

THE WOODLANDS
REFORMED CHURCH

December 15, 2024

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

*** Invocation**

Psalm 95:1-3

Minister: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

People: **For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.**

*** Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Minister: The first Advent Candle reminds us of our hope of salvation. The second Advent Candle reminds us of the peace we enjoy with God and with one another. The third Advent candle reminds us that the saving work of Christ brings joy to the world, for the prophet Isaiah says that “with joy, [His people] will draw water from the wells of salvation.”

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

*** Hymn #208**

O Come All Ye Faithful

*** 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

John 11:25

Minister: I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me,
though he die, yet shall he live,

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 11:1-10

Minister: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon Title

Sadness Undone

**** Please stand if you are able***

*** Hymns #209**

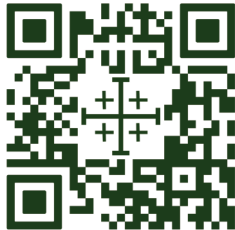
Silent Night! Holy Night!

*** Benediction**

Jude 24-25

Minister: Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen!



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