



THE WOODLANDS REFORMED CHURCH

March 23, 2025

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

*** Invocation**

Psalm 118:26

Minister: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

People: We bless you from the house of the LORD.

*** Psalm 5 (Stanzas 1, 3, 5)**

Hear My Words, O Lord

*** 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

Ephesians 2:4-5

Minister: But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved

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**

Luke 18:9-14

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

** Please stand if you are able*

Minister: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon Title

A Story about Justification

*** Hymn #417**

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

*** Benediction**

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Minister: Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission of the Church Conference

Join us as we host our first conference as a church on Saturday, April 5, from 8:30 am – 1 pm, at the South County Community Center (2235 Lake Robbins Dr, The Woodlands, TX 77380). The conference will focus on the Mission of the Church, and will include talks from Dr. David Garner (Chief Academic Officer, Vice President of Global Ministries, and Charles Krahe Professor of Systematic Theology at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia), and Dr. Stafford Carson (President's Professor & Frank Barker Chair of Missions and Evangelism at Westminster Theological Seminary). There will also be a Q&A session, and breakfast and lunch will be included in the price of admission. For more information about the conference, the talks, and the speakers, and to register, please visit <https://wtsxwoodlands.rsvpify.com/>.

New Members Class

We will be offering a New Members Class during the Sunday School hour on April 13, April 27, and May 4. The class will cover essential topics that are important to church membership, and will allow participants to ask questions about our beliefs and practices. If you are interested in attending the class, please RSVP by emailing Julio Rodriguez at julio@woodlandsreformed.org.

Crawfish Boil

Join us on April 13, after the worship service, for a Crawfish Boil at the Richmonds' home. Come enjoy a mouthwatering spread of juicy, perfectly spiced crawfish. If you plan on attending, please sign-up on our website by visiting events. We hope to see you there!

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Our men's midweek study will meet on Wednesday, March 26 at 7:00 PM at 6 Wild Ginger Ct. We are continuing to study the Westminster Confession of Faith. Come and bring a friend. The women's midweek study will meet on April 2.

Men's Lunch Bible Study

Join the men on Wednesdays at Firehouse Subs (1640 Lake Woodlands Dr Ste C) from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm, as we continue our Bible study in 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus. To guide our study, we are following a study guide from Crossway, which you can purchase on Amazon.



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