

**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](http://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



**OCTOBER 5, 2025**

**PRELUDE**

Bokhee Min Lee

**MEDITATION**

Hebrews 12:1-3

“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. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.”

**† THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Hebrews 13:14-46

**Minister:** Here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.

**People:** Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

**Minister:** Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have.

**All:** For such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

**† HYMN**

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” Hymn No. 351

**† 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**

Heidelberg Catechism Question 94

**Q.** What does God require in the First Commandment, “You shall have no other gods before me”?

**A:** That, as sincerely as I desire the salvation of my own soul, I avoid and flee all idolatry... and that I rightly acknowledge the only true God, trust in Him alone, with all humility and patience expect all good from Him only, and love, fear and honor Him with my whole heart; so as rather to renounce all creatures than do the least thing against His will.

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.

# WEDNESDAYCONNECT

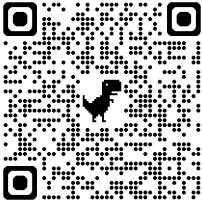
**Schedule:**



5:30 Dinner in White Oak Hall

6:00 Children/Classes/Youth Group


6:10 Adult Class

Please use this QR code to RSVP for the Wed. Connect Meal that begins at 5:30 p.m. in White Oak Hall






**6-8pm Friday, October 10th**



**BYOPumpkin!**




**Bring a friend!**

## MISSING TABLECLOTHS FROM WHITE OAK HALL


• 8 (Eight) 90" Round Tablecloths • 2 (Two) 60"x126" Rectangular Tablecloths

Please take a moment to see if you have these items in your possession. We ask that any found tablecloths be returned promptly so they are available for future church and personal events.



Thank you for helping us care for our shared resources.

Thank you! Cammy Tidwell



## *Sunday School Classes for All Ages*

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

<u>Class/Ages</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>
2 & 3 Year-Olds*	Susan Rogers Jill Fosnough	Rm. 116	<b>God’s Love</b>
PK/K: 4, 5, 6 Year Olds*	Sally Estes, Annette Olsen, Susan Sloan, Eileen Zito	Rm. 115	<b>Jesus is God</b>
1st & 2nd Grade*	Amanda Beatenbough, Lauren Hitt	Rm. 113	<b>Pleasing God</b>
3rd – 5th Grade*	Andy Hemphill, Jason Coffee	Rm. 112	<b>Trusting God</b>
Middle/High School*	Benjamin Clark, T.J. Sweetin	Rm. 203	<b>Revelation</b>

### 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	T. J. Sweetin & Ben Clark	Rm. 208

### Adult Sunday School For Fall Quarter

A week from today - Sunday, October 5th, a new Sunday School quarter will begin, running through Sunday, December 28th.

The following classes are offered for adults this quarter:

1. The Life of Moses (Continued from last quarter). Mr. and Mrs. Sloan in Room 111- The Friendship Class.
2. The Westminster Confession of Faith. Mr. T.J. Sweetin and Mr. Ben Clark, Pastor Ronny Hull - Room 208.
3. Loving as Christ Loved - A study of 1 Corinthians 13. Pastor Holst in Room 206.

### † 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.

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS Devon and Noel James & Children

### PSALTER (PSALM 47) “All Nations, Clap Your Hands” Psalter No. 47

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

### SPECIAL MUSIC “Fairest Lord Jesus” 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 Nehemiah 4:1-14 Pastor Ronny Hull

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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. Based on Ephesians 2:6ff

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.



The Sermon is where we explore scripture together and corporately encounter Christ.	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.”		
	PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
	† NEW TESTAMENT READING	Luke 9:51-62	
God always gets the last word in our encounter of worship. The benediction is His blessing as we go out together.	SERMON	“Rejection and Acceptance”	Pastor Jonathan Holst
	† HYMN	“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”	Hymn No. 525 vv.1 & 2
	SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER		
	† HYMN	“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”	Hymn No. 525 vv.3 & 4
	† PRAYER & BENEDICTION	2 Corinthians 13	
		“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, The love of God the Father, And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit Be with you all.”	
			
EVENING SERVICE: 6:00 PM			
God willing, this evening we will move on in our consideration of the book of Ecclesiastes to a short section- Ecclesiastes 2:12-17, where we see that even Wisdom’s fruit is limited by mortality. Pastor Holst will open this passage for us.			

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Living In Rwanda - Sam & Martha Cotton - SEED Ministry

Martha-Margaret, Gloria-Noelle, and I lived and served in Rwanda for four months this year. Seeing the resilience of our Christian brothers and sisters was extremely encouraging. Living among the people deepened our understanding and strengthened the partnership that makes our ministry possible.

Last fall, the Rwanda government shut down over 9,000 churches, which affected every church represented by students in our 3 cohorts—roughly 90 students who suddenly found themselves without congregations to serve. In response, World Witness and Reach the Children International (RCRI) co-launched the Jerusalem Project, to come alongside RCRI-recommended churches, helping them complete the requirements necessary for reopening.

**The results so far:**

- Two churches successfully reopened. The Nyabihu church is one in which eight congregations meet every Lord’s Day in a series of consecutive services.
- Two additional churches are currently in process, one of which is pastored by a SEED graduate.

Discipleship and theological education are thriving in Rwanda. Students are demonstrating perseverance and commitment to Christ, even as they navigate the challenges of pastoring without buildings. World Witness is seeking at least two missionary families for church-planting ministry. Our research during these months confirms this urgent need. Rwanda faces a leadership vacuum that presents both challenges and unprecedented Gospel opportunity. Are you called to join us?

Please pray for continued progress for the two churches working toward reopening, and pray the Lord would raise up missionary families to join the field.



We welcome into active church membership today Devin and Noel James. We thank God for bringing their family to White Oak and we look forward to serving Christ together.

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

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**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

Matters for Prayer

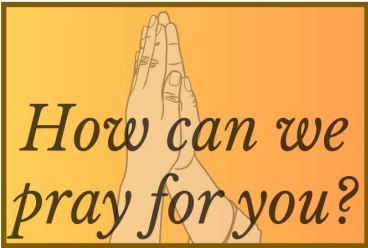
**Prayer Focus:** Pray for boldness in sharing the Gospel and compassion for the needy.

**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, Nancy Schroeder, Charlene McDaniel

**Expectant Mothers:** Melanie Schroeder, Noel James

**Military:** T.J. Hemphill



For prayer request, 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.

Committee Service Opportunities

As some committee members finish their terms, we’re looking for new volunteers to step in and serve. Please prayerfully consider how you might use your gifts to serve the Lord at White Oak through one of our many committees. See the list of committees in the lobby for more information.

SERVING TODAY			
DEACONS OF THE MONTH: ALAN EGERDAHL, DANE BEATENBOUGH			
ELDER OF THE MONTH: PATRICK WARD			
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
	Oct. 5	Amanda Beatenbough Sherry Holst Susan Rogers	Lauren Hitt Joe Roberts Mary June Wade
	Oct. 12	Ben Sewell Donna Taylor Cindy Ward	H. Beatenbough Amy Coffee J. Emmerick
Note: Updates - check Breeze for last-minute changes.			
LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE		8:30 Service	72
		11:00 Service	134
		YouTube Views	73
CURRENT GENERAL FUND INFORMATION AS OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2025			General Fund
		YTD Budgeted Collections	\$ 565,496
		YTD Actual Collections	\$ 597,441
		YTD Actual Expenses	\$ 683,785
OTHER FUNDS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2025		Bailey Fund	\$ 33,962
		Building Fund	\$ 55,590
		Church Plant Fund	\$ 55,565
		Current Surplus	\$ 0
		General Fund Reserve*	\$ 216,249
		*Target Amount \$251,332	

# Church Calendar

Today		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 Service
Monday	7:00 PM	Christian Education Committee Meeting
Tuesday	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Men's Bible Study
		Wednesday Connect Meets
	5:30 PM	Dinner
	6:00 PM	Children/Classes/Youth Group
	6:10 PM	Adult
	7:15 PM	Choir Practice
Thursday	6:30 PM	Ladies Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Men's Prayer Meeting
Friday	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Youth Pumpkin Carving @ the Manse
October 12	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
October 13	7:00 PM	Session Meeting
October 14	9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study
October 15	10:30 AM	Men's Bible Study
		Wednesday Connect
	5:30 PM	Dinner
	6:00 PM	Children/Classes/Youth Group
	6:10 PM	Adult
	7:15 PM	Choir Practice
October 16	6:30 PM	Ladies Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Men's Prayer Meeting
October 17	9:30 - 11:00 AM	Ladies Bible Study
October 18	9:30 - 11:30 AM	Baby Shower for Melanie Schroeder in WOH

*Nightingale*  
MINISTRY

On October 12th, the Nightingale Ministry sign up sheet will be available on the "WOW" Table in the Lobby. Come by after the 8:30 or 11:00 service, or call/text Janet Roper (770.891.5042) for more information.

We're excited to celebrate the upcoming arrival of **Ben and Gabby Headley's** baby boy, due January 2026! A donation bin for Baby Headley has been set up near the doors to the playground and is labeled "**Ben and Gabby Headley.**"

If you'd like to bless this sweet family, please place your gifts in the bin at your convenience. Here is the link to Ben and Gabby's baby registry (UPDATED):

[https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/gabby-headley-january-2026-anderson/1HY2H12I9JTMD?](https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/gabby-headley-january-2026-anderson/1HY2H12I9JTMD?ref_=cm_sw_r_cp_ud_dp_SVEX13BQV9HGZXDVHH22)

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Gifts will be collected throughout October and November.

Questions, contact: Micayla Clark (248-508-0416 or [icaylaclark1210@gmail.com](mailto:icaylaclark1210@gmail.com))

**Looking Ahead...**

Reformation Celebration	October 29
Screen on the Green- Mary Poppins	November 14
Middle School Fall Retreat	November 14-17
Wednesday Connect Ends	November 19
Annual Christmas Shop	December 6
Lessons & Carols Christmas Program	December 21
Christmas Eve Service	December 24



## *Hospitality Committee Upcoming Events*

### ***Baby Shower for Melanie Schroeder***

Saturday, October 18 • 9:30 - 11:30 AM in White Oak Hall

Come join us as we celebrate Melanie and her little one!

A food sign-up will have been emailed to the congregation, and is also available in the lobby.

### ***Kid Shower for Jake, Joanne & Angelo Wasdin***

Saturday, November 8 • 11 AM - 1 PM in White Oak Hall

We are excited to welcome Angelo to his forever home at a Kids Shower celebrating his parents, Jake & Joanne! Join us for family fun, kids' activities, and a potluck meal.

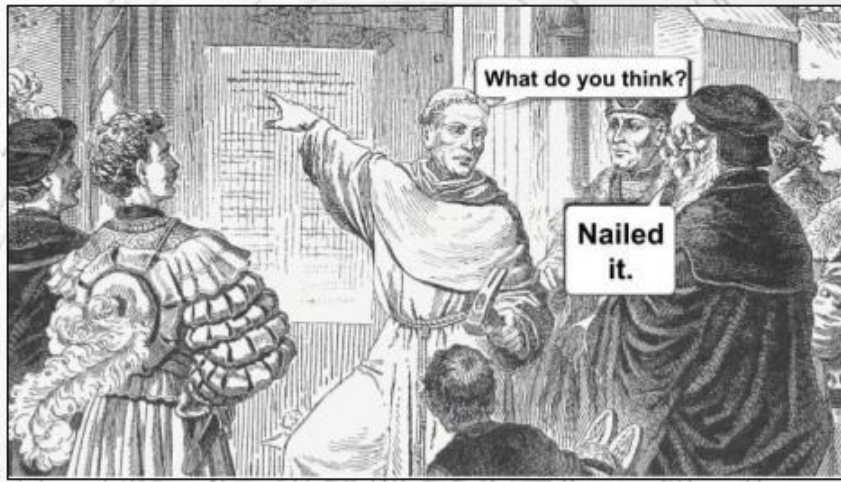
A food sign-up will be emailed and a copy will be in the lobby two weeks before the shower.

If you have any questions, about any of these events, please contact Micayla Clark at [micaylaclark1210@gmail.com](mailto:micaylaclark1210@gmail.com) or 248-508-0416.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR  
**REFORMATION CELEBRATION!**

5:30 - 8PM, WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 29TH  
AT WHITE OAK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
INSIDE THE GYM BEHIND THE CHURCH  
2796 GORDON ROAD - SENOIA, GA, 30276



- Enjoy -  
Good food, sweet fellowship,  
singing, and a recitation from  
**Pastor Drew Archer!**  
Also...  
Games for kids! Raffles! A bouncy  
slide! Hayrides and more!



RSVP  
&  
More  
info

Sermon Notes- Sunday October 5th

There comes a time when a person has to make a stand; but for what and why?  
In Luke 9 Christ traveled to Jerusalem, some stand for Him but some against Him.  
They did so for very different motives.

I. CHRIST IN SAMARIA- JAMES AND JOHN.

- A) Jerusalem was not the only place where people stood against Christ.
- B) Who were the Samaritans?
- C) The Samaritans stand against Christ anticipated His rejection in Jerusalem, and even down to today.
- D) James and John took a stand against those standing against Christ. How and why did they do this? Their motive was legalism

II. THREE OTHERS WHO CLAIMED TO STAND WITH JESUS.

- A) V 57. The person who would follow Christ, "wherever."
  - 1) An unqualified commitment.
  - 2) A call to extensive self denial.
- B) V59. A second person prioritized his past & delayed following.
  - 1) A disciple can not negotiate terms.
  - 2) Following Christ is our highest duty.
- C) V 61. The third person wanted discipleship while looking back.
  - 1) In many situations this would be a fair request.
  - 2) But is it possible to “*deny self, take up his cross daily, and follow Him.*” while looking backwards? Heart commitments.

III. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

- A) Luke does not devote more ink to these three, his focus is on Christ
- B) Look to Christ and his grace and avoid
  - 1) Legalism.
  - 2) Easy believ-ism that does not endure.
- C) Jesus set his face toward Jerusalem. Have you set your face toward Jesus Christ?