

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>.

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

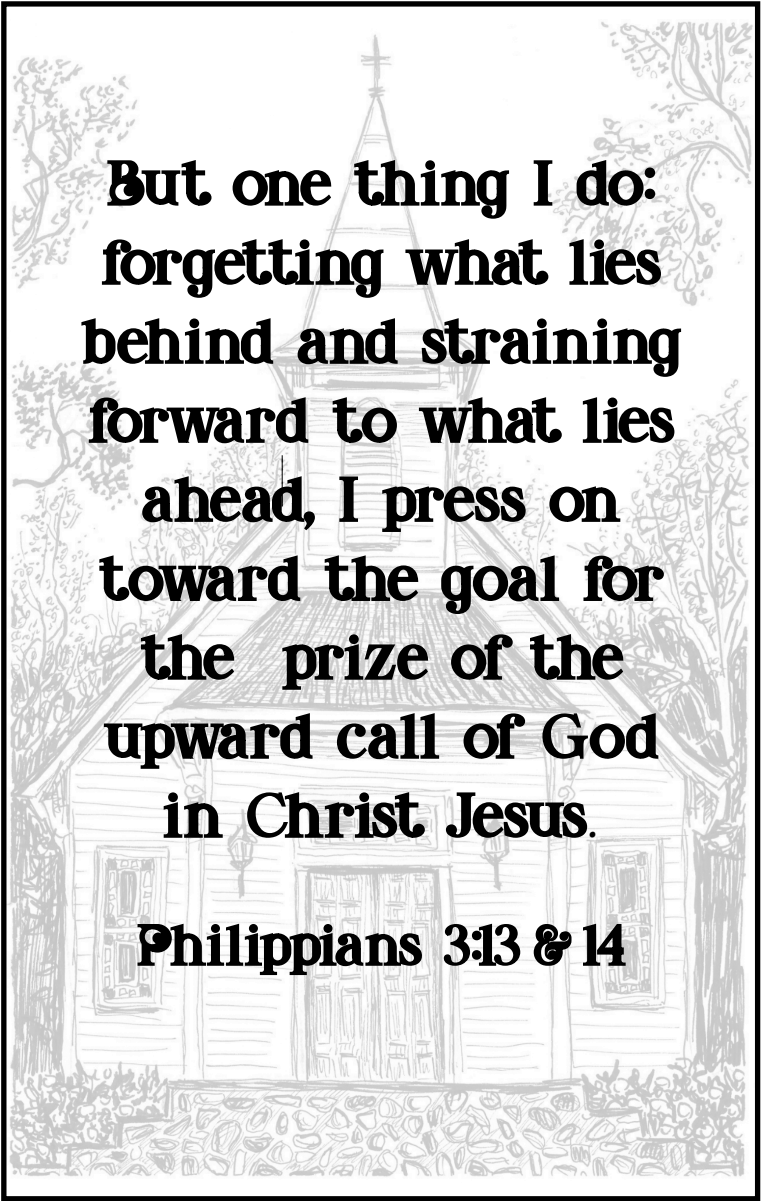
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**But one thing I do:
forgetting what lies
behind and straining
forward to what lies
ahead, I press on
toward the goal for
the prize of the
upward call of God
in Christ Jesus.**

Philippians 3:13 & 14

DECEMBER 28, 2025

PRELUDE Bokhee Min Lee

MEDITATION Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

† **THE CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 100

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

People: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

All: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

† **PSALTER (PSALM 51)** “God, Be Merciful to Me” Trinity Psalter No. 51C vv. 1-4

† **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.

† **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.

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.

Exciting Update for 2026!

Beginning **Sunday, January 4, 2026**, our church bulletins will be published in **two separate publications**:

- **Order of Worship** – for use during the service.
- **Calendar, Announcements & Events (The White Oak Weekly)** – for your reference throughout the week.


We hope this change will make the bulletin easier to use during the service and help us be good stewards of our resources. We ask that families take just one Announcements & Events publication per family.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we try this new format!

The Worship Guide

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Calendar, Announcements, & Events

The White Oak Weekly

Calendar, Announcements & Events



HAPPY NEW YEAR

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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	Teacher	Location	Topic
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
Middle/High School*	Ben Clark, Ronny Hull & T. J. Sweetin	Rm. 203	“Surviving Religion 101” By Michael Kruger

Adult Classes

Topic	Teacher	Location
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	Rm. 107

UPCOMING ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - UPDATED

Another Sunday School Quarter will soon commence. God willing, the following adult Sunday School classes will be offered:

A new class has been added to this list -

Mr. Jake Wasdin will teach *Christ in the Psalms*. (R. 107)

The Friendship Class will continue with *The Life of Moses*. (Rm. 111)

Mr. Bob Abernathy will teach from *Genesis 4–11*, which will run through June (two quarters). (Rm. 206)

Mr. Jim Rensenhouse will teach on *Christ and His Threefold Office*. (Rm. 209)

Each class is offered for your spiritual growth - prayerfully consider which study is right for you.

† 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

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Hymn No. 524

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.

† SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 12:1-9

Elder Andy Hemphill (8:30)
Elder Bob Abernathy (11:00)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear Lord, please forgive my sins. Though I have sinned against others, all
my sins, in the end, are against you. I confess that I have not loved you, or
my neighbor, with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with
all my strength. I have considered myself more important than others. Father,
I confess that, as a child of the King, my thoughts and actions fall far short
of the glory you have called me to. Would you make me obedient, like my
Savior? Would you make me forgiving, like you, my Father? And would you
make me, like the Spirit, a help and companion to all who belong to you?
Dear Lord, forgive my sins, and help me to work out my own salvation with
fear and trembling.

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 for-
giveness 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 1 JOHN 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

+ SCRIPTURE Philippians 3:8-4:1

SERMON “Forgetting What Lies Behind” Pastor Ronny Hull

+ HYMN “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” Hymn No. 222

+ PRAYER & BENEDICTION Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.



EVENING SERVICE 6:00 PM:

Have you ever thought or said, “Life’s not fair”? While we might rebuke ourselves or others for thinking that way, Scripture actually affirms what we’re all thinking. Life isn’t fair. So, how should we live in response? Please join us tonight as we continue our series from Ecclesiastes and seek God’s wisdom and encouragement.

missions

Tracy and Caleb Schroeder are planning to participate in a mission trip to El Salvador the week of February 16, 2026 along with a group from Christ Presbyterian Church in Newnan. They will be going to support an effort in building houses for impoverished people, and also have opportunity to share the Gospel and meet with Christians in El Salvador as the work is being done.

If you would like to support the effort by helping to raise funds for building materials, you can donate by going to <https://www.shelterhelps.com/christpresbyterianchurch> or by scanning this QR code.



Matters for Prayer

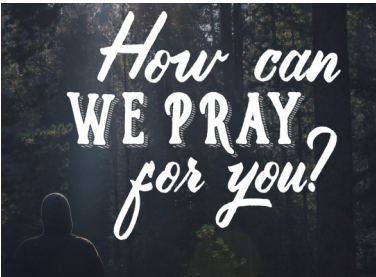
Prayer Focus: Pray that God would make us ever mindful of the needs of others.

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, Debbie Didier, Evelyn Black

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 (bminton35@yahoo.com).

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

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

THANK YOU NOTES

Pastor Richard Holst and Mrs. Tegwen Holst (Pastor Jonathan’s parents) wish to thank all at White Oak Church for their concern and prayers. God bless you all.

Many thanks to all the precious folks who braved the chill to share songs of joy with us.
-Sam and Mary Phillips

From the Staff:

Thank you for your care for us throughout the year, and especially by remembering us by a Christmas gift. It is our pleasure to serve the Lord together here at White Oak ARP.

REPORT FROM THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

At the called congregational meeting, the 2026 Budget was approved, and the following men were elected as Deacons and Elders:

Deacons: Chris Bolton Tom Gridley Luke Tidwell Jim Wessells

Elders: Rob Gentry Andy Hemphill Bill Minton Tracy Schroeder

The Installation and Ordination Service for the newly elected Deacons and Elders will be held on Sunday, January 11.

SERVING TODAY

DEACONS OF THE MONTH: HADDON SCHROEDER, JASON HEADLEY

ELDER OF THE MONTH: TIM FOSNOUGH

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: Monday & Tuesday (8:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS SUNDAYS

	8:30 AM Worship	9:45 AM Sunday School	11:00 AM Worship
Dec. 28	Amanda Beatenbough Susan Rogers Scott Taylor	Joanna Beatenbough Lauren Hitt Joanne Wasdin	Jason Headley Janet Roper NEED VOLUNTEER
Jan. 4	Ava Coffee Donna Taylor Cindy Ward	Debbie Didier Donna Rensenhouse Scott Taylor	Karen Egerdahl Jason Headley Ben Sewell

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

LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE

8:30 AM Service:	85
11:00 AM Service:	111
YouTube Views:	39

CURRENT GENERAL FUND INFORMATION
AS OF DECEMBER 14, 2025

	General Fund
YTD Budgeted Collections	\$ 724,995
YTD Actual Collections	\$ 747,048
YTD Actual Expenses	\$ 847,460

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

OTHER FUNDS
AS OF
NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Bailey Fund	\$ 34,131
Building Fund	\$ 55,848
Church Plant Fund	\$ 55,841
Current Surplus	\$ 0
General Fund Reserve*	\$ 202,361

*Target Amount \$251,332

Church Calendar

Today	8:30 AM	Sunday Morning Early Worship Service
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Morning Worship Service
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship Service
Monday	7:00 PM	Diaconate Meeting
Wednesday		New Year's Eve
	10:00 AM - Noon	Youth Pickleball Tournament in White Oak Hall
Thursday		New Year's Day
January 4, 2026		Communion Sunday
	8:30 AM	Sunday Morning Early Worship Service
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Morning Worship Service
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
January 5	7:00 PM	Christian Education Committee Meeting
January 7	6 - 8:00 PM	Youth Group
January 8	7:00 PM	Men's Prayer Group Meets
January 9	9:30 - 11:00 AM	Friday Ladies Bible Study Resumes Meeting
	5 - 10 PM	Youth Ice Skating in LaGrange
January 11		Officer Installation

Pickle Ball Tournament

White Oak Hall

December 31st
10:00 am- 12:00 pm

Bring a friend and kick off new years eve

Youth Events

YOUTH Ice Skating

Friday, January 9th!

5-10 PM

Sweetland on Ice in LaGrange

Carpool from White Oak @ 5pm

\$15 for rental and ticket - Bring \$ for CFA dinner

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

WOMEN’S MINSTRIES 2026

PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE TABLE IN THE LOBBY ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, OR JANUARY 4, FOR THE CLASS YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.

Grow in God’s Word This January!

Our Women’s Bible Studies offer several opportunities for fellowship and spiritual growth. Each group has its own schedule and topic–please look through the studies below and choose the one that fits your weekly schedule.

Jan. 9	<u>The Friday Morning Bible Study</u> Meets Twice a Month – 9:30 – 11 AM Leaders: Amy Coffee , Tanya Roberts Study Topic: “Unhitching the Crazy Train” by Julie Sparkman (Childcare is available for this study.)
Jan. 13	<u>Tuesday Morning Bible Study</u> Meets Weekly on Tuesday Morning – 9:30 – 11 AM Leaders: Susan Fulmer, Margaret Hunter, June Vinson Study Topic: “From Garden to Glory” by Courtney Doctor
Jan. 15	<u>Thursday Afternoon Bible Study</u> Meets Weekly on Thursday afternoon – 6:30 – 8 PM Leaders: Cammy Tidwell, Billie Gentry Study Topic: “1 st and 2 nd Peter by Lydia Brownback
Jan. 20	<u>Sisters In Christ</u> Meets on the 3 rd Tuesday of Every Month – 2:30 – 4 PM Leader: Evelyn Black Study Topic: Habakkuk