

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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FEBRUARY 16, 2025

PRELUDE

Daniel Vander Hoek

MEDITATION

Psalm 78

“Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. Arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.”

† **THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 8:1ff

Minister: “O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

People: Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes,

Minister: O Lord, our Lord,

All: how majestic is your name in all the earth!”

† **PSALTER (PSALM 145)**

Psalter No. 145A

“I’ll Give You Praise, My God, O King”

† **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**

Westminster Shorter Catechism - Question 63

Q. Which is the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment is, Honor your father and your mother; that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God giveth you.

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.

Sunday School Classes
9:45 AM—10:30 AM



<u>Class/Ages</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>
2 & 3 Year-Olds	Melinda Hemphill Jill Fosnough	Rm. 116	God’s Story
PK/K: 4, 5, 6 Year Old’s	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	Listening to Jesus
Middle/High School	Benjamin Clark, T.J. Sweetin	Rm. 203	Westminster Confession

Adult Classes

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Location</u>
1 Thessalonians (Part 1)	Peter Loutzenhiser	Rm. 107
Church Officer Training Class	Rev. Jonathan Holst	Pastor’s Study
Life Principles from the NT Men of Faith	John & Susan Sloan	Rm. 111
A Study of Judges	Tracy Schroeder David Didier	Rm. 206
Genesis (Chapter 1)	Bob Abernathy	Rm. 209

Matters for Prayer

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

Homebound: Joy Bowers, Inge Blount, Betty Newby, Shirley Kirbow, Alma Jane Thompson

Sick/Recuperating: Bea Boswell, Dianne Conaway, Joe Black, Mary Effie Bridges, Sam Phillips, Charlene McDaniel, Forrest Tidwell, Carolyn Dodds, Vickie Bray

Expectant Mothers: Lauren Hitt, Katlyn (Robertson) Golemon, Stephane Pollard, Haley Sweetin

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

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

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.



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, Peter Loutzenhiser

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, D. J. Hitt, Sam Phillips

Class of 2026: Dane Beatenbough, Benjamin Clark, Alan Egerdahl, T. J. Sweetin

Class of 2027: Andy Hemphill, Joe Roberts, Haddon Schroeder, Joe Spooner

Thank You

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, and phone calls expressing your love and concern for my health. Knowing you were thinking of me, and lifting me up in this way helped more than you will ever know.

Love,
Cindi Hunter

Nursery Policy Notice

To help ensure the safety of our children and for liability reasons, only scheduled volunteers will be with the children in the nursery. If a substitute is needed, they will be selected from the list of nursery volunteers. All volunteers must have up-to-date Child Protection Training and pass a background check.

Additionally, if you're looking for a way to serve, the nursery is a great place to volunteer! We've been blessed with many babies which means more opportunities to serve. If you'd like to volunteer or learn more, please contact Joanne Wasdin (404-445-4206 or joanne@wasdin.net).

Thank you to all our nursery volunteers and nursery coordinator!

† 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.

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.

HYMN

“In Christ Alone”

Hymn No. 265

WORSHIP IN GIVING

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

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.

† 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.

From Greek *doxa*, (glory, splendor, grandeur) & *logos*, (word/speaking); short hymns of praise to God in response to His gifts to us..

† OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 23:15-25

Assoc. Pastor Ronny Hull

The Gospel/Scripture Reading usually comes from the lectionary and is designed to focus our attention on the greatness and Work of Jesus.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, you are light and in you there is no darkness at all. We rejoice that, if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. We do not say that we have no sin, and thus deceive ourselves, rather we confess that we have offended you. However, we also thank you that you are faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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.

Based on John 1: 5- 9

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND COMFORT

John 3:16-21

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

+ **NEW TESTAMENT READING** Luke 2:41-52

SERMON

Pastor Jonathan Holst

“The Childhood of Our Lord and Saviour”

+ **HYMN**

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory” Hymn No. 313

+ **PRAYER & BENEDICTION**

“Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it .”



Evening Service: 6:00 PM

God willing, this evening we will turn to 1 Kings 19 and consider the threat to Elijah’s life and his flight to Mount Horeb, that is Mount Sinai. On this mountain, Elijah has a unique conversation with God.

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.

Taken from correspondence dated 2/5/25 from David Galletta with SEED Ministry.

Dear Friends and Family,

Rwanda: I had not taught at this particular location since the almost 10,000 church closings. We rented a building to hold classes in. I didn't realize that we would not be allowed to sing since the government would consider it a church service in an unauthorized building. Sad.

The class went well. I applied what I was teaching about Christology (Person & Work of Christ) and Pneumatology (Person & Work of the Holy Spirit) to the way they evangelize and preach the gospel. It was a good week. We had a little difficulty when the rain pounded on the metal roof during a couple of sessions, making it impossible to teach until it stopped (about 30 minutes).

After our Friday class, we all went to the church where we usually meet to see the progress toward meeting the government standards. The class prayed, sang, gave some money, and promised to do more. Optimistic and faith-filled, the pastor (one of my students) believes all the work will be done in 3 months. But the Lord must provide around \$10K to do it.

Ethiopia: The land of great coffee, warm people, and where scientists believe humans began.

Also where appointment times are a suggestion. Here starting times and arranged meeting times are way off. The difference between Eastern and Western concepts of time is something I was even taught in missionary training. We have lived in Africa and have seen this many times.

But knowing about it and going with it are two different things. I would generally be picked up 30-60 minutes after an agreed-upon time. Classes never began when stated, and we would arrive later than expected for each event - my native friend Solomon always wanted to get coffee first. I wish I could say that it doesn't bother me. But the coffee is very good! I was very busy.

Sunday: I met with a small group of men interested in planting a Reformed church in the city. I basically preached and then we discussed the plans for a church.

Monday: A free day, which I spent in preparation for Tuesday and revising my course guide from the previous week. This is a common practice for me.

Tuesday: Spent giving a lecture on whatever I want. I was told this on Sunday. This occurs often, with the assumption missionaries can always speak on anything with minimal preparation. We went to Waliso, which is 114 km southwest of Addis Ababa. I did a brief presentation on "What is the Gospel?" It was a teaser session for my Christology course. The training went well.

Wednesday: We took a small crowded public bus-van to Muke Turihours. This town is 82 km north of the city (2 hours). The roads are bad, and the accommodations are below standard (at \$3/night). We woke up to and had no running water at all. By request, I taught Christology over 2 days. It was decided to translate into Amharic only. I am *trusting it was all understood*.

Friday: We were in Addis, where I taught Christology again - in English. I know a few students struggle with the language.

As always, I thank you for your interest and support. I cannot do it without your prayers and finances.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES IN 2025

March	7 - 9	High School Spring Retreat
March	21 - 23	Middle School Spring Retreat
April	19 30	Missions Car Wash Wednesday Connect Ends for Summer Break
June	TBD TBD 16 - 21 23 - 28	VBS VBS After Party Quest Camp Horizon Camp
September	3 19 - 21	Wednesday Connect Resumes Meeting High School Fall Retreat
October	29	Reformation Celebration
November	14 - 17 19	Middle School Fall Retreat Wednesday Connect Ends for Winter Break

Each event requires volunteers.

Please let Pastor Ronny know if you are interested in volunteering.



SERVING TODAY

DEACONS OF THE MONTH: SAM PHILLIPS & BEN CLARK
ELDER OF THE MONTH: JAKE WASDIN

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

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAYS	8:30 AM Worship	9:45 AM Sunday School	11:00 AM Worship	6:00 PM Worship
Feb. 16	Andy Hemphill Lauren Hitt Sherry Holst	Amy Coffee Tom Gridley Mary June Wade	Karen Egerdahl Jannette Emmerick Jill Fosnough	Lynne Dodds Robin Sewell
Feb. 23	Carol Robertson Lynne Dodds NEED VOLUNTEER	Joe Roberts Melanie Schroeder Joanne Wasdin	Beth Abernathy Amanda Beatenbough NEED VOLUNTEER	Ben Sewell NEED VOLUNTEER

WEDNESDAY CONNECT

February 19	No Wednesday Connect this week
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LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:30 Church Service	79
11:00 Church Service	122
YouTube Views	74

CURRENT BUDGET INFORMATION AS OF FEBRUARY 9, 2025

	General Fund	Building Fund
YTD Budgeted Collections	\$ 86,999	
YTD Actual Collections	\$ 105,312	\$ - - -
YTD Actual Expenses	\$ 81,277	
YTD Actual Difference	\$ 24,035	

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

Church Calendar

Today	8:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Early Worship Service
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Service
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Missions Committee Meeting
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	2:30 p.m.	Sisters-in-Christ Meet
Wednesday	7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting
February 23		Deadline to Register for the Middle School Spring Retreat
	8:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Early Worship Service
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Service Baptism of Levi Troyer
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service
February 24	7:00 p.m.	Diaconate Meeting
February 25	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
February 26	10:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study Wednesday Connect
	5:30 p.m.	Dinner
	6:00 p.m.	Children/Classes/Youth Group
	6:10 p.m.	Adult
	7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
February 27	6:30 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting
February 28	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study

NOTE: Wednesday Connect will NOT meet this week.
Also no Youth Group or Adult Study.
We will resume meeting next week, February 26.

Picnic 'n Play at the Park

White Oak Families! The White Oak Family Ministry is excited to invite you to a time of fellowship at one of our local parks! This quarter, we'll be gathering at Carl Miller Park (74 Sewell Rd., Newnan, GA 30263) on Saturday, March 1st, from 10 AM to 12PM. Come out with your kids, bring a packed lunch, and enjoy connecting with fellow families in our community. It will be a wonderful time of fun and fellowship!

We hope
to see you
there!



Questions?
Contact Tara Spooner 678-451-4624 or Laura Hull 404-804-4443.

Youth Spring Retreats 2025

No cost to any student. Contributions are welcome.

High School	March 7 - 9	
Middle School	March 21-23	<u>Register by Feb. 23</u>

