

Area Presbyterian schism not an either-or situation

As a member and employee of Oak Hill Presbyterian Church, I respect the decisions of the Stow and Hudson Presbyterian churches to leave the denomination (“Two area churches leave Presbyterians,” Beacon Journal, Nov. 14).

But I resent the generalized statements made by the Revs. D. Wayne Bogue and David Weyrick insinuating that all other Presbyterian churches are comfortable or even accepting of the decisions and changes proposed by the denomination.

Their statements imply that the churches that have chosen to remain in the denomination may not view Christ as Lord, but, instead, merely as a moral teacher, and may be inclined to replace “Father, Son and Holy Spirit” with “Mother, Child and Womb.” While some Presbyterian churches may have considered these ideas, it is completely inaccurate to think all of our churches will even for one moment entertain them.

At Oak Hill, we absolutely follow biblical teachings and certainly do not “follow the latest ideologies” or “agree with unscriptural interpretations.”

As members of the Christian faith, it is one of our most basic and essential beliefs to understand that the Lordship of Christ is the underlying basis of our entire faith.

As a Presbyterian, I can attest that I will always remain secure and assured that Jesus Christ is Lord and the only way to salvation. I will also never devalue the importance of the Trinity by referring to it in some of today’s more popular or politically correct terms.

There are still many biblically based, strong Christian Presbyterian churches. In fact, our mission statement illustrates this point perfectly: “As people of faith, Oak Hill Presbyterian Church seeks to know the will of God for our lives and to share the good news of God’s love through Jesus Christ, and encourage others to have a saving relationship with him.”

I do not want people to falsely believe that all Presbyterian churches still in the denomination follow every twist and turn the denomination may attempt to take.

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