

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).

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



One Church
One Faith, One Baptism, One Lord

AUGUST 31, 2025

PRELUDE

Bokhee Min Lee

MEDITATION

John 3:14

“...as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.”

† **THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 103: 1-5

Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who for gives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases

Minister: who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with stead fast love and mercy

All: who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

† **TRINITY PSALTER HYMNAL (PSALM 103:1-5)**

No. 103A

“O Bless the Lord, My Soul” vv. 1-3

† **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**

The Apostles’ Creed

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I be- lieve 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 cru- cified, 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 com- munion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

WEDNESDAY

CONNECT

WEDNESDAY CONNECT RESUMES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

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 Wednesday Connect Meal that begins at 5:30 p.m. in White Oak Hall



NEW SUNDAY NIGHT

SERMON SERIES

Begins September 7th!



Don't miss the new evening sermon series on Ecclesiastes! Often considered perplexing, this book offers wisdom and encouragement for believers today. Learn how Ecclesiastes equips people to live wisely with an eternal perspective in a fallen world.

High School Fall Retreat:

We hope your students are excited for the Fall Retreat!

When: Friday - Sunday, 9/19-9/21
(leave church @ 2pm Fri. & return around 3pm Sun.)

Where: Bonclarken Retreat Center

Who: All High Schoolers and their friends

Cost: Covered by the Church! (Students need to bring \$ for 2 meals on the road & any additional snacks/gifts the student may buy.)

Theme: “Why Does the Church matter?”

Theme Verse: Ephesians 4:4-6

Speaker: Josh Smith (King’s Church, Columbia SC)

Please RSVP using the QR code and let Pastor Ronny know if you have any questions.



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Sunday School Classes for All Ages

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

Class/Ages	Teacher	Location	Topic
2 & 3 Year-Olds*	Melinda Hemphill Jill Fosnough	Rm. 116	God’s Love
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	Trusting God
Middle/High School*	Benjamin Clark, T.J. Sweetin	Rm. 203	Revelation

Adult Classes

Topic	Teacher	Location
Marriage	Tom Gridley	Rm. 107
The Life of Moses	John & Susan Sloan	Rm. 111
Christians and Technology	Ben Sewell	Rm. 206
James	Jake Wasdin	Rm. 209

COFFEE & COMMUNITY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

WHITE OAK MAIN LOBBY

THEME: GROWING TOGETHER IN GOD'S WORD

Come enjoy coffee, a light pastry selection, fellowship, and a panel discussion on how we can encourage each other and grow together. RSVP at the sign-up table in the foyer or by QR code. Please note: childcare will be available by RSVP, so be sure to reserve when you sign up.

† 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

“All My Boast Is in Jesus”

See Insert

WORSHIP IN GIVING

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

† 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

Numbers 21:4-9

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our God, we praise and thank you that your mercy is rich and your love is great. We confess that we are saved by your grace. We were dead in our trespasses but you have made us alive together with Christ. Forgive us for neglecting your grace and living like we are still enslaved to the passions of our flesh and the desires of our body and mind. Father, please forgive our sins. And, by your Spirit, help us to do the good works that you have prepared for us, that we should walk in them. In Jesus’ name we 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.


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.

<p>The Sermon is where we explore scripture together and corporately encounter Christ.</p> <p>God always gets the last word in our encounter of worship. The benediction is His blessing as we go out together.</p>	PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
	† NEW TESTAMENT READING	Luke 8:40-56	
	SERMON	“Christ’s Power and Our Dependence”	Pastor Ronny Hull
	† HYMN	“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”	Hymn No. 466
	† PRAYER & BENEDICTION	Numbers 6:24-26	
	<p>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.</p> 		
	<p><u>EVENING SERVICE: 6:00 PM</u></p> <p>Please join us tonight at 6 for our evening worship service. We will look to Jonah 3 and 4 to better understand God’s grace and our response to his grace.</p>		

<u>Church Leadership</u>	
Senior Pastor: Rev. Jonathan Holst	Associate Pastor: Rev. Ronny Hull
<u>The Session</u>	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
<u>The Diaconate</u>	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, Joe Spooner

missions

Mission update from Frank and Emily van Dalen - Lithuania

We are rejoicing in the ordination of Dainius Jaudegis to full-time pastoral ministry. After studying theology part time for over seven years, while tat the same time working full time as CEO of a local company, Dainius and his family worked hard, sacrificed, and persevered through many challenges. Beginning in September, Dainius will leave his job and become the main pastor of our Lithuanian congregation, and, in addition, will partner with us in replanting a church an hour away in the town of Kedainiai. How thankful we are for this “lasting fruit” that God has nurtured and grown! It is a step toward begin released from full-time ministry when we turn 70 in two years! Pray with us for funding to support Dainius and his family as he gets started in ministry.

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, Joy Bowers, Sam Phillips, Charlene McDaniel, Vickie Bray, Sue Hunter, June Bowers, Alan Egerdahl, Carolyn Dodds, Nancy Schroeder

Expectant Mothers: Melanie Schroeder

Military: T.J. Hemphill



How can we pray for you?

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.

WELCOME to White Oak

“First Catechism”

Beginning Sunday September 7th, White Oak will start an effort to assist parents with their family worship and discipleship. We will be using the "First Catechism" (the children's catechism from Great Commission Publications that many of us are already familiar with). We will introduce children to one question and answer a week. With 150 questions, it will take us around 3 years to get through them.

Again, our goal is to assist parents. We do not want to “add another thing” to our families’ already busy schedules. But parents are charged by God to instruct their children (Deut 6:6-7, Eph 6:4) and the church is charged to help families (Ps 78:4, Heb 3:13; 10:24-25). Catechisms can be a very helpful tool to summarize and communicate what the Bible teaches about crucial topics like “What is sin?” and “What must you do to be saved?” Please see the article (see below) from Melissa Kruger (Dr. Michael Kruger’s wife). Melissa herself began as a skeptic but came to find the children’s catechism as incredibly beneficial for teaching her kids about who God is and about his wonderful works.

Each week’s catechism will be previewed on Friday in the weekly update email for the Youth and Children Ministries (to join this list, please see below). Then on Sunday, the Q&A will be introduced and repeated on Wednesdays (during Wednesday Connect). During Wednesday Connect students will be able to recite their catechism questions during pickup (7-7:15pm) to our registrar, Margaret Hunter, to earn a gold star.

If your family doesn’t have a "First Catechism” yet, please pick up one from my office wall display. And check out the app the Great Commission has created to help with family discipleship (see below). Thank you for your help in this and faithfulness to our covenant children. Please let me know if you have any questions or ideas to help us in this crucial and loving work.

-Pastor Ronny

Article: “Teaching Theology to Children”	Subscribe to the “Weekly Update - Youth & Children Ministries” email	App from Great Commission: “First Catechism To Go” (\$3.99)
		

SERVING TODAY

DEACONS OF THE MONTH: BEN CLARK & SAM PHILLIPS

ELDER OF THE MONTH: BOB ABERNATHY

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

Note:
Updates-check Breeze for last-minute changes.

	8:30 AM Worship	9:45 AM Sunday School	11:00 AM Worship
Aug. 31	JOINT SERVICE:	Amanda Beatenbough Jason Headley	Haley Beatenbough Cindy Ward
Sept. 7	Sherry Holst Carol Robertson Susan Rogers	Ava Coffee Jannette Emmerick Melanie Schroeder	Jill Fosnough Ben Sewell Patrick Ward

LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE

8:30 Service	53
11:00 Service	114
YouTube Views	50

CURRENT GENERAL FUND INFORMATION
AS OF AUGUST 24, 2025

	General Fund	Building Fund
YTD Budgeted Collections	\$ 492,996	
YTD Actual Collections	\$ 545,230	\$ 3,637
YTD Actual Expenses	\$ 479,054	

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

OTHER FUNDS
AS OF JULY 31, 2025

Bailey Fund	\$ 33,785
Building Fund	\$ 51,691
Church Plant Fund	\$ 55,274
Current Surplus	\$ 61,672
General Fund Reserve	\$ 251,332

CHURCH Calendar

Today	10:00 a.m.	Joint Church Service in the Church Sanctuary - Followed by Potluck Luncheon in WOH
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service
Monday		Labor Day - Church Offices Closed
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
		Wednesday Connect Resumes Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	Dinner
	6:00 p.m.	Children/Classes/Youth Group
	6:10 p.m.	Adult
	7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting
Friday	9:30- 11:00 a.m.	Ladies' Bible Study
September 7		Communion Sunday
	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
September 8	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education Committee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
September 9	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study Resumes Meeting
September 10	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
September 11	6:30 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study Resumes Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Prayer Meeting

CHURCH OFFICE NOTE: Gail will be on vacation from **Monday, Sept. 1 - Friday, Sept. 5.** During this time, the office will not process announcements, emails, or reimbursements unless it's an emergency. Normal office operations will resume on **Tuesday, September 9.**

SPECIAL MUSIC & CHOIR INVITATION

We warmly invite anyone who would like to share music in our Sunday worship - whether by singing or playing an instrument.

Our church choir is also open to new members! No experience needed - just a willing heart to sing and praise with us.

Please contact Bokee (text: 785-550-4361) if you are interested.

September Events

High School Fall Retreat
September 19-21

Coffee & Community
September 20

Thank You - Sweat Week

Thank you all for braving the heat and working so hard. Your love and thoughtfulness are so appreciated.

In Christ,
Jean Oliver

grace + peace

Looking Ahead...

Annual BBQ for Missions	October 4
Reformation Celebration	October 29
Screen on the Green- Mary Poppins	November 14
Middle School Fall Retreat	November 14-17
Wednesday Connect Ends	November 19
Lessons & Carols Christmas Program	December 21
Christmas Eve Service	December 24

41ST ANNUAL HUNTER REUNION - SEPTEMBER 14 AT 1:00 PM

The annual Hunter Family Reunion will be in White Oak Hall at 1PM on September 14.

We will need "a few good men" to help move tables and chairs.

A covered dish dinner will be served, so bring your favorite dish & dessert & tea to share.