

Woods Memorial
Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



April 26, 2026 ~ 9:30AM

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4th Sunday of Easter

9:30AM

PRELUDE

**Panis Angelicus (Angelic Bread) from
Mass. Op. 12**

C. Frank

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Pastor J. C. Austin

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT

Come and Eat This Living Bread
Adult Choir

R. Glover

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Patt Haun

Leader: What is the good news that we proclaim?

People: Christ is risen; he is risen indeed!

Leader: Come, let us celebrate Christ's victory over death!

People: Come, let us celebrate Christ's gift of new and abundant life!

Leader: Come, let us give thanks to the Lord of all creation;

People: Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN 260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
Verses – 1, 2, 4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sarah Wilson, Interim Pastoral Associate

Gracious and Loving God, in Jesus Christ you came to us as the Way to abundant and eternal life in you, but we have often failed to follow your way in Christ. Sometimes we fail to see Christ right there with us; sometimes we don't believe what we do see; sometimes we choose not to see. In your mercy, forgive us; help us to focus anew on your ways and your Way, and give us faith and hope to follow even when we cannot see where you are leading. Through Christ we pray.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

I Am The Living Bread
Adult Choir

M. McCabe

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.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Kathryn "Kat" Green, Director of Children's Ministry

ANTHEM

Not By Bread Alone
Solo – Anthony Riviera
Adult Choir

R. Holland

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Patt Haun

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19

SERMON

“Living Bread: Broken and Shared”

Pastor J. C. Austin

Luke 24:13-35

***HYMN 516**

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Verse 1– Adult Choir

Verses 2-4 –Congregation

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (the Apostles’ Creed)

Sarah Wilson

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND OFFERING

Elder Patt Haun

A portion of today’s offering supports our Welcome committee and Board of Deacons, who strive to grow and nurture the body of Christ that is Woods Church. This includes offering regular new member classes, coordinating pastoral care, Stephen Ministers, fellowship activities, and supportive outreach to people in times of need, grief, or loss.

To give: text **Woods** to 73256 or go to **“Give”** on **woodschurch.org** or use the **QR-Code** on the back of the bulletin.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Let Us Break Bread Together

B. Greer

Adult Choir

***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 625**

How Great Thou Art

Verses- 1, 2, 4

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Pastor J. C. Austin

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Threefold Amen

M. Haugen

Adult Choir

***POSTLUDE**

Elevation & Communion (St. Eucaire)

L. Lefébure-Wély

*Please stand if you are able

Woods Church services are live streamed and available for public viewing via YouTube on our website (www.woodschurch.org). Current church activities and events are also available for viewing. Check us out!

A Stephen Minister will be available, to the side of the chancel by the Stephen Minister banner, at the end of the service to listen and to pray with you. 9:30AM Gale Gillespie

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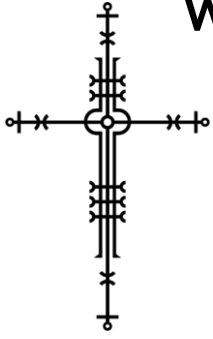


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Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

April 26, 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 are in memory of Jennifer Nield from her loving family and friends.

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

Christian Education/Sunday School Classes

Children's Sunday School Registration Forms are Located on the Welcome Desk

Time	Location		
8AM Men's Bible Study	Room 208/Virtual	10:30AM Children's Choir	Choir Room
9:30AM Spiritual Exploration Group	Conference/Virtual	11AM Reading and Feeding Bible Study	Room 208/Virtual
Nursery 0-2-year-olds	Room 110	Nursery 0-2-year-olds	Room 110
2 & 3-year-olds	Room 115	All Children	Room 107
4, year-olds – 5 th graders	Room 107		
1 st – 2 nd graders	Room 150	3:30PM H.S. Bible Study	Room 212
3 rd – 5 th graders	Room 155		
Middle & High School	Room 208/212		

Upcoming Events & Church News

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 event is Free. Use the QR-code to register. Children's program provided by Kat Green in the library.



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. Zoom Meeting ID: 880 8427 8738 | Passcode: 786861

Dinner Church Experience - Join us on **Monday, May 11** in **Fellowship Hall** for our **Dinner Church Experience!** We'll begin with a **gathering time at 5PM**, followed by **Dinner Worship at 5:30PM**, concluding around 6:30PM. This will be a **family-friendly, multi-generational evening** of food, faith, and fellowship in a comfortable, casual setting. We'll gather around tables as dinner becomes part of the worship service, which will include **singing, prayer, a message from one of our pastors, and an interactive reflection time.** Come share in **good worship, good food, and good community!**

Hope for All Pillow Drive! Help turn houses into homes! Hope for All needs **1,000 new standard-size pillows** for local families in need. Woods Church is collecting new pillows **May 3-17**. Drop off donations in the blue bin in the lobby starting **May 7**. A simple pillow can make a big difference. Questions? Contact Pam Blumenthal at mblumenthal1941@gmail.com.

A Night on Broadway - Join us Saturday, May 23, for an exciting evening of music and fine dining! Over a delicious Italian dinner enjoy performances by local talented Musical Theaters singers: Soprano - Sarah Kent, Soprano - Jenna Augustine, Tenor - Dillon McCarrick, Tenor - Lucas White, and Tenor - David Merrill as they serenade you with popular musical theater songs, and classical favorites. And this year, special guest appearances by local musical theater dancers: Matthew Walter, Brayden McDowell, Summer Moore, Jacob Hahn, and Meridian Toalepai. **Dinner Menu:** Pasta, Salad, New York Cheesecake. (Catered from local Squisito Pizza and Pasta) Gluten-Free available. **Doors Open: 5:30PM. Dinner Begins: 6PM. Performance Starts: 6:30PM Tickets: \$30.** To purchase tickets please visit www.woodstix.org or use the QR-Code. For questions please email Pam Ward at pward@woodschurch.org.



A Tapestry of Music - Spring Concert - Saturday, June 6 at 7PM - FREE. Join us for our Spring Concert - "A Tapestry of Music," featuring American Composers and the Greats that Influenced Them. Come and hear music by Aaron Copland, Leonard Bernstein, John Williams, J.S. Bach, L. Beethoven, J. Brahms and more, it's a concert truly interwoven through time. This concert will include the Woods' Adult choir, Elysian Dancers, Vocal and Instrumental soloists, and a special piano solo by Jung-hoon Park. This concert is free but a ticket is required. Please register at www.woodstix.org or use the QR-Code. For additional information please email David Merrill at dmerrill@woodschurch.org



Open Dance Classes - FREE - From 2 - 3:15PM in the Fellowship Hall. Join our Worship Ministry for a series of free dance classes this Spring! Professional teachers will offer a variety of dance styles including jazz, musical theater, contemporary, tap, yoga, and more! Open to anyone ages 12 and over in & outside the Woods community. All experience levels are welcome though classes will be taught at an intermediate level with options for beginners & advanced students. Our first class begins on Sunday, please note that there is no dance class on 04/19. For more information please email Alyssa Barlis at alyssabarlis@gmail.com.

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. Use the QR-code to register.



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. Use the QR-code to register.

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. Use the QR-code to register.

New Artwork Display! The children of Woods Child Development Center worked joyfully to create wonderful art designed around the theme What Do I Spy in the Water? All the children, aged 2 to 5, used many different mediums to create artwork to depict colors. Some children painted rainbows while other children created artwork including waterfalls, swirls, collages. Some children even worked together to make group projects.