

The Old Testament reading designed to parallel the New Testament reading.

† **OLD TESTAMENT READING** Genesis 17: 1-14 Pastor Ronny Hull

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Based on Ephesians 2:6ff

Father in Heaven, we confess that we have wandered from your truth. We ask for the full forgiveness that you extend in Christ Jesus. You have promised that by grace we have been saved, through faith. This assurance compels us to ask for forgiveness, and also comforts us, knowing that you have and will wash away our sins. We delight to know that the Spirit will show us the riches of your grace, and all in the Saviour. It is in His most excellent name we pray, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND COMFORT Isaiah 25:8 & 9

“The Lord will swallow up death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face and remove the disgrace of His people from the whole earth. For the LORD has spoken. And in that day it will be said, “Surely this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He has saved us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited. Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation.”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

† **NEW TESTAMENT READING** Acts 16:25-34

SERMON “Baptism and Faith” Pastor Jonathan Holst

† **HYMN** “I Cannot Tell Why” See Insert

† **PRAYER & BLESSING** 2 Corinthians 13

“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. Amen.”

EVENING SERVICE 6:00 PM:

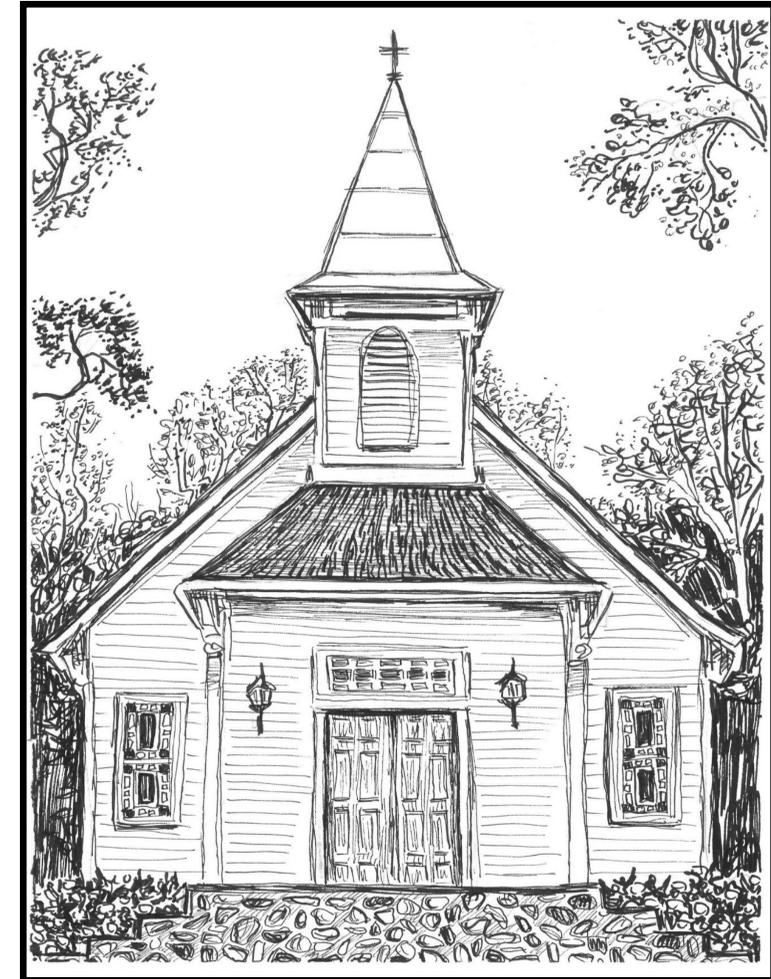
God Willing, this evening Pastor Holst will begin a new sermon series in which he and Pastor Ronny will teach about significant men and women from the Bible, starting with Adam and Eve. This series should last into the summer months.

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.

WHITE OAK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Worship Guide

Sunday, March 22, 2026

PRELUDE

Donna Rensenhous

MEDITATION

Jeremiah 31:10-13

“Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coast-lands far away; say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.’ For the Lord has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall be like a watered garden, and they shall languish no more. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.”

† **THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Isaiah 61:10ff

Minister: I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;

People: my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

Minister: he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,

All: so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

† **PSALTER (PSALM 46)**

ARP Psalter No. 46

“God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength”

† **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**

Taken from the Belgic Confession, Article 27

What do we believe about the Church of Christ?

We believe and profess one catholic or universal church, which is a holy congregation and assembly of the true Christian believers, who expect their entire salvation in Jesus Christ, are washed by His blood, and are sanctified and sealed by the Holy Spirit. This church has existed from the beginning of the world and will be to the end, for Christ is an eternal King who cannot be without subjects.

This holy church is preserved by God against the fury of the whole world, although for a while it may look very small and as extinct in the eyes of man.

Moreover, this holy church is not confined or limited to one particular place or to certain persons, but is spread and dispersed throughout the entire world. However, it is joined and united with heart and will, in one and the same Spirit, by the power of faith.

† **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.

SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM

Hayes Griffin Schroeder

HYMN

“Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reign” Hymn No. 411

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

† **DOXOLOGY**

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.

Question & answer catechisms help teach and reinforce biblical truths.

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..

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.

† Those who are able, please stand.

Sermon Thoughts- “Baptism and Faith”**Reading: Genesis 17:1-14 and Acts 16:25-34**

- I. BAPTISM- WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT? GOD’S PROMISES TO YOU AND TO YOUR CHILDREN.
 - A. Sign from God, first and foremost. Not first and foremost from me.
 - B. A sign of what - promises. God made 4 promises to Abraham - and us.
 - C. This Covenant continues. See so many passages of Scripture.
 - D. The continuity does not mean automatic new birth and forgiveness.
 - E. New Signs for the New Testament.
- II. BAPTISM - JUST A MEMORY FROM THE PAST? GOD’S CALL TO LIFELONG COMMITMENT.
 - A. Remember your baptism. What difference does it make to you now?
 - B. How to use and build on your baptism.
 - C. Dedication Ceremony/Event.

Teachings From The Past.**The Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 167 reads**

How is our baptism to be improved by us? (In more contemporary language: how are we to use or build upon our baptism?)

Answer. The needful but much neglected duty of improving our Baptism, is to be performed by us all our life long, especially in the time of temptation, and when we are present at the administration of it to others;

by serious and thankful consideration of

the nature of it,

the ends for which Christ instituted it,

the privileges and benefits conferred and sealed thereby,

our solemn vow made therein;

by being humbled for

our sinful defilement,

our falling short of, and walking contrary to, the grace of baptism,

our engagements; ; by growing up to assurance of pardon of sin,

and of all other blessings sealed to us in that sacrament;

by drawing strength from

the death and resurrection of Christ, into whom we are baptized, for

the mortifying of sin, and

quickening of grace;

and by

endeavoring to live by faith,