



# THE WOODLANDS REFORMED CHURCH

**January 26th, 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 98:1-4**

Minister: Oh sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things!  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.  
The Lord has made known his salvation;  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

People: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.  
All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

## \* Hymn #263

*Lift High the Cross*

## \* 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**

**Hebrews 8:12**

Minister: Minister: For I will be merciful toward their iniquities,  
and I will remember their sins no more.

**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**

*Lauren Elisabeth Allan*

*Atticus Raymond Welsh*

*Jonathan Azael Rojas*

#### **Announcement of First Communion**

*Lauren Elisabeth Allan*

*Jacob Sterling Holzaepfel*

*\* Please stand if you are able*

## **\* Prayer of Thanksgiving & Illumination**

### **\* Scripture Reading**

**Romans 11:35-36**

<sup>33</sup> Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

<sup>34</sup> “For who has known the mind of the Lord,  
or who has been his counselor?”

<sup>35</sup> “Or who has given a gift to him  
that he might be repaid?”

<sup>36</sup> For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Minister: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

### **Sermon Title**

***Doxology***

### **\* 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.

# 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**

**Based on 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!**



