

Before the Throne of God Above

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a
 2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me
 3. Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,

strong and per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love,
 of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him there,
 spot - less righ - teous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I AM,

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who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
 who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the
 the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him -

grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his
 sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
 self I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by his

heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can
 free; for God, the just, is sat - is - fied to look on
 blood! My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.
 Sa - vior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

**WHITE OAK
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
 ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

175 YEARS - 1848-2023



**Nations will stream to your light,
 and kings to the brightness of your dawning.**

- Isaiah 60:3

JANUARY 29, 2023

PRELUDE

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MEDITATION

1 Corinthians 1:18

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

† **THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 15

Minister: O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

People: He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart; who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

Minister: In whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the LORD; who swears to his own hurt and does not change; who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the innocent.

All: He who does these things shall never be moved.

† **HYMN**

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

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.

† **CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE 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.

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.

O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping through Us

LORD, Who Shall Sojourn in Your Tent

1. ¹LORD, who shall so - journ in your tent, and
 2. ³He slan - ders not with wick - ed speech, nor
 3. ⁴He views the vile with deep dis - dain, but
 4. ⁵He lends his mon - ey with - out charge; he

dwel up - on your ho - ly hill? ²The one who walks in
 does his neigh - bor an - y wrong. A gos - sip's lies he
 hon - ors those who fear the LORD. He swears, to his own
 takes no bribe a - gainst the good. The man who does these

righteous - ness, and speaks the truth with - in his soul.
 will not hear, nor harm his friend with faith - less tongue.
 hurt, an oath and chang - es not, but keeps his word.
 things shall stand for - ev - er; he will not be moved.

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 New City Catechism Question #36 & #37

Q. 36 What do we believe about the Holy Spirit?

A. **That He is God, coeternal with the Father and the Son, and that God grants Him irrevocably to all who believe.**

Q. 37 How does the Holy Spirit help us?

A. **The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin, comforts us, guides us, gives us spiritual gifts and the desire to obey God; and He enables us to pray and to understand God's Word.**

† 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.

PSALTER (PSALM 15) "Lord, Who Shall Sojourn in Your Tent" In Bulletin

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

SPECIAL MUSIC "By Thy Mercy" White Oak Choir

† 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 Matthew 5:1-16 Rev. Ronny Hull

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) and *logos*, (word or 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.

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..

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Father God, we worship you and praise you for sending Jesus as our Savior! We confess that we would be still be in ignorance of you and your will for us had He not come to be our Redeemer. Thank you for saving us and adopting us as your children in Him. Yet we confess that we do not consistently follow your Word! We confess that we are often selfish, proud, unmerciful, not pure in heart, and many times we are not peacemakers. Forgive us, we pray, for these and our many sins. Give us grace that as we hear your Word we would be doers of it. Deliver us from hypocrisy. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND COMFORT 1 Timothy 1:15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAISE SONG "Before the Throne of God Above" In Bulletin

† **SCRIPTURE** John 3:1-8

SERMON "Born of the Spirit" Rev. Dr. John Cook

† **HYMN** "O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping Through Us" 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 WORSHIP: Join us as we worship the Lord in song, prayer, and study of the Bible. Tonight we continue our study of Acts 21-22. Paul has finally arrived in Jerusalem and as was prophesied he is arrested. How does even this circumstance afford opportunity for him to preach the gospel? What can we learn about the circumstances in our own lives that give us opportunity to speak for Jesus? For our worship time tonight, we will entertain favorites Congregation from the Psalter or Hymnal.

Holy, Holy, Holy!

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness ' hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

The Session Dr. John Cook-Moderator Rev. Ronnie Hull Rob Gentry, Clerk
 2023: Mark Dodds, Andy Hemphill, John Hemphill
 2024: Jason Coffee, Rob Gentry, Bill Minton
 2025: Denny Robertson, Jake Wasdin, Jim Wessells

The Diaconate Todd Weaver - Chairman, Tom Gridley - V. Chairman, Haddon Schroeder - Secretary
 2023: Bryan Hurst, Joe Roberts, Haddon Schroeder
 2024: Tom Gridley, Adam Wade, Todd Weaver
 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 Bob Abernathy - Chmn., Andy Hemphill - V. Chmn., Robin Sewell - Sec./Treas.
 2023: Bob Abernathy, John Cook, Stacie Headley, Andy Hemphill, Ronny Hull, Alison Newman,
 Joe Roberts, Robin Sewell, Cindy Ward, Johanna Wessells

Sunday School Tracey Schroeder - 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 Andy Hemphill - Chairman, Bill Minton - V Chairman, Todd Weaver - Secretary
 2022: Andy Hemphill, John Hemphill, Kari Hurst, David King, Bill Minton, Denise Vermilya

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

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

Women's Ministry Helper Team Susan Fulmer - Chmn., Billie Gentry - V Chmn., Katie Gridley - Secretary,
 Vickie Duncan - Treasurer, Tanya Roberts - Meal Train

Worship Committee: Jason Coffee - Chairman
 Tanya Roberts, Carol Robertson, Haddon Schroeder, Todd Weaver, Johanna Wessells

Other Church Officers & Staff

Rev. Ronny Hull Associate Pastor	John Hemphill Congregational Chairman	Jason Headley Church Treasurer	Donna Kirbow Asst. Church Treasurer	Vacant Memorial Fund Treasurer
Gail Brook Church Secretary	Kari Hurst Music Director	Bokhee Min Pianist	J. Beatenbough Custodian	

QUOTES FOR MEDITATION

God bestows His blessings without discrimination. The followers of Jesus are children of God, and they should manifest the family likeness by doing good to all, even to those who deserve the opposite.
 - F.F. Bruce

Have you heard God's blessing in your inmost being? Are the words, 'You are my beloved child, in whom I delight,' an endless source of joy and strength? Have you sensed, through the Holy Spirit, God speaking to you? That blessing—the blessing through the Spirit that is ours through Christ—is what Jacob received, and it is the only remedy against idolatry. Only that blessing makes idols unnecessary. As with Jacob, we usually discover this only after a life of 'looking for blessings in all the wrong places.' It often takes an experience of crippling weakness for us to finally discover it. That is why so many of the most God-blessed people limp as they dance for joy."
 -Tim Keller

Idolatry is when you worship what you should use, and use what you should worship.
 - G. K. Chesterton

The secret of joy is Christ in me – not me in a different set of circumstances. – Elizabeth Elliot



The candle burns this morning for Rosemary Frances May, daughter of Jordan & Emma May, who was born on Tuesday, January 24, 2023. Rosemary weighed 7 pounds 13 ounces.

Congratulations to parents Jack and Avery Ward, upon the birth of their son, Haddon Shepherd Ward, on Monday, January 23, 2023. Haddon is the grandson of Patrick and Cindy Ward.

Church Calendar

Today	8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship in the Church Sanctuary 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship Service in the Church Sanctuary 6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship Service
Tuesday	9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study Meets in Room 208 (Educational Bldg.)
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. Retired Men's Bible Study Meets in Room 111 (Educational Bldg.) 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Connect Meets in White Oak Hall 6:30 p.m. Youth Meet in White Oak Hall 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice
Thursday	5:00 p.m. Thursday Ladies Bible Study Meets in Room 111 (Educational Bldg.) 5:00 p.m. Youth Girls Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group Meets
Friday	5:00 p.m. Youth Guys Bible Study
Saturday	10:00 a.m. Daughters of the King Brunch in White Oak Hall
February 5	8:30 a.m. Early Worship Service 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship Service 6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship Service
February 7	9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study Meets in Room 208 (Educational Bldg.)
February 8	10:00 a.m. Retired Men's Bible Study Meets in Room 111 (Educational Bldg.) 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Connect Meets in White Oak Hall 6:30 p.m. Youth Meet in White Oak Hall 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice
February 9	5:00 p.m. Thursday Ladies Bible Study Meets in Room 111 (Educational Bldg.) 5:00 p.m. Youth Girls Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group Meets
February 10	10:00 a.m. Friday Ladies Bible Study Meets in Room 111 (Educational Bldg.) 5:00 p.m. Youth Guys Bible Study
February 11	11:00 a.m. Middle & High School Youth Volleyball & Lunch @ White Oak Hall -1:00 p.m.



Saturday, March 4

Health Fair in White Oak Hall (more information soon)

MISSIONS

Cotton (U.K./England) – The Lord continues to sustain and grow the congregation at Gloucester Evangelical Presbyterian Church. We wait with expectant hope to see what He will do in the coming years, as we continue trying to build something that will outlast us and be established as a foothold for the Gospel in Gloucester.

We are facing big challenges and changes this year. We are applying for the status of “Indefinite Leave to Remain” in the UK (the next vital step for our visa) which allows us to live and work here. If approved, we will be granted settled status and will no longer have to apply for a new visa every three years. It is a complex, expensive and crucial process that will save us the ongoing expense and uncertainty of recurring visa applications. After one year of settled status, we should be eligible to apply for British citizenship, which will secure our permanent right to remain in the UK. Please pray for us as we work through this process.

A second big change in 2023 will be our return to the U.S. for Home Ministry Assignment. We value your prayers, as we face a mountain of logistics for travel, housing, and ensuring the smooth continuation of the work in Gloucester, during our absence. Pray for Gloucester EPC and for Rev. Tim Dalton, as he labors in our absence.

From White Oak Church Member Oran Hurst:

Several months ago, I happened on the Mission to the World (MTW) website and found an unpaid internship program in Japan. I had no idea this would be the path that God is leading me down, but over the past months, I believe God has called me to serve the people of Japan. I will be serve a year with the team in Nagoya, Japan under the leadership of Brett Rayl. I'll be working with Christ Bible Institute, an organization that equips Christians in Japan to spread the Gospel throughout the region. I am excited to serve with this team to help in an under reached area. Despite being a well-developed country, Japan has one of the smallest percentages of Believers per their population.

The cost to serve in Japan is around \$25,000. This amount covers travel, ministry and living expenses for the 11 months of the internship. I need to develop a team of partners for this ministry. If you would like to be a part of MTW ministry to Nagoya, please let me know. All tax-deductible donations should be made payable to Mission to the World and include my MTW ministry account #: 400732 in the memo line of the check. You can also give online by making a donation at <https://www.mtw.org/missionaries> and searching for my name.

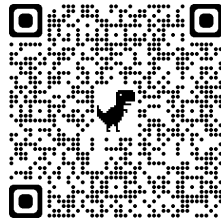
If you have any questions, please reach out to me at 706-830-1721, or at my email oran.hurst@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your time, support and prayer!

WEDNESDAY CONNECT

Wednesday Connect meets every Wednesday! Join us for a Fellowship Dinner at 5:30 p.m. and the Children's Ministry from 6-7:15pm.

There will be Bible lessons, singing praises to God, and crafts! Classes are split into three groups: PreK & K, 1st & 2nd grade, and 3rd - 5th grade. It's a special time for community outreach and discipleship. We are looking to begin a ministry for the parents during the children's ministry, but for now please invest in the children through volunteering and in one another through fellowship. If you have any questions please contact Ronny (678-899-0783).

Scan this QR code with your smartphone for the RSVP link:



live stream HELP NEEDED

The "tech team" would like to have other people join in the ministry of livestreaming the 11:00 service so that the weeks of service would be spread out. If you would be interested in learning how to do this please contact Dane Beatenbough.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Pastor John will begin a membership class soon. If you are interested in exploring membership at WOARP, email Pastor John at jcook@whiteoakarp.org.

WHITE OAK ARP CHURCH 175th ANNIVERSARY

2023 is the 175th year since White Oak ARP Church was formally organized as a congregation. Anyone who would be interested in helping develop ways White Oak can celebrate this milestone is asked to see Mark Dodds.

Thank you

Thank you to those Elders and Deacons who rolled off Service at the end of 2022. We appreciate all the time you have given to serve the Lord through His church.

Bob Abernathy
Roger Schroeder
Jim Wessells

Dane Beatenbough
Tracy Schroeder

Dennis McDaniel
Jake Wasdin

SERVING TODAY

DEACONS OF THE MONTH: JASON HEADLEY
BRYAN HURST

ELDER OF THE MONTH: MARK DODDS

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: Friday & Saturday

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

	8:30 AM Worship	9:45AM Sunday School	11:00 AM Worship	6:00 PM Worship
January 29	Amanda Beatenbough NEED VOLUNTEER	Amy Coffee Carol Robertson	Nancy Cook Jason Headley	Amy Coffee Lynne Dodds
February 5	Amy Coffee Alison Newman	Tanya Roberts Denise Vermilya	Phyllis Howard Hanna Wessells	Mark Dodds Stacie Headley

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:30 Service	55
11:00 Service	117
YouTube Views	62

CURRENT BUDGET INFORMATION AS OF

1/15/2023		
	General Fund	Building Fund
YTD Budgeted Collections	\$ 24,465	
YTD Actual Collections	\$ 24,614	\$ -
YTD Actual Expenses	\$ 13,254	
YTD Actual Difference	\$ 11,360	

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

Matters for Prayer

Weekly Prayer Focus: Pray for the lost and dying around us and our witness to them .

Homebound: Joy Bowers

Sick/Recuperating: Bea Boswell, Dianne Conaway, Shirley Kirbow, Betty Newby, Joe Zito, Mary Effie Bridges, Charlene McDaniel, Sonny Oliver, Billie Gentry, Sam Phillips

Expectant Parents: Lauren Hitt, Helen Ward Crawford

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

Sermon Notes & Prayer Concerns



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.

Sunday School Classes

9:45 AM – 10:30 AM

Children's Classes

<u>Class/Ages</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>
2 & 3 Year-Olds	T.J. Sweetin, Cindy Ward	Room 116	The Wonders He Has Done
PK/K: 4, 5, 6 Year Olds	Sally Estes, Phyllis Howard Eileen Zito, Susan Sloan	Room 115	God Keeps His Promises
1st & 2nd Grade	Need Volunteer	Room 113	
3 rd – 5 th Grade	Andy Hemphill, Johanna Wessells	Room 112	God's Servants
Middle/High School	Ronny Hull, Stacie Headley	Room 206	Identity According to God

Adult Classes

Apologetics - Pt 2	Jake Wasdin	Room 107	Apologetics
Covenant Class	Bob Abernathy	Room 108	Revelation
Friendship Class	John & Susan Sloan	Room 111	Jeremiah's Words for Modern Times