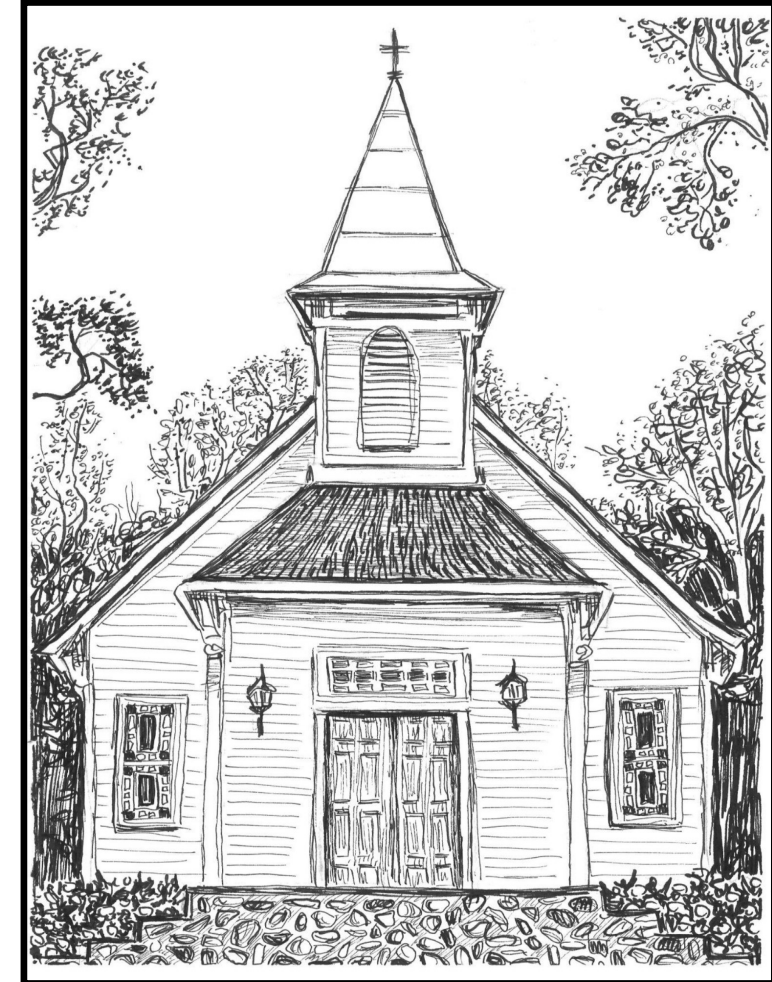


# WHITE OAK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## Worship Guide

Sunday, May 17, 2026

### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND COMFORT

Isaiah 55 - Select Verses

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked man forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. You will indeed go out with joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. This will make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign, never to be destroyed.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

† **NEW TESTAMENT READING** Luke 15:11-31

**SERMON** "The Prodigal Son" Pastor Jonathan Holst

† **HYMN** "Loved with Everlasting Love" Hymn No. 483

† **PRAYER & BENEDICTION** 2 Corinthians 13

"May 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:**

This evening, God willing, Elder Jake Wasdin will lead us in a short devotional including hymn singing and a time of prayer. All are invited to join us.

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.

**PRELUDE** Bokhee Min Lee

**MEDITATION** Ephesians 1:3-7

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.”

† **THE CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 136:1-3

Minister: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

**People: for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Minister: Give thanks to the God of gods,

**People: for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Minister: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

**All: for his steadfast love endures for ever.**

† **TRINITY PSALTER (PSALM 34)** Psalter No. 34C

“Through All the Changing Scenes of Life” 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.**

† **CONFESSION 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.**

† **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** “Father, Again in Jesus’ Name We Meet!” Hymn No. 168

**WORSHIP IN GIVING** - Please place in the Prayer/Visitor cards in offering plate.

† **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.

† **OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 86:1-10 Elder

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Taken from Clement Bishop of Rome, 99AD

Father, you who are faithful throughout all generations, righteous in your judgments, marvelous in strength and excellence, you show faithfulness toward those who trust and are full of compassion. Forgive us our sins, our unrighteousness, our transgressions, and our shortcomings. Do not hold us to account for every sin, but cleanse us with the cleansing of your Saviour. Guide our steps to walk in holiness, righteousness, and singleness of heart. Help us to do those things that are good and pleasing in your sight. In Christ’s name we pray Amen.

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..

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

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.