July 27, 2025

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 122:1-2

Minister: I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

**People: Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

*Hymn #230 — Holy, Holy, Holy

*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.**

Corporate Confession of Sin

All: **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 of Sin

Declaration of Pardon John 3:16-17

Minister: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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.**

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

*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.

The Service of the Word

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Illumination

*Scripture Reading — Proverbs 13:13-14

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Title — A Fountain of Life

*Hymn #287 — Lift High the Cross (Refrain Only)

All: **Lift high the cross,**
The love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore
His sacred name.

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

The Service of the Table

*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

All: **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.

Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology

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

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 Dedication

*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.

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

The Fencing of the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Consecration

The Words of Institution (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

Minister: For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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.

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

*Hymn #292 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

*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!

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Announcements

Women's Evening Bible Study

Our women's evening study will meet on Wednesday, August 6 at 6:00 PM at 6 Wild Ginger Ct. The women will be studying the book of *Colossians* this summer before returning to the book of *Hebrews* in August. Come, and bring a friend.

Men's Evening Bible Study

Our men's evening study will meet on Wednesday, July 30 at 7:00 PM at 6 Wild Ginger Ct. The men will continue their summer study through the book of *Colossians*.

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. To inquire, please email Julio Rodriguez at julio@woodlandsreformed.org.

Theology By the Pint Event

Do you have to go to church to get to heaven? Join us for a special Theology by the Pint event in The Woodlands, featuring talks and a panel discussion exploring if all paths lead to God. Speakers include Pastor Juan Carlos Martínez and Professor Chris Kugel among a larger panel of pastors, professors, and ministry leaders, who will participate in a Q&A. This engaging event will take place on Thursday, August 14, from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM, at The Woodlands Area Chamber of Commerce (9320 Lakeside Boulevard #200, The Woodlands, TX 77381).

For more details and to register please contact aaron@woodlandsreformed.org for the link

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. Because our worship is intentionally trinitarian, our liturgy is composed of 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 Gloria Patri.

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 exposits the text, proclaiming the saving work of Jesus Christ to the congregation. The congregation responds to the sermon by standing and singing the refrain from Lift High the Cross.

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. After this, we bring our tithes and offerings to God, and offer a prayer of dedication. This leads us to the formal eucharistic liturgy, beginning with the Great Thanksgiving, and continuing 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 proceeds 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.

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:

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:

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.

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