



THE WOODLANDS REFORMED CHURCH

December 1, 2024

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

*** Invocation**

Psalm 97:1, 6

Minister: The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!

People: The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all the peoples see his glory.

*** Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Minister: The Advent candle reminds us of our hope of salvation, even as the prophet declared, “The Lord himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

All: Let us sing and celebrate the coming of God into the world!

*** Hymn #196**

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

*** 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.

** Please stand if you are able*

*** 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.

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

Ephesians 2:8-10

Minister: For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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!

* Prayer of Illumination

* Scripture Reading

Isaiah 7:10-14

Minister: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon Title

God With Us

** Please stand if you are able*

*** Hymns #203**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*** Benediction**

Ephesians 3:20-21

Minister: Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen!**



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