

THE WOODLANDS REFORMED CHURCH

October 27, 2024

The Woodlands Reformed Church exists to glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

THE SERVICE OF ENTRANCE

* Invocation Psalm 90:1-2, 17

Minister: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,

or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

People: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,

and establish the work of our hands upon us;

yes, establish the work of our hands!

* Hymn #92

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

* Prayer of Adoration

* The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Corporate Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.

Amen.

Private Confession

^{*} Please stand if you are able

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,

and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon God in the day of trouble;

He will deliver you, and you shall glorify Him.

Psalm 50:14-15

People: Amen!

Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord

People: the maker of heaven and earth

Minister: O Lord, open our lips

People: and our mouth will declare your praise.

* Doxology

Praise God from who all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures, here below; Praise him above ye heavenly host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Reception of New Members

The Sacrament of Baptism

Matthew Lawrence Beckerman Cathy Allyn Beckerman Marigold Grace Beckerman

Announcement of First Communion

Matthew Lawrence Beckerman Cathy Allyn Beckerman Anna Cavanaugh Paul Cavanaugh Juan Andrés Martínez

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* Prayer of Thanksgiving & Illumination

Offertory Valentina Jeuch Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

* Scripture Reading

Romans 10:5-10

⁵ For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶ But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

The Word of the Lord Minister: People: Thanks be to God

Sermon Title

Confess & Believe

* Gloria Patri

All: 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.

^{*} Please stand if you are able

THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE

* Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

^{*} Please stand if you are able

* Prayer of Reliance on God's Mercy

Minister: You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:

Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:

Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Minister: You bring light to those in darkness:

Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: Christ is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the

world. Through him and in him, God has mercy on us, forgives us our sins, and brings us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

* The Passing of The Peace

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you!

Minister: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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The Fencing of the Lord's Table

* The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God!

People: It is right and just to do so!

Minister: It is truly right and just, our duty and blessing, always

and everywhere, to give you thanks, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For by His righteous life, atoning death, and glorious resurrection, he has forever delivered us from the yoke of sin and death, and together with you,

he has sent us the Holy Spirit, to call us out of

darkness, and into your marvelous light. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name,

saying:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest.

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* The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

The Words of Institution (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

The Invitation to the Lord's Feast

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Minister: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come and feed on him in your hearts

by faith with thanksgiving.

* Hymn #449 We Rest on Thee

* Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

Minister:

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.

People: Thanks Be to God. Amen!