

Paradigm: Student Ministry Gathering

On Friday, April 25th, the student ministry will gather for food, games, and fellowship at the Martinez's home. We will also continue our teaching series through the Nicene Creed. If you plan to attend, please register on the website.

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 love our neighbors well. Please email Julio Rodriguez at julio@woodlandsreformed.org to inquire.

Staff

Rev. Juan Carlos Martínez, Pastor
juancarlos@woodlandsreformed.org
832-498-5996

Julio Rodriguez, Pastoral Intern
julio@woodlandsreformed.org
956-286-5946

Connect



April 6, 2025

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

*Invocation

1 Peter 1: 3

Minister: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

* Psalm 32B How Blessed Is He Whose Trespass

*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.*

Liturgical Colors

Our liturgical colors, represented in the colored stole worn by the pastor throughout the service, serve as visual reminders of the Church calendar year, with specific colors used for certain seasons and occasions to magnify our sense of worship and symbolize theological truth.

White/Gold:

Symbolizes joy, purity, and the glory of Christ. It is used for celebrating events in the life of Christ, such as Christmas, Easter, and the Ascension.

Green:

Symbolizes life, our spiritual growth, and discipleship. It is used during Ordinary Time, in the weeks after Epiphany and Pentecost.

Red:

Symbolizes the Holy Spirit, zeal, and sacrifice. It is used during Holy Week, Pentecost, and Reformation Sunday.

Purple/Violet:

Symbolizes humility, preparation, and royalty. It is used during Advent and Lent.

Fellowship Meal

After every service, we partake in a Fellowship Meal. You are invited to stay and enjoy the meal whether or not you are a member.

Order of Worship

Our service is intentionally structured to reflect reverence for God and His Word as we seek to glorify Him with our worship. It has three parts: the Service of Entrance, the Service of the Word, and the Service of the Table.

The Service of Entrance

The Service of Entrance centers on the redemptive work of God the Father. It begins with the Prayer of Invocation, in which we use God's Word to invoke His presence among His people. We then join voices to praise and adore God by singing a psalm or a hymn, and by praying the Lord's Prayer. In all of this, we are mindful of the great contrast between God's majesty and holiness, and of our sin and need for grace. For this reason, we confess our sin before our listening Lord, and we hear a declaration of pardon from God's Word. This leads us to rise from our seats as we joyously sing the Doxology.

The Service of the Word

The Service of the Word centers on the redemptive work of God the Son. It commences with a Prayer of Illumination, where we ask God to enable us to hear His voice as we proceed to read Scripture. During the sermon, the pastor faithfully exposit the text, proclaiming the saving work of Jesus Christ to the congregation. The congregation responds to the sermon by standing and singing the Gloria Patri.

The Service of the Table

The Service of the Table centers on the redemptive work of God the Holy Spirit. It begins when the congregation affirms its faith by reciting the Nicene Creed. Since we are not to approach the Lord's Table in an unworthy manner, we continue with the Prayer of Reliance on God's Mercy and with the Passing of the Peace. This leads us to the formal eucharistic liturgy, beginning with the Fencing of the Table, in which the pastor welcomes to the table all baptized Christians who have made a public profession of faith, are resting and relying on Christ alone for salvation, and are members in good standing of a local Christian church. The liturgy then continues with the Words of Institution, the Invitation to the Lord's Feast, and the actual partaking of the Sacrament, in which the Holy Spirit enables believers to feed on Christ by faith – not in a physical manner, but in a real, spiritual manner. The service concludes with the singing of a psalm or hymn, and with a Benediction from God's Word.

*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

2 Corinthians 5:17–19

Minister: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

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

All: Praise God from whom 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 7:36-50

Minister: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon Title

Who Is This Man?

***Hymn #244**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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

*Benediction

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!

Announcements

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 register email Julio Rodriguez at julio@woodlandsreformed.org

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Our men's midweek study will meet on Wednesday, April 9 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 16.

Men's Lunch Bible Study

Join the men on Wednesday at Firehouse Subs (1640 Lake Woodlands Dr Ste C) from 11:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m., 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.

Rooted: Young Adults Gathering

On Friday, April 11th, the young adults will gather for food and fellowship at Lily Kate Cole's home (9037 Meacom Drive, Conroe, TX, 77384). We will continue our teaching series through Genesis 1-3. If you plan to attend, please register on our website.

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