May 24, 2026

PENTECOST

The Woodlands Reformed Church exists to glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, so that the knowledge of the glory of God will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

The Service of Entrance

***Invocation** **Psalm 118:19-20**

Minister: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

People: **This is the gate of the LORD;**
the righteous shall enter through it.

Hymn #216** ***Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

***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

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

Acts 10:43

Minister: To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

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** **Luke 19:28-40**

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Title ***The King's Triumphal Entry***

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.

*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.**

*Please stand if you are able.

*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

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

*Hymn #277 *Before the Throne of God Above*

*Benediction Psalm 121:7-8

Minister: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen!

*Please stand if you are able.

Announcements

Sunday School: The Lord's Prayer

Join us this month at 9:30 AM prior to the Sunday service as we spend time studying the Lord's Prayer together. Each session follows a simple rhythm: 30 minutes of teaching through one petition of the prayer, followed by 15 minutes of small-group prayer drawing directly from the week's theme.

Women's Hebrews Bible Study | May 26, June 3

Morning (weekly)
Join our weekly morning women's Bible study through the book of Hebrews on Tuesday, May 26 from 10 to 11:30 AM~12 PM. The women will meet at Rachel Richmond's home: 6 Wild Ginger Ct Spring, TX 77380.

Evening (bi-weekly)
Join our bi-weekly evening women's Bible study through the book of Hebrews on Wednesday, June 3 from 6 – 7:30 PM. The women will meet at Alex Gray's home: 58 Lakeridge Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77381.

Men's Westminster Confession of Faith Study | May 27

Join us as we walk through the Westminster Confession, one of the most precise summaries of what the Bible teaches—not just for head knowledge, but to better know the God we serve—on Wednesday, May 27 from 7 – 8:15 PM at Zach Richmond's home: 6 Wild Ginger Ct, Spring, TX 77380. Whether you're a lifelong theology student or have never picked up a confession, you're welcome.

Men's Ezra & Nehemiah Morning Bible Study | May 30

Join us on Saturdays at 7:00 AM at the Stollberg's home: 38 Beacons Light Place, The Woodlands, 77375 (please enter through the front door). The gathering begins with an optional breakfast from 7 – 7:30 AM. Then, from 7:30 – 8:00 AM, we will have our study and discussion and conclude with prayer. If you plan to attend, please register and join the men's group chat on Church Center. Men and their sons are encouraged to attend.

*Stay up-to-date by visiting **woodlandsreformed.org/events.** You can browse our church calendar, view event details, and register directly for events.*

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.

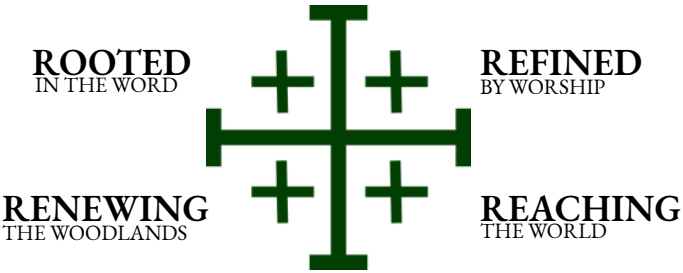
Red:
Symbolizes the Holy Spirit, zeal, and sacrifice. It is used during Holy Week, Pentecost, and Reformation Sunday.

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

Fellowship Meal

It is our regular practice to celebrate a Fellowship Meal after the worship service. Whether you are a member or a visitor, we would love for you to stay and enjoy this fellowship meal with us on the Lord's Day!

VISION



The Woodlands Reformed Church envisions a vibrant, Christ-centered community rooted in the truth of God's Word, refined by the worship of the Triune God, renewing The Woodlands through gospel witness, and reaching the world with the hope of Christ.

MISSION

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MARKERS

Holiness | History | Hospitality | Hope

MEANS

Scripture | Sacraments | Prayer | Fellowship

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