August 2, 2026

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 19:1-3**

Minister: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

People: **Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.**

Hymn #283** ***Fairest Lord Jesus

***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

Ephesians 1:7

Minister: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace

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.

Prayer for Christ's Church and the World

***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 — Psalm 12

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Title — *The Lies Around Us, The Lord Above Us*

*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 #476 *It Is Well with My Soul*

*Closing Prayer

*Please stand if you are able.

Announcements

Women: Hebrews Bible Study | August 4

Join our weekly morning women's Bible study through the book of Hebrews every Tuesday from 10 AM - 12 PM. The women will meet at Rachel Richmond's home: 6 Wild Ginger Ct Spring, TX 77380.

Men & Women: Kingdom & Covenant: Unlocking the Old Testament | August 5

Come learn how to read, understand, and profit spiritually from covenants—the "basic structure" of the Bible. When: Every Wednesday at 6 PM. Where: The Richmond's home, 6 Wild Ginger Ct, 77380. Dinner will be provided, and children are welcome!

Women: Water Color Class | August 8

Women, join us on August 8th at the Martínezes' home from 10 AM - 12 PM to learn how to watercolor with Lindsay Williamson (wife of Nolan Williamson, pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church Huntsville) and enjoy fellowship over brunch. Please register before August 3rd. The price is $20 per person (ages 13+). Questions? Email: women@woodlandsreformed.org.

Ultimate Frisbee Event | August 9

The Woodlands Reformed Church is hitting the field for a church-wide Ultimate Frisbee outing at Terramont Park on August 9 at 6 PM, and everyone's invited! Come enjoy an afternoon of friendly competition, fresh air, and fellowship. Bring water, sunscreen, and your game face. All ages and skill levels welcome!

Youth: Amazing Grace – Doctrines of Grace | August 16

Join us as our youth explore the biblical truths of salvation known as the doctrines of grace, discovering the God whose grace really is amazing. Expect Scripture, honest questions, and rich fellowship and discussion. Hosted at the Martínez home, 6 - 7:30 PM, dinner included. Come hungry and bring a friend!

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

Connect

Whether you're a first-time visitor, a regular attender, or a longtime member, there's a place for you here. Scan any of the codes below to discover events, Bible studies, and ministries where you can grow and get connected. As Scripture reminds us, "let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together" (Hebrews 10:24–25, ESV). We're glad you're here—take a look, and let's grow together.

Scan to Download Church Center App

Church Center is available on all smartphone app stores. Scan the QR code, search "The Woodlands Reformed Church," and join. From there, you can view upcoming events and Bible studies, submit prayer requests, join a ministry group, and more.

Scan to Volunteer

Interested in volunteering? God has gifted each of us to serve His church in different ways, and we'd love to help you find where you fit. Scan the QR code to see the various ministries and areas where you can get involved. Simply select the ministries that interest you, and our Session and team leaders will follow up to help get you started.

Scan to Subscribe to Newsletter

Stay in the loop with all that's happening at The Woodlands Reformed Church. Scan the QR code to subscribe to our newsletter and receive special announcements and updates about the life of the church from the Session.

Scan to Inquire about Membership

Want to become a member of The Woodlands Reformed Church? Scan the QR code to fill out the membership inquiry form to get started. Someone from our session will follow up with you about the next membership class and next steps.

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

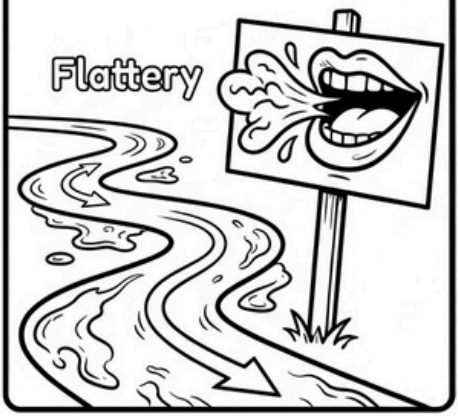
It is our regular practice to celebrate a Fellowship Meal after the worship service. Whether you are a member or a visitor, we would love for you to stay and enjoy this fellowship meal with us on the Lord's Day!

Psalm 12: The Lies Around Us, The Lord Above Us

The World's Lies

Double Heart

Flattery



God's Truth & Protection

Pure Words Like Silver

God Our Refuge

Psalm 12: The Lies Around Us, The Lord Above Us

Based on a sermon on Psalm 12, this infographic explores the crisis of vanishing godliness and the rise of manipulative speech, contrasting the predatory nature of human flattery with the refining purity of God's Word.

The Lies Around Us (The Speech of Men)

Hollow Words (Shav)

Human speech has become empty, vain, and lacking in any real substance.

"Slippery" Flattery

Manipulative "lips of smoothness" used to exploit emotions for personal gain and power.

The "Double-Heart"

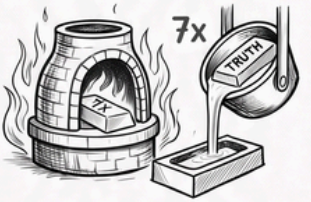
A hidden agenda masked by manufactured words, leading to prideful self-reliance.

The Lord Above Us (The Word of God)

The Lord Arises

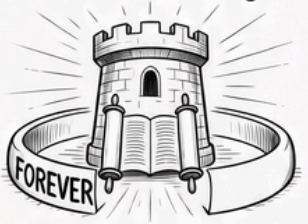
God hears the groans of the plundered and moves to provide safety.

Pure as Refined Silver



God's words are purified seven times—truthful, full, and completely incomparable to wicked lies.

A Permanent Refuge



God promises to guard and keep His people from a deceptive generation forever.

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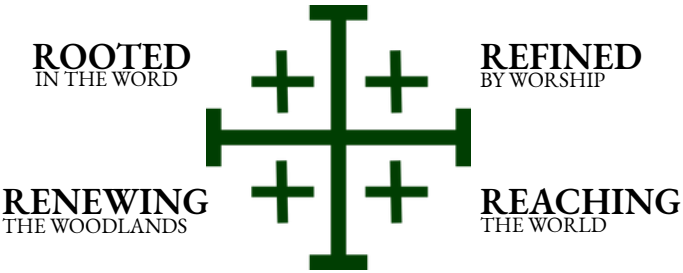

The Woodlands Reformed Church envisions a vibrant, Christ-centered community rooted in the truth of God's Word, refined by the worship of the Triune God, renewing The Woodlands through gospel witness, and reaching the world with the hope of Christ.

MISSION

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MARKERS

Holiness | History | Hospitality | Hope

MEANS

Scripture | Sacraments | Prayer | Fellowship

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