

leading me in the paths of righteousness. Use your rod and staff to guard me from temptation and draw me ever closer to yourself. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

#### 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

The Sermon is where we explore scripture together and corporately encounter Christ.

##### SERMON

Pastor Ronny Hull

"Straining Forward to What Lies Ahead"

##### + HYMN

"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!" Hymn No. 526  
vv. 1 & 2

#### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

##### + HYMN

"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!" Hymn No. 526  
vv. 3 & 4

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

##### + PRAYER & BENEDICTION

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

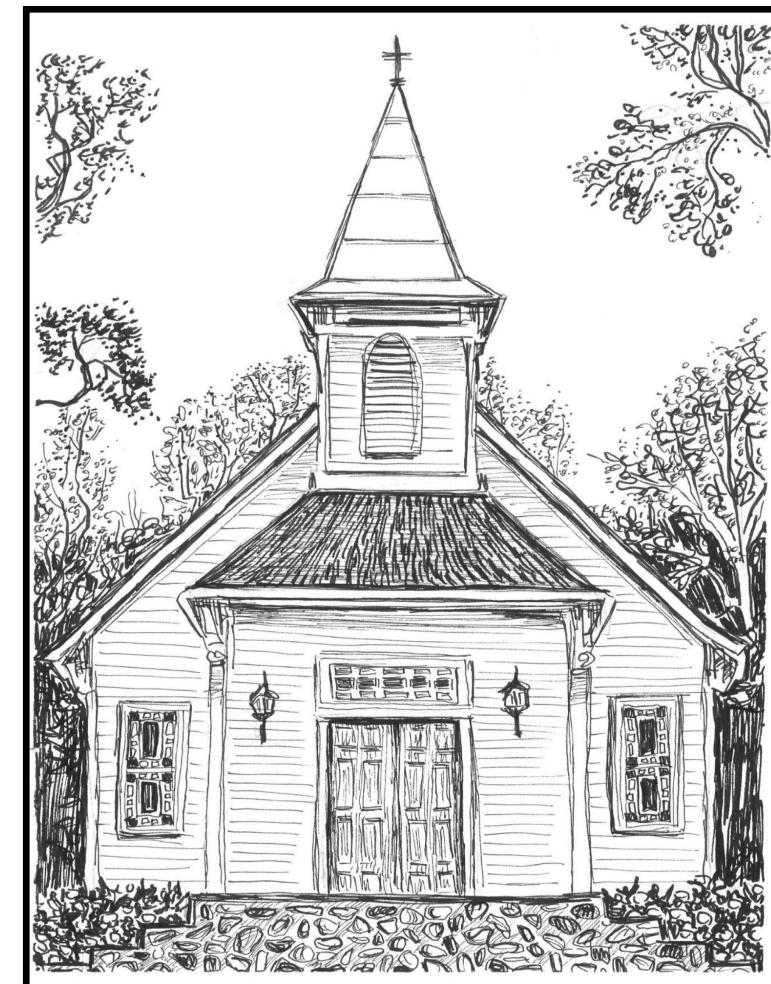


#### EVENING SERVICE 6:00 PM:

Life in this fallen world is full of difficulties and disappointments. Yet Scripture tells us that the believer's life is marked by hope (1 Peter 3:15) and peace (John 16:33). How is that possible? Please join us tonight as we continue our Ecclesiastes series in chapter 6, verses 10-12.

## WHITE OAK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Worship Guide

Sunday, January 4, 2026

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.

**PRELUDE**

Bokhee Min Lee

**MEDITATION**

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

**+ THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 146

Minister: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

**People:** **The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

Minister: The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**All:** **The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!**

**+ PSALTER (PSALM 146)**

Trinity Psalter No. 146C

“Praise the Lord! My Soul, O Praise Him!”

**+ 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.

**+ 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**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Hymn No. 446

**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**

Psalm 23

Elder Jake Wasdin (8:30)

Elder Tim Fosnough (11:00)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Dear Lord, please forgive my sins. I confess that there is no goodness in my flesh. And that my natural heart is deceitful and desperately sick. Lord, I come to you in the name of Jesus Christ, my Savior, to repent and seek your forgiveness. Thank you for being my Shepherd, and

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 Old Testament reading usually comes from the lectionary and is designed to parallel the New Testament reading.