



THE WOODLANDS
REFORMED CHURCH

January 5, 2025

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

*** Invocation**

Isaiah 60:1-3

Minister: Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;

People: but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

*** Hymn #2**

O Worship the King

*** 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.

*** 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

1 John 1:5-7

Minister: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

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**

Psalm 32

Minister: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon Title

The Blessing of Confessing

*** Hymns #598**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

** Please stand if you are able*

* Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Minister: Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School

On Sunday, January 12, we will resume Sunday School with new classes for all ages, focusing on the Ten Commandments.

Wednesday Bible Study

Likewise, our Wednesday studies will resume with the Men's Study gathering on January 15, and the Women's Study on January 22.

Volunteering

We are looking for volunteers for 2025 to help with nursery, hospitality, set-up and tear down, audio visual, and greeting for Sunday mornings. This is a great way to honor God and to love our neighbors well. Please email Julio Rodriguez at julio@woodlandsreformed.org to inquire.



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