October 25, 2026

REFORMATION SUNDAY

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 90:1-2, 17**

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

People: **Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!**

Hymn #244** ***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

***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 — Psalm 50:14-15

Leader: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and perform your vows to the Most High,
and call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

People: **Amen!**

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **the maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

People: **and our mouth will declare your praise.**

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

Receiving of New Members

Betsy Chan
Caleb Chan
Kevin Chan
Marla Chan
Nathaniel Chan
Lilly Galarneau
Kaitlyn Hall
Sam Hall
Shannon Herreid
Sheila Herreid
Steve Herreid
Wilson Lee
James Macbeth
Jill Macbeth
David Orr
Katherine Orr
Cynthia Peterson
John Peterson
Micah Rupert
Abbigail Sorge
Dylan Sorge
Joel Stoner
Connie Walden

The Sacrament of Baptism

Lilly Galarneau

Announcement of First Communion

Mitchell Steele

*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.

*Please stand if you are able.

The Service of the Word

***Pastoral Prayer**

***Scripture Reading** **Matthew 7:7-12**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Title ***Knock and It Will Be Opened***

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*

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

Leader: You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:
Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: You bring light to those in darkness:
Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: 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

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you!

Leader: 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

*Please stand if you are able.

*The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

People: It is right and just to do so!

Leader: 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)

Leader: 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

Leader: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Leader: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.

All: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Hymn #459 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

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

***Hymn #404** *The Church's One Foundation*

***Benediction** **Numbers 6:24-26**

Leader: 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!**

Scan to Submit Your Prayer Request

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

Announcements

New: Evening Table

A meal to shape our lives with meditation on God's Word and prayer for one another. Our two groups are full! Check the newsletter to sign up!

Children's Sunday School

Join us Sunday mornings from 9:30–10:15 AM as our children grow in God's Word together! This fall, our classes continue the Growing in God's Word (Presbyterian & Reformed Edition) curriculum, picking up in the New Testament from September 13 through November 29. Questions? Email us at children@woodlandsreformed.org.

Sunday School: Rediscovering the Gospel of Grace Alone

This fall, we're spending six Sundays walking through five historic Christian convictions, the *solas*: Scripture Alone, Faith Alone, Grace Alone, Christ Alone, and Glory to God Alone. Join us each Sunday before the service — all are welcome!

Reformation Day Service | October 25, 6-8 PM

Join us on Sunday, October 25th from 6 to 8 PM as we gather to celebrate the Reformation. Located at New Hope Christian Church, 7575 Alden Bridge Dr, The Woodlands, TX 77382. Come worship and give thanks for the recovery of the gospel.

Women: Hebrews Study (Morning - Weekly) | October 27

Join the women for their weekly morning Bible study through the book of Hebrews from 10 - 11:15 AM at the Richmond's home, 6 Wild Ginger Ct. If you have any questions about this study, please ask in the women's group chat on ChurchCenter or email women@woodlandsreformed.org.

Men: Westminster Confession of Faith Study | October 28

The men will continue their study on The Westminster Confession of Faith every other Wednesday from 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm at the Richmond's home. If you have any questions about this study, please ask in the men's group on the Church Center app or email men@woodlandsreformed.org.

Men: How To Lead Your Family | Saturdays through 10/31

The men have a weekly study of Joel Beeke's book covering how to lead our families as covenant heads. Saturdays at the Stollberg home, 38 Beacons Light Pl, Tomball. Coffee at 7 AM; study 7:30 to 8:30 AM.

Women: Hebrews Study (Evening - Biweekly) | November 4

Join the women for their biweekly evening Bible study through the book of Hebrews from 6 - 7:30 PM at Alex Gray's home, 58 Lakeridge Drive.

*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 Pastoral Prayer, where we pray for the church, and 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.

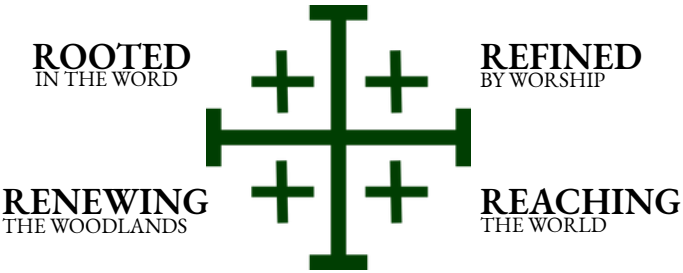
Red:
Symbolizes the Holy Spirit, zeal, and sacrifice. It is used during Holy Week, Pentecost, and Reformation Sunday.

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

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.

MARKERS

Holiness | History | Hospitality | Hope

MEANS

Scripture | Sacraments | Prayer | Fellowship

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