



Easter Morning by Marcia Hodges

Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church
April 5, 2026 ~ 9:30AM

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Easter Sunday Traditional Service

9:30AM

PRELUDE

There is Light in the Night Sky

R. Mollá

Brass Quintet

THE EASTER ANNOUNCEMENT

Matthew 28:1-6 Sarah Wilson, Interim Pastoral Associate

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised!"

CHORAL INTROIT

Easter Call to Worship

B. Grosvenor

Adult Choir, Brass, Percussion

ENTRANCE OF THE EASTER CANDLE

Pastor J. C. Austin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

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PRAYER OF ADORATION

Elder Dennis Balog

Leader: Glory to you, God: you have won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.

People: Glory to you, Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life.

Leader: Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us now and always into all truth.

All: Glory to you, blessed Triune God, now and forever. Amen.

***HYMN 232**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

D. Cherwien

Adult Choir, Brass, Percussion

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sarah Wilson

Gracious and Loving God, Christ taught us that the greatest commandment is to love you with all of our being, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Too often, though, we hold back our love, compassion, and generosity; we falter in our commitment to your justice, mercy, and peace. We fear there will not be enough to give and make a difference; we fear there will not be enough left for us. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to love as you have taught and called us to love, so that through our lives others may witness your love at work in the world. Through Christ we pray.

MUSICAL REFLECTION 826

Lift High the Cross
Chorus - Congregation

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI HYMN 581**

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.

ANTHEM

Arise, My Soul, Arise
Duet – Tom Magette, Marty Clayton
Violin – Matthew Polonchak, Adult Choir

D. Forrest

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Dennis Balog

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10:34-43

SERMON

“All Shook Up”
Matthew 28:1-10

Pastor J. C. Austin

***HYMN 233**

The Day of Resurrection!
Solo – Lauren Mariah
Adult Choir, Brass, Percussion

Arr. S. Love

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from 1 Corinthians 15)

Sarah Wilson

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND OFFERING

Elder Dennis Balog

A portion of today's offering supports our Youth ministry as it nurtures the faith of our middle and high-school youth. This includes offering regular Sunday School classes, Confirmation instruction, WoodsWork mission projects, and other youth camps, trips, and Tuesday evening fellowship time.

To give: text **Woods** to 73256 or go to **“Give”** on **woodschurch.org**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Resurrection Hymn
(See What a Morning)
Adult Choir, Brass, Percussion

S. Strite

***DOXOLOGY HYMN 607**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sarah Wilson

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN 238

Thine Is the Glory

H. Hopson

Adult Choir, Brass, Percussion

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor J. C. Austin

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Hallelujah Chorus

G. F. Handel

Adult Choir, Brass, Percussion

POSTLUDE

Toccata from Symphony No. 5

C. Widor

Organ – Jung-hoon Park

Brass, Percussion

*Please stand if you are able

Musicians

Organ/Piano – Jung-hoon Park

Trumpet 1 – Luis Ozoria

Trumpet 2 – Samantha Obara

Horn – Anna Lorenzen

Trombone – Samuel Anderson

Tuba – Marques Ceasar Lopez

Percussion – Jeremy Ulrich

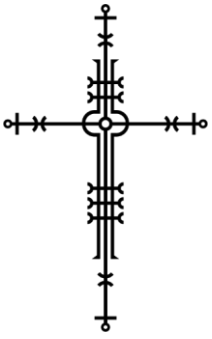
Welcome to worship at Woods! We are so glad you've joined us today! Woods is a vibrant community with lots of opportunities to connect with others and with God. If you have any questions or we can help in any way, please feel free to contact any staff member. Find us on the web at www.woodschurch.org. May you experience resurrection joy in your life this day and in the days to come!



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Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

April 5, 2026

**Our Vision: To be a voice of faith transforming lives
and society through Jesus Christ**

Our Mission: Welcoming all to grow and serve in Christ

The flowers today were arranged by the Flower Ministry and are given for the glory of God.

We are glad you are worshiping with us today.

Join us for bagels, coffee, and fellowship after the service in Zimmerman Hall.

Stephen Ministry: 9:30 AM – Betsy Stewart

Easter flowers may be picked up after the 11AM Easter service.

Upcoming Events & Church News

The Church office is closed Monday, April 6. Reopens Tuesday, April 7 for normal working hours.

Joy and Laughter Sunday April 12! Join us to continue the celebration of Easter. Send your jokes to Sarah Wilson, swilson@woodschurch.org

Spring is almost here! And soon we can switch over our wardrobes to summer clothing. As you pack up your cold weather clothes, please consider donating any outgrown children's clothing sizes T2 to Youth 20. We're collecting winter clothing and coats April 12 through 26 to be sold at the bazaar next fall. Look for the big blue bin in the main lobby. All proceeds benefit the mission partners of Woods!

Art & the Bible - I Am Who I Am: God in Scripture and the Arts, July 6-10 9-4PM; K-5th grade. Children will participate in an innovative approach to Bible Study to explore Biblical images and names of God through the Bible paired with their creativity and artistic expression. An Art Reception will take place Friday at 2:30PM sharing the children's work with their friends and family. The week-long day camp will include two snacks; participants will bring their own lunch. Water will be provided. **Cost is \$425/child. Scholarships are available.** Contact Children's Ministry children@woodschurch.org if you have questions. Registration is limited.



Vacation Bible Study Day Camp - Be Strong and Courageous Joshua 1:9, July 13-17, VBS DAY CAMP 9-4PM K-5th grade. Children will learn how God helps us to be strong and courageous. We will explore the sights, sounds, feels, and joys of Joshua 1:9 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." What does this look like in our community, in our times? The week-long day camp will include two snacks; participants will bring their own lunch. Water will be provided. **Cost is \$425/child.** Scholarships are available. Contact Children's Ministry children@woodschurch.org if you have questions. Registration is limited.

VBS Express 4-6PM, July 13-17 - 2yr - 5th grade. All aboard to travel through Bible Stories with songs, movement, art, and fun. You've got wings! **Cost is \$50/child with \$100 family max.** VBS Day Camp registration includes participation in VBS Express. No meal will be served, snack included.

SPAN (Serving People Across Neighborhoods) profusely thanks the congregation of Woods Church for the very generous Lenten Bag donations. Over 120 blue SPAN bags were filled with food and personal items and donated to help our brothers and sisters in need. A heartfelt "thank you" to all who could participate!

New Adult Education Series – Reading and Feeding gourmet Bible study for the growing soul. **"Reading and Feeding"** is designed to look at scripture with fresh eyes, ears, and hearts to receive insight for vibrant discipleship. In **room 208 at 11AM from April 12 – May 17**, we will approach the Bible as a resource to feed our souls and fuel our spiritual journey. Breaking down pre-existing notions, cultural misunderstandings and the false assumption that the portrayal of God in the Old Testament is somehow "less Biblical" than the Christian New Testament, we will explore this guiding document of the Church.

Ministry of Belonging Workshop for Youth, April 25, 10AM-1PM! At this workshop, we'll be exploring how we can cultivate a more open and affirming space at our Woods Youth programs, specifically considering people of LGBTQ+ identities. If you're interested in how to move from tolerance into love, join us for this exploration of Christ-like acceptance! All youth 6th-12th grade are invited. We'll be gathering in the Youth Room 212, and lunch will be provided.

Adult Education is sponsoring the **Ministry of Belonging Lunch and Learn, April 26, 12:30-1:30PM.** In tandem with the Youth workshop on Saturday, Dr. Sarah Leer will help us to learn about how to become a more welcoming community, particularly with people of LGBTQ+ identities. If you have questions but don't know who or how to ask, or are wondering about the best way to support all of God's children, you are welcome to join us for lunch and discussion in the Founders Room. This is a free session, but we are requesting that you register for meal planning purposes. (Link to come.)

WoodsWork Registration is open through April 18! WoodsWork is our mission trip for High School youth where we work with Habitat for Humanity to build houses, relationships, and faith. This year, we are headed to Richmond, VA from June 22-30. To sign-up or to learn more, visit woodschurch.org or scan this QR code.



Looking ahead...mark your calendar:

May 23, 2026 – A Night on Broadway

June 6, 2026 – Spring Concert – "A Tapestry of Music"

LILIES GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD



IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

- ~ Jo Ellen Humphries Brewton, with love Steve and John Brewton
- ~ George and Joan Humphries, with love Steve and John Brewton
- ~John and Sheila Falvey, with love the Falvey family
- ~William Davis, Jr., with love the Davis Family
- ~Edward Fleishman, with love the Davis Family
- ~Donald Larkin, Sr., with love the Davis Family
- ~William, Jean, and Lynn Treakle, with love Janice E. Treakle
- ~Karen Treakle Taylor, with love Janice E. Treakle
- ~Dr. Carl Rogge, with love Brenda, Jeff, Kyle, Nicole, Finley, and Porter
- ~Liz and Arnie Morris, with love Cindy Long
- ~Frank Bumpus, with love David, Maria, Julia, and Mia
- ~Patrick and Betty Putzi, with love David, Maria, Julia, and Mia
- ~Our parents and grandparents, with love Don Counts and Valerie Wesner
- ~Ruth, Woody, Joan, Don, and Steve, with love Terry and Rob
- ~Cliff and Jerry Hyatt, with love Jim Hyatt and Nancy Nolan
- ~Suzanne Hyatt, with love Jim Hyatt and Nancy Nolan
- ~Carl and Ermgard Wiedemann, with love Nancy Nolan and Jim Hyatt
- ~Art Nolan, with love Nancy Nolan and Jim Hyatt
- ~Art, Sr. and Louise Nolan, with love Nancy Nolan and Jim Hyatt
- ~Art Johnson, with love Meredith and Liz
- ~Catherine "Cathy" Hartwick, with love Bob, Sarah, and Jessica
- ~Francis "Frank" Jonczak, with love Norma
- ~Margaret and Bill Smedley, with love Jane Smedley
- ~Kathy Larkin, with love Marilyn Pollock
- ~Charles and Mary McLaughlin, with love their children John, Cara, and David
- ~Dana and Betty Goodrich, with love Karen and Tom Lerario
- ~Pete and Louise Lerario, with love Tom and Karen Lerario
- ~ Eleanor and Bob Gicquelais, with love Sue and Doug Nauman
- ~Betty and Earl Nauman, Sue and Doug Nauman
- ~Reinald Carter, with love Maribelle Carter
- ~Delene and Adolph Haines, with love Bev and Steve Haines
- ~Helen and Edwin Jamison, with love Bev and Steve Haines
- ~ Charlotte V. Miller, with Love Kim Miller Erickson
- ~Isla Rea Paine, with love Dick and Penny Moore
- ~Our parents, with love Gregg and Caroline Behling
- ~Dr. and Mrs. John Hanna Brewer, with love Betty Butler
- ~Jon Covington, with love Cindy and Steven Covington
- ~Mel and Edith Mackey, with love Renee Mackey
- ~Emily Schindler, with love Chuck and Jane Schindler
- ~Jacqui Stone, with love from Jim and family
- ~Bill and Dot, with love Ted and Jill Florenz
- ~Pam and Ted, with love Ted and Jill Florenz

IN HONOR OF LOVED ONES

- ~ Lindsey, Jay, Charlie, and Max, with love Sue and Doug Nauman
- ~Midshipman Phoebe Yoder, with love the Putzi family

- ~Adam, Hilary, Mariella, Aiden, with love Don Counts(papa) and Valerie Wesner (nana)
- ~All Stephen Ministers, Doug and Jacquelynnie Shade
- ~Cleve, Meredith, William, and Anna Hyatt, with love Jim Hyatt and Nancy Nolan
- ~Erin and Robb, Heidi and Charlotte Bohannon, Kelly, Sean, Connor, Keira, and Everly Martin,
Patrick, Sam, James, and Josephine Nolan, with love Nancy Nolan and Jim Hyatt
- ~Luke, Josie, June, and Maya, with love Gaga and PeePaw, Terry and Rob