were saying:

People: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing!”

Minister: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

All: “To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power forever and ever!”

† **PSALTER (PSALM 23)**

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

Psalter No. 23B

† **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**

Nicene Creed - Section 2

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

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.

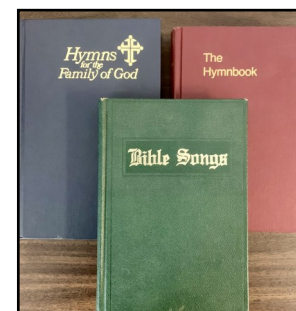
Sunday School Classes
9:45 AM—10:30 AM



<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!

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Senior Pastor: Rev. Jonathan Holst **Associate Pastor:** Rev. Ronny Hull

The Session Moderator: Jonathan Holst, V. Mod.: Patrick Ward, Clerk: Bob Abernathy

Class of 2025: Denny Robertson, Jake Wasdin, Jim Wessells

Class of 2026: David Didier, Tim Fosnough, Peter Loutzenhiser

Class of 2027: Bob Abernathy, Forrest Tidwell, Patrick Ward

The Diaconate Chairman: D. Beatenbough, V. Chairman: D.J. Hitt, Secretary: C. Beatenbough

Class of 2025: Cole Beatenbough, Jason Headley, D. J. Hitt, Sam Phillips

Class of 2026: Dane Beatenbough, Benjamin Clark, Alan Egerdahl, T. J. Sweetin

Class of 2027: Andy Hemphill, Joe Roberts, Haddon Schroeder, Joe Spooner

Thank You

Thank you to all who have prayed and supported us so faithfully through all the trials of the past year with the many hospital stays with pregnancy complications, pituitary tumor discovery, surgery and recovery. Thank you for the meals that helped get us through multiple crucial periods in 2024. Emma’s back to complete health and has seen no signs of future danger of reoccurrence with the tumor. We couldn’t have gotten through it all without your prayers and generosity.

Thank you from Jordan, Emma, Rosemary & George May

Thank you so very much for the calls and messages of complete healing during Ricky’s stay at “Chez” Piedmont. God blessed him with excellent care and we could feel the prayers.

He is on the road to recovery and ready to get out and get moving.

Thank you again,
Ricky & Alice Thompson

Welcome
We're Glad You're Here!

(Nicene Creed continued)

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

† **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.

HYMN

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Hymn No. 300

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.

† **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 7:10-16

Assoc. Pastor Ronny Hull

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, our God, hear our voices and in mercy be attentive to our prayer. Father, if you should mark iniquity who could stand? Yet you have promised that in Christ Jesus there is forgiveness, that you might be feared. As the watchmen of old waited for the dawn of your grace, so we too look back to the dawning of salvation when the Light of the World brought full redemption. Christ, our Light, is our Saviour. He is our confidence and our sure and certain hope; in His name we pray, Amen.

Ps. 130

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.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND COMFORT

Isaiah 53:4-8

Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows; yet we considered him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his stripes we are healed. We all like sheep have gone astray, each one has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid upon Him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open His mouth. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away, and who can recount his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; he was stricken for the transgression of My people.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

+ **NEW TESTAMENT READING** Luke 2:1-20

SERMON "The Birth of Jesus Christ" Pastor Jonathan Holst

+ **HYMN** "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" Hymn No. 196
vv. 1 & 2

THE LORD'S SUPPER

+ **HYMN** "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" Hymn No. 196
v. 3

+ **PRAYER & BENEDICTION**

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen."



Evening Service: 6:00 PM

Our evening service is scheduled for 6PM. God willing, Pastor Holst will continue teaching through the life of Elijah, focusing on 1 Kings 18 and the contest on Mount Carmel.

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.

Update from Camp Joy Florida. Camp Joy is a Christian co-ed camp serving those with special needs, a ministry of the ARP Church since 1980. They hold annual camps in FL, NC, and SC.

We're excited to welcome our special friends back to Camp Joy FL this March in Lake Wales. Last year, we served 21 campers and 22 counselors, half of which were new to Camp Joy! What a blessing to see new people experience this ministry for the first time. We are excited to see what the year holds. We plan to have the campers learn more about Jesus, ride horses, zipline, enjoy karaoke, showcase their talents, have canoe races and much more!

Prayer requests:

- Counselors!!! Camp Joy can't happen without them! Pray for more to join the team.
- Scheduling Conflicts: Our counties (Polk & Highlands) have different Spring Breaks, creating planning challenges. Please pray for wisdom in planning, and trust that the Lord will provide.
- Finances: Each camper/counselor pair leaves us with a \$1,000 deficit. We do not ask counselors or campers to pay to attend camp. Pray for financial resources.
- Staffing: We need both current staff and new volunteers. Camp Joy has a lot of moving parts and we cannot do it without our passionate and dedicated staff. "Many hands make light work," and we are always welcoming dedicated volunteers to help sustain this ministry for our special friends for years to come.

Thank you for your prayers and support for this special ministry!

Matters for Prayer

Prayer Focus: Pray for God's Word to take root in our hearts and change our thinking and living.

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, Stephane Pollard, 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.

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

March	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: **SAM PHILLIPS**

BEN CLARK

ELDER OF THE MONTH: **JAKE WASDIN**

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
Feb. 2	Susan Rogers Ben Sewell Cindy Ward	Joanna Beatenbough D.J. Hitt Tanya Roberts	Beth Abernathy Haley Beatenbough Stacie Headley	Jason Headley Sherry Holst
Feb. 9	Sally Estes Carol Robertson	Tom Gridley Haley Sweetin	Amanda Beatenbough Leighanna Beatenbough Martha Blackwell	Melanie Schroeder Todd Weaver

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:30 Church Service	89
11:00 Church Service	116
YouTube Views	59

CURRENT BUDGET INFORMATION AS OF JANUARY 26, 2025

	General Fund	Building Fund
YTD Budgeted Collections	\$ 58,000	
YTD Actual Collections	\$ 39,683	\$ - - -
YTD Actual Expenses	\$ 45,734	
YTD Actual Difference	\$ (6,051)	

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

Church Calendar

Today	Communion Sunday 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. Christian Education Committee Meeting
Tuesday	9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
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
February 9	Deadline to Register for the Youth High School Spring Retreat 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
February 10	7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
February 11	9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
February 12	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
February 13	6:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Meeting
February 14	9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study

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Need a Photo for Breeze?

We're working on creating an up-to-date and useful church directory, and we'd love for you to add your photo to your profile on Breeze! If you would like to have your photo taken today, Pastor Ronny will be in the lobby after the worship service and would be happy to help. He will take your photo and send upload it to Breeze for you!

Nursery Policy Notice

To help ensure the safety of our children and for liability reasons, only scheduled volunteers will be with the children in the nursery. If a substitute is needed, they will be selected from the list of nursery volunteers. All volunteers must have up-to-date Child Protection Training and pass a background check.

Additionally, if you're looking for a way to serve, the nursery is a great place to volunteer! We've been blessed with many babies which means more opportunities to serve. If you'd like to volunteer or learn more, please contact Joanne Wasdin (404-445-4206 or joanne@wasdin.net).

Thank you to all our nursery volunteers and nursery coordinator!

