# SENIOR PASTOR: JONATHAN HOLST ASSOCIATE PASTOR: RONNY HULL

#### 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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#### WHITE OAK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



NOVEMBER 23, 2025

PRELUDE

Bokhee Min Lee

MEDITATION

Acts 16:30-32

"Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" and they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house."

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 149

Minister: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,

People: Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds. Let

the high praises of God be in their throats.

Minister: This is honor for all his godly ones.

All: ...Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

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 128)

Psalter No. 128

"How Blessed Are All Who Fear the LORD?"

† 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.

† Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism - Questions 94 & 95

Q. 94 What is baptism?

A. Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, doth signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's.

Q. 95 To whom is baptism to be administered?

A. Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible church, till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to him; but the infants of such as are members of the visible church are to be baptized.

# FIFTH SUNDAY JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, Nov. 30 | 10AM | Woh

It's always a joy when our whole church family gathers together!

Rev. Lee Shelnutt will be our speaker, and Sunday School will not meet on this day.

After the service, we'll enjoy a church-wide potluck-please bring two of the following: your favorite soup (in a crock pot), salad, bread/crackers, or dessert-to make clean-up easier before the Annual Breakfast Supper that evening.

We look forward to a wonderful time of fellowship and hope to see everyone there!

# CALLED ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called an <u>Annual Congregational Meeting for 9:50 a.m. on Sunday,</u>

<u>December 7th</u>. The Adult and High School Sunday School classes will be suspended for this meeting. The matter of business is to elect the next class of church office and to approve the 2026 budget. Also, any other business being raised from the floor.

### WEDNESDAY CONNECT

Last Wednesday was the final Wednesday Connect of the year. We will resume in January 2026. Thank you to everyone who helped make the fall session a wonderful time to share a meal, enjoy fellowship, and encourage our Children and Youth as they learn more about Jesus.

†Those who are able, please stand.

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## Sunday School Classes for All Ages

\*Parents: Please pick-up your children from their classes by 10:40 a.m. Thank you.

Class/Ages	<u>Teacher</u>	Location	<u>Topic</u>
2 & 3 Year-Olds*	Susan Rogers Jill Fosnough	Rm. 116	God's Love
PK/K: 4, 5, 6 Year Olds*	Sally Estes, Annette Olsen, Susan Sloan, Eileen Zito	Rm. 115	Jesus is God
1st & 2nd Grade*	Amanda Beatenbough, Lauren Hitt	Rm. 113	Pleasing God
3rd – 5th Grade*	Andy Hemphill, Jason Coffee Rm. 112 Trusting God		Trusting God
Middle/High School*			"Surviving Religion 101" By Michael Kruger

#### **Adult Classes**

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Location</u>
The Life of Moses	John & Susan Sloan	Rm. 111
Loving as Christ Loved A Study of 1 Corinthians	Pastor Jonathan Holst	Rm. 206
The Westminster Confession	Ben Clark, Ronny Hull & T. J. Sweetin	Sanctuary



# Children's Clothing Swap Ministry

White Oak ARP Church has launched a **Children's Clothing Donation & Hand-Me-Down Swap**, led by Lauren Hitt and Micayla Clark.

This ministry provides a way for families to share gently used children's clothing (newborn–5T) with one another, helping meet practical needs and build community. Donations are stored in labeled bins in the church basement and are available for families to take as needed.

Participants are encouraged to donate clean, gently used items their children have outgrown, keeping bins neat and organized. For questions, donations, or assistance, please contact Lauren Hitt (678-477-5567) or Micayla Clark (248-508-0416).

† 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** "Shine Thou upon Us, Lord" Hymn No. 195

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

SPECIAL MUSIC "Give Thanks" White Oak Choir

† **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 Genesis 17: 1-14 A White Oak Elder

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father in Heaven, we openly admit that you know our going out and our coming in. You know our thoughts before we can express them. We cannot hide from you. Therefore, we ask that you make known to us our sins so that we may humble ourselves again in your presence and seek your forgiveness and grace. We admit we have tolerated sinful thoughts about all manner of things that grieve your heart. We have committed sins of omission and commission. Therefore, we seek your mercy through the cleansing blood of Christ. And we thank you for your Spirit who enables us to walk in holiness and obedience. Give us the grace to please you this day and forever. In Jesus' name, 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.

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 Old Testament reading usually comes from the lectionary and is designed to parallel the New Testament reading.

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**

Hebrews 8:10-13

"For this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and inscribe them on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will each one teach his neighbor or his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest. For I will forgive their iniquities and will remember their sins no more."

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

† New Testament Reading

Acts 2:37-47

SERMON

Pastor Jonathan Holst

"For The Promises Are To You and Your Children"

† HYMN

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

"Oh, Blest the House"

Hymn No. 548

**† PRAYER & BENEDICTION** 

2 Corinthians 13:14

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



#### **EVENING SERVICE: 6:00 PM**

Psalms, Proverbs, Chronicles, and several prophets all direct us to fear the Lord, for this is the beginning and the goal of Wisdom. In Ecclesiastes 5:1-7, Solomon gives his attention to our fearing the Lord and the effect this has on our worship and speech.



#### -missions-

#### David Galletta update dated November 8, 2025 - World Witness

#### Dear Friends and Family,

I returned last Saturday from a full and fruitful three-week trip to Africa. Although I usually post updates during my travels, my schedule didn't allow for it this time.

#### South Africa - King Williams Town

I arrived on October 25 and began teaching at Dumisani Theological Institute on Monday. My course covered Joshua through 2 Kings, with a strong focus on responsible biblical application - often the most challenging part for students. I also preached at a local church in Kayser's Beach and in the Dumisani chapel. It was an encouraging week of strong engagement and warm hospitality.

#### **Cape Town**

Afterward, I spent several days in Cape Town, enjoying fellowship with friends I'd met in Uganda and finally getting to see the city's well-known sights, including Table Mountain, Cape Point, and its unexpected penguin colony.

#### Kenya – Nairobi & Kisumu

From there, I flew to Nairobi, preached at Grace Reformed Baptist Church, and then traveled to Kisumu to teach at Kisumu Reformed School of Theology (KReST). I had 24 students from several denominational backgrounds. The emphasis on understanding a passage's "Heart Problem," adapted from Bryan Chapell's "Fallen Condition Focus," stretched many of them, but by week's end, several were truly beginning to grasp it. Evenings were spent grading assignments and exams, making it a busy but rewarding time. After three full weeks, it was wonderful to return home.

#### **Change of Plans**

I was scheduled to head back to Africa after Thanksgiving to teach in Ethiopia, participate in a pastors' conference in Rwanda, and then travel to Burundi to preach at the wedding of a former student. However, the Rwanda conference was canceled last week, which led to canceling the rest of that itinerary as well. It was disappointing, but unavoidable, and I am still working through several flight cancellations.

#### **Looking Ahead**

For now, I'm catching up on appointments, grading, and preparing to teach Covenant Theology in Ethiopia. I leave the night after Thanksgiving and will return in early December. Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support. I remain deeply grateful.

#### **Church Leadership**

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

<u>The Session</u> 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

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, Andy Hemphill, D. J. Hitt, Sam Phillips

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

Class of 2027: Joe Roberts, Haddon Schroeder



Annual Christmas Shop

Senoia Christmas Parade

Wreaths of Remembrance

Christmas Caroling

Lessons & Carols Christmas Program

Christmas Eve Service

December 6

December 6

December 14

December 21

December 21

#### **Matters for Prayer**

Prayer Focus: Pray for courage to be God's witnesses as we go out in His name.

**Homebound**: Joy Bowers, Inge Blount, Betty Newby, Shirley Kirbow, Alma Jane Thompson

**Sick/Recuperating**: Bea Boswell, Dianne Conaway, Joe Black, Sam Phillips, Vickie Bray, Sue Hunter, June Bowers, Alan Egerdahl, Carolyn Dodds, Charlene McDaniel, Randy Gordy

**Expectant Mothers**: Melanie Schroeder

Military: T.J. Hemphill



For prayer requests, please fill out a prayer card located on the back of the pews and place it in the offering plate. Your request will be sent to a group committed to praying for your needs. Alternatively, you may email you prayer requests to Bill Minton at bminton35@yahoo.com.

#### **SERVING TODAY**

DEACONS OF THE MONTH: COLE BEATENBOUGH, JOE ROBERTS

**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 upon request.

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

# NURSERY VOLUNTEERS SUNDAYS

	8:30 AM Worship	9:45 AM Sunday School	11:00 AM Worship
Nov. 23	Tanya Roberts Donna Taylor Cindy Ward	Haley Beatenbough Joanna Beatenbough Mary June Wade	L. Beatenbough Martha Blackwell Anna Bolton
Nov. 30	Laura Hull Carol Robertson	Johanna Wessells Stephene Pollard	

Note: This schedule is accurate as of the printing date; any changes made later may not be reflected

#### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:30 Service	N/A
11:00 Service	84
YouTube Views	34

CURRENT GENERAL FUND INFORMATION
AS OF NOVEMBER 9, 2025

	General Fund	
YTD Budgeted Collections	\$ 652,49	5
YTD Actual Collections	\$ 686,11	0
YTD Actual Expenses	\$ 796,30	8

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

OTHER FUNDS
AS OF
OCTOBER 31, 2025

Bailey Fund	\$ 34,048
Building Fund	\$ 55,722
Church Plant Fund	\$ 55,706
Current Surplus	\$ 0
General Fund Reserve*	\$ 131,572
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\*Target Amount \$251,332

## Church Calendar

	Sunday Morning Early Worship Service
9:45 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Morning Worship Service
6:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study
	Thanksgiving Day
	(Church Offices Closed)
10:00 AM	Joint Worship Service in White Oak Hall
6:00 PM	Annual Breakfast Supper in White Oak Hall
7:00 PM	Christian Education Committee Meeting
5:00 - 8:30 PM	Youth Progressive Dinner
7:00 PM	Men's Prayer Meeting
5:30-7:00 PM	Christmas Parade Float Preparation in White Oak Hall
9:00 AM	Christmas Shop @ Newnan Health & Rehab
12:00 PM	Wreath of Remembrance
	Senoia Christmas Parade (see announcement for times)
8:30 AM	Sunday Morning Early Worship Service
9:45 AM	Called Annual Congregational Meeting in Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Sunday School
	Morning Worship Service
	Evening Worship Service
	9:45 AM 11:00 AM 6:00 PM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 5:30-7:00 PM 9:00 AM 12:00 PM 8:30 AM 9:45 AM 11:00 AM

**NOTE:** Pastor Ronny will be on vacation November 22nd through the 28th.

# WHITE OAK ANNUAL Brenkford Supper



Join us **NEXT SUNDAY** for the **Annual Breakfast Supper** 6 PM in White Oak Hall! This beloved tradition is all about coming together to celebrate and thank the amazing women of our church for their service, especially during the busy holiday season.

Men, we need your help! Come by about 4 PM to assist with setup and breakfast prep, or stay after the event to help with cleanup and teardown. For more details, contact Ben Sewell at (678) 378-0756 or at bentsewell@gmail.com.

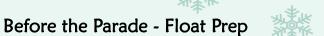
Don't miss this wonderful evening of fellowship, gratitude, and a delicious breakfast.



# SENOIA CHRISTMAS PARADE - DEC. 6

White Oak is excited to participate in the Senoia Christmas Parade again this year, and we would love for YOU to join us!

Here is how you can help before, during and after the Parade...



- ⇒ Donate candy and hot hands to be handed out during the parade.
- ⇒ <u>Friday, December 5</u> 5:30-7:00 PM Meet at White Oak Hall to help prepare the parade float.

#### Parade day - Join the Fun! Saturday, December 6

4:00 PM Meet @ White Oak to carpool or ride in the church van.

4:30-5:30 PM Meet @ the float in downtown Senoia for final prep.

6:30 PM Parade begins! Walk, ride on the float, or ride in the van!

**ALL ages** are welcome to participate!

Let's share the joy of the season with our community!

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#### WREATHS of REMEMBRANCE



UPDATE: We are about halfway to our goal of \$1,300 to cover the cost of new wreaths, stands, and ribbon for Wreaths of Remembrance!

These beautiful artificial wreaths will be used each year going forward in place of live ones.

Volunteers are needed to help place the wreaths on the graves on Saturday, December 6, at noon, meeting in front of White Oak Hall.

Although we've reached the halfway mark, donations are still needed! Each wreath costs \$20, and contributions of any amount are greatly appreciated.

Sign-up sheets and donation envelopes are on the table near the playground entrance.

Thank you for helping us honor those who served.

### Thank You from the James Family

When Micayla mentioned she had a few things to drop off from some of the ladies, I was surprised, but I imagined... a few things. I was even more surprised, and truly overwhelmed, when I realized there was a whole shower's worth of gifts from maybe 30 or more families. When Devin got home, he explained this was something that had been in the works a long time.

As we don't have contact information for some of our church family yet, and I wasn't able to connect every gift with the giver, I thought I would make a post on here to cover anyone I might miss. (But I did keep track, where I could, of where each gift came from, and I will treasure the letters.)

I don't know how to thank everyone for being so kind and generous, especially as we are new and still getting to know many of you. But in these difficult circumstances, we have seen the best of White Oak, and felt welcomed and cared for with tremendous thoughtfulness. It's humbling to be loved so well this early in our relationship with the church, when we have yet to contribute much of anything.

Wally wanted to thank everyone as well! It was like Christmas came early for him, and between the tidal wave of gifts and seeing his grandma today, he let me know as I put him to bed that it was the best best BEST best day EVER!! (With a few more bests and repetitions thrown in.)



# REMINDER NURSING HOME CHRISTMAS SHOP 2025



There are still ways you can participate in the Christmas Shop!

Join us on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>December 6 at 9:00 AM</u> at *Newnan Health and Rehab*, <u>244 E. Broad Street</u>, <u>Newnan</u>, <u>GA 30263</u> for the special event. We are looking for **volunteers** to help make the day joyful for the residents.

#### Tasks include:

Helping with setup and cleanup Serving refreshments Wrapping gifts
Singing Christmas Carols

Escorting residents back to their rooms with their gifts

~ A signup sheet is on the Women's Ministry Table ~

#### **Crochet Project Update**

If you are still working on lapghans for residents at Newnan Health and Rehab, please turn them in before <u>Sunday</u>, <u>November 23</u>. Thank you so much for your time and talent!

Thank you to everyone 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

#### NEW SLETTER DEADLINE

#### **Deadline for December Newsletter**

Please submit all announcements to the church office by <u>9 a.m. on Tuesday</u>, <u>November 25</u>.

#### INFANT/TODDLER NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR JANUARY - MARCH 2026

We're putting together the first-quarter nursery schedule, and this is a wonderful time to join the rotation. Serving just once a month is a huge blessing to the children at White Oak. There is always a need for <u>substitutes</u> as well! If you would like to be included, please contact the church office, or Cindy Ward.

What volunteers say about serving in the Nursery:

"The little ones are the future of the church, plus they are so fun!" - Jill Fosnough

"Mickey and I have fond memories of serving In the nursery and taking care of the children who are grown now." - Marie Butler



Congratulations to Patrick and Krisdeana Coffee, and big brother Jet, upon the birth of Gunner Myles on Friday, Nov 19.

Gunner is the grandson of Jason & Amy Coffee.

#### Celebrating Ben and Gabby Headley's baby boy, due January 2026!

A donation bin labeled "Ben & Gabby Headley" is by the WOW table through Nov. 30. Registry links are included below.

https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/1HY2H12I9JTMD

https://bit.ly/4nUUH3T

