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.

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APRIL 14, 2024

WORSHIP GUIDE

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRELUDE Bokhee Min Lee

MEDITATION 1 John 3:2-3

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure.

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

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Corinthians 15:50–58

Minister: I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

People: Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

Minister: For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

People: For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

Minister: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

H HYMN

"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

In Bulletin

† 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.

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.

Near to the Heart of God a place of qui - et rest, Near to the heart of God; com-fort sweet. Near to the heart of re - lease. to the heart of God: place where sin can - not mo-lest. Near to the heart of place where we our Sav - ior meet. Near to the heart of and peace, Near to the heart of Je - sus, blest Re - deem - er, Sent from the heart of us, who wait be - fore Thee, Near to the heart of

†Those who are able, please stand.

Dependence On God for Salvation



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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 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

† CATECHISM

Heidelberg Catechism, Question #52

ion #52 Question & answer catechisms help teach

How does Christ's return "to judge the living and the dead" comfort you?

and reinforce biblical truths.

A. In all distress and persecution, with uplifted head, I confidently await the very judge who has already offered Himself to the judgment of God in my place and removed the whole curse from me. Christ will cast all His enemies and mine into everlasting condemnation, but will take me and all his chosen ones to Himself into the joy and glory of heaven.

† 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.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00 SERVICE)

Frank and Sheri Pepper

PSALTER (173) "Dependence on God for Salvation"

In Bulletin

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

SPECIAL MUSIC "Beyond the Cross" Soloist: Darrell Hester

† **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.

GOSPEL READING Luke 24:36-48 Rev. Ronny Hull

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. PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Father God, you sent Jesus to this world, raised Him from the grave, and crowned Him Lord of all. We praise you for the salvation we have now, and for the fulness of it that will be ours at His return in glory. Yet, we confess that we have not consistently lived out His rule in our lives. We have too often gone along with the way of the world, and failed to obey Him, and to give Him glory by our lives. Forgive us, we pray, and give us grace, that we may live as the people who reflect your nature! Give us your Spirit, that we would delight in your commandments unto obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world, and is sole king and head of the church, His body. Amen.

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

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND COMFORT

Romans 4:25

[Jesus Christ] was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 10:19-25

"Three Gracious Exhortations"

Rev. Dr. John Cook

+ **H**YMN (35)

"Near to the Heart of God"

In Bulletin

† Prayer & Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."



EVENING SERVICE (6:00 PM):

Join together for singing God's praise, fellowship, prayer, and the study of God's Word. Phillip Melancthon was a German Lutheran reformer, collaborator with Martin Luther, and the first systematic theologian of the Protestant Reformation. He once preached 41 sermons on John 17, then apologized to his congregation that he had, "only scratched the surface." Come join us as we continue our study of John 17, often called, "Jesus' High Priestly Prayer," and see what we can learn from this passage of Scripture.

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain



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

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

Church Office 770-253-7904

The Session	Dr. John Cook - Moderator	Rev. Ronny Hull	Rob Gentry, Clerk	
2024:	Jason Coffee, Rob Gentry, Bill Minton			
2025:	Denny Robertson, Jake Wasdin, Ji	m Wessells		
2026:	David Didier, Tim Fosnough, Peter Loutzenhiser			
The Diaconate	Tom Gridley - Chairman, D. J. Hitt	- V. Chairman, Cole Bea	tenbough - Secretary	
2024:	Tom Gridley, Adam Wade, Todd V	Veaver		
2025:	Cole Beatenbough, Jason Headley	, D. J. Hitt, Sam Phillips,	David Troyer	

Cemetery Trust Ben Sewell - Chairman June Bowers - Secretary/Treasurer Charlie Newman, Denny Robertson, Don Smith

Christian Ed. Committee Andy Hemphill - Chmn., Tim Fosnough - V. Chmn., Robin Sewell - Sec./Treas.

2024: Stacie Headley, Andy Hemphill, Robin Sewell, Johanna Wessells

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

2025: Benjamin Clark, Tim Fosnough, Melinda Hemphill, Laura Hull, T.J. Sweetin

Sunday School Bob Abernathy - Coordinator, Robin Sewell - Secretary

Fellowship Committee David Didier - Chairman

Debbie Didier, Katie Gridley, Tom Gridley, Sandie Hester, Donna Kirbow, Cammy Tidwell, Forrest Tidwell, David Troyer

Missions Committee Jake Wasdin - Chairman, Peter Loutzenhiser - V Chairman,

Jason Headley, Andy Hemphill, John Hemphill, Peter Loutzenhiser, David King, Bill Minton, Sam Phillips, Pat Stewart, Denise Vermilya, Doug Vinson, Jake Wasdin

Personnel Committee Jim Wessells - Chairman, Tracy Schroeder, Donna Kirbow

Visitation Committee Mark Dodds - Chmn., Roger Schroeder - V Chmn., Dianne Minton - Secretary Lynne Dodds, Bill & Dianne Minton, Nancy Schroeder, Mary June Wade

Women's Ministry Helper Team Billie Gentry - Chmn., Laura Hull - V Chmn., Katie Gridley - Secretary Vickie Duncan - Treasurer, Tanya Roberts & Donna Weaver - Meal Train

Worship Committee: Jason Coffee - Chairman

Tanya Roberts, Carol Robertson, Haddon Schroeder, Todd Weaver, Johanna Wessells

Other Church Officers & Staff

Rev. Ronny Hull	Patrick Ward	Jason Headley	Todd Weaver	Carol Robertson
Associate Pastor	Congregational	Church	Church	Payroll
	Chairman	Co-Treasurer	Co-Treasurer	Specialist
Gail Brook	Kari Hurst	Bokhee Min	J. Beatenbough	Patty Wade
Church Secretary	Music Director	Pianist	Custodian	Memorial Fund
_				Secretary

QUOTES FOR MEDITATION

Socrates mastered the art of dying; Christ overcame death as the last enemy. There is a real difference between the two things; the one is within the scope of human possibilities, the other means resurrection.

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Prayer is the mightiest weapon that God has placed in our hands.

- J.C. Ryle

The reason for our lives being stressed when life turns upside down is directly connected to our being falsely convinced that God must do what we think best.

— Jay Younts

Let every man and woman count himself immortal. Let him catch the revelation of Jesus in His resurrection. Let him say not merely, 'Christ is risen,' but 'I shall rise.' — Phillip Brooks

An eclipse is a cosmic reminder that the universe is not a random collection of matter and events that happen by chance. The cosmos is so finely tuned that we can know precisely where every heavenly body will be 200 years from now, down to the minute. These events remind us that the universe is not an accident, and neither are we. God made both, and He is in control.

– R. L. Solberg

Session Notes:

Jake Wasdin was appointed as WOARP Elder Delegate to the Summer Meeting of Second Presbytery and the meeting General Synod.

Session approved a motion to recommend to the congregation that the following men be elected Elder Emeritus: John Hemphill, Sonny Oliver, & Roger Schroeder.

A congregational meeting will be called for this purpose.

Session approved a motion from the Worship Committee that the Worship Committee will be the point of contact for any changes to the sanctuary, to include seasonal decorations, furnishings, paint/stain, or fixtures of a permanent or temporary nature. This responsibility excludes the weekly centerpiece floral arrangement. The Worship Committee will deliberate on the proposed change (s); then, if necessary, escalate any such proposals to the Diaconate or Session for action. (Remember alterations to the church buildings or property will be performed only with prior Diaconate approval.)

Session discussed present practices regarding communion frequency and evening services. Further discussion will be scheduled for the next meeting.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Dr. Peter Loutzenhiser who was promoted to full professor of mechanical engineering at Georgia Tech!

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 Service	
Monday	7:00 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting	
Wednesday	10:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study Meets in Room 111 Wednesday Connect 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Dinner in White Oak Hall 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Connect/Youth Group in White Oak Hall 6:10 p.m. Adult Bible Study 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice	
Thursday	5:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group Meets	
Friday	6:00 p.m. Youth Dinner and a Movie @ White Oak Hall -8:00 p.m.	
Saturday	9:00 a.m. Youth Car Wash Fundraiser at White Oak Hall 12:00 p.m.	
April 21	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 Service	
April 22	7:00 p.m. Diaconate Meeting	
April 23	2:30 p.m. Sisters In Christ Meet	
April 24	10:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study Meets in Room 111 Wednesday Connect 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Dinner in White Oak Hall 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Connect/Youth Group in White Oak Hall 6:10 p.m. Adult Bible Study 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice	
April 25	5:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group Meets	
April 26	9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 2:30 p.m. Youth Guys Bible Study @ the Manse	
April 27	9:30 a.m. Women's Spring Brunch "Bloom"	
April 28	9:45 a.m. Called Congregational Meeting 12:15 p.m. Potluck Luncheon for Wasdin Shepherding Group in White Oak Ha	all

-missions-

ARP Mission Church: JuAhn Community Church, Wallingford, PA | Northeast Presbytery Rev. Young Kyun Park

Wittes:

Pray for them as they make their transition from Spain to pastoring in Florida. Pray the move goes smoothly, that the church in Toledo can find a new pastor and that they would quickly settle in their new home in Florida.

BE/Germany (Joshua and Vonia Thomas):

Many have asked us, "Are you going back to Germany?" Yes, we are absolutely, Lord willing, going back. Vonia and the boys have tickets to fly back June 5, and Joshua is scheduled to fly back June 11. We are excited to return and have been so grateful for this past year.

Though the past year hasn't been what we expected, time has not been wasted. This year has allowed Joshua to finish final classes for his seminary degree, and he will graduate May 11! He is also busy studying for his ordination. We've heard these ordination exams called the "Know Everything" exams. Vonia calls them the bar exams for pastors!

We have now completed our one year "out" of Germany, which is necessary due to tax laws between Europe and the U.S. This year-long stay in the U.S. has allowed us to complete the tax-law requirement and head back on a new cycle. We praise the Lord for your gracious, loving support and prayers.

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

Sick/Recuperating: Bea Boswell, Dianne Conaway, Shirley Kirbow, Betty Newby, Joe Black, Mary Effie Bridges, Charlene McDaniel, Sonny Oliver, Sam Phillips, Kaaren Kirbow Moseley, Alan Egerdahl, June Dufour, Emma May, Jane Johnson

Expectant Parents: Laura Hull, Mary June Wade

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



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.

Women's Spring Brunch "Bloom"

Ladies, please join our Women's Spring Brunch "Bloom" on Saturday, April 27, from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at White Oak Hall for a light brunch, fellowship with time for a craft and a message on the Fruit of the Spirit.

Speaker: Pat MacGregor from

Watkinsville Presbyterian Church

Craft: Beautiful Crepe Paper Flowers

Please RSVP by using the QR code here, or by signing up at the table in the church





Youth Car Wash Fundraiser

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 · 9AM - NOON · WHITE OAK HALL

Instead, just plan to join us for the Youth Car Wash Fundraiser!
All donations go toward helping raise support for Youth Retreats and Mission Trips.

Nursery Volunteers Needed for Several Dates

Volunteers are needed for several upcoming various dates and times.

Please see Cindy Ward, contact her at by email at cindykayward@gmail.com, or call the church office for more information.

Thank you for offering to help with this very important ministry.



SERVING TODAY

DEACONS OF THE MONTH: TOM GRIDLEY, ALAN EGERDAHL

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: Wednesday - Friday (8:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

	8:30 AM	9:45AM	11:00 AM	6:00 PM
	Worship	Sunday School	Worship	Worship
April	Melinda Hemphill	Joanna Beatenbough	Martha Blackwell	Lynne Dodds
14	Haley Sweetin	Joe Roberts	Vickie Bray	Jason Headley
	Donna Weaver		Cindy Ward	
April	Tom Gridley	Haley Beatenbough	Beth Abernathy	Mark Dodds
21	David Hitt	Benjamin Clark	Andy Hemphill	Ronny Hull
	Robin Sewell	Mary June Wade	Laura Hull	

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE



8:30 Church Service	67
11:00 Church Service	89
YouTube Views	64



CURRENT BUDGET INFORMATION AS OF APRIL 7, 2024

	General Fund		Building Fund
YTD Budgeted Collections	\$	190,258	
YTD Actual Collections	\$	226,797	\$ 550
YTD Actual Expenses	\$	198,630	
YTD Actual Difference	\$	28,167	

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



Save the Date!



Graduate Recognition Sunday	May 5
Church Picnic	May 18
Vacation Bible School	July 8 - 12
Covenant Retreat at Bonclarken - More Info. Soon!	Oct. 25-27

Pastor Search Committee Update

The Pastor Search Committee successfully completed two more on-site interviews in April and has one more scheduled before the end of the month. We continue to receive and review new submissions and are encouraged by the quality of the men that God has brought forward thus far. Please pray for wisdom and discernment for committee members, that God will clearly lead us to the man He has chosen to be our next Pastor.

Sunday School 9:45 AM - 10:30 AM

Class/Ages	<u>Teacher</u>	Location	<u>Topic</u>
2 & 3 Year-Olds	Amy Coffee, Laura Hull	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	Jesus is the Savior
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	Ronny Hull, Stacie Headley	Rm. 203	The Sword of the Spirit

Adult Classes

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	Location
Is God Really in Control?	Alan Egerdahl	Rm. 107
The Gospel in Ecclesiastes (Friendship Class)	John & Susan Sloan	Rm. 111
The Olivet Discourse	Peter Loutzenhiser	Rm. 206
Parenting and Grandparenting	Tom Gridley	Rm. 209



Wednesday Connect meets weekly:

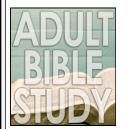
Fellowship Dinner: 5:30-6pm - in White Oak Hall.

Children's Ministry, Youth Group: 6PM

Adult Bible Study: 6PM

For more details and to RSVP please scan this QR code with your smartphone camera or contact Pastor Ronny (678-899-0783).





Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study

Join us as we continue our study of the life and teachings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. This week we will look at what he called, "Religionless Christianity." We will see it was not present only in Germany in the 1940's, but is also present in the church today.

Come study God's Word with us at 6:10 p.m. in room 206.

GRADUATES LUNCHEON 2024

The annual graduates recognition and luncheon will be on Sunday, May 5, 2024.

This year's high school senior we are honoring is Andrew Hunter.

Please save the date for the luncheon to be held after the 11am service.

Be prepared to share your favorite side dish or dessert as we thank God for Andrew's high school graduation.

Jake Wasdin's Shepherding Group Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, April 28 following the 11:00 Service

An RSVP has been sent via breeze from Ronny Hull, so please check your spam folder so that you can access the RSVP form and fill it out.

Questions? Contact Katie Gridley at 678-481-3500 or Jake Wasdin at 470-728-0331.

YOUTH SUMMER RETREATS!

Quest June 17-22

Horizon June 24-29

Each Camp Cost: \$425

Early registration deadline for both camps is May 15!

<u>Costs increase</u> \$25 after this date!

