

Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



February 1, 2026 ~ 9:30AM

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4th Sunday after Epiphany

9:30AM

PRELUDE

The Beatitudes

A. Foote

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Pastor J. C. Austin

PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

Beatitudes Hymn

Adult Choir

H. Malan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Mark Bohlman

Leader: Blessed are the poor in spirit; they will rejoice in God's reign forever.

People: Blessed are those who mourn; they will be comforted in God's reign forever.

Leader: Blessed are those who seek justice and righteousness; they will find it in God's reign forever.

People: Blessed are those who build peace in the world; they will have it in God's reign forever.

ALL: Blessed are we in worshipping God together; come, let us worship God!

***HYMN**

Beatitudes

Lyrics C. Gillette

(Tune: Nettleton, Come, Thou fount of Every Blessing)

Blessed are the poor in spirit; all God's realm is surely theirs.

Those in mourning will find comfort as an answer to their prayers.

Meek ones whom this world despises will inherit everything.

God, your kingdom still surprises; may we seek the reign you bring.

Blessed, too, are those who hunger and who thirst for what is right.

They will not be prone to wander, for your will is their delight.

Those who show God's care and mercy will receive that mercy too.

God, in Christ you show us clearly of the joy we have in you.

Those who share the peace God gives them will find blessings as God's own.

Those oppressed for faithful living will call heaven's kingdom Home.

When the world's ways seem distressing and we feel life's painful sting,

God, remind us of the blessings of the wondrous life you bring.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds

Holy God, in your grace, mercy, justice, and peace, we are truly blessed. There is nothing in heaven or in earth that can separate us from your love. Yet we still often focus on what we do not have, or what others have that we want. We lose sight of your love in the busyness and challenges of our lives. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to recognize your love at work all around us, so that we may reflect it and share it with others as we do.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

The Beatitudes

V. Martynov

Solo – Lauren Mariah

Organ – Jung-hoon Park

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Mark Bohlman

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 15:1-5

SERMON

"Mixed Blessings"

Pastor J. C. Austin

Matthew 5:1-12

***HYMN 694**

Great God of Every Blessing

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from "A Brief Statement of Faith")

Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND OFFERING

Elder Mark Bohlman

A portion of today's offering supports our Adult Education and Small Group ministry, which offers educational classes on Sunday mornings as well as bible studies, Christcare programs and fellowship opportunities throughout the week.

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

The Beatitudes Song

Brook Hills Worship

Duet - Everett Clark and Violet Thompson

***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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

In the Presbyterian Church, communion is open to those who desire to meet with Christ, regardless of denominational affiliation. Mindful of our vows to nurture our children in the faith, we encourage parents to include their children at the Lord's Supper.

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just to give God thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing Bread and Cup

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor J. C. Austin

***HYMN 852**

When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

Verse 1 – David Merrill

Verses 2, 3 - Congregation

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Pastor J. C. Austin

***POSTLUDE**

I'll Fly Away

Piano – Jung-hoon Park

M. Hayes

*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!

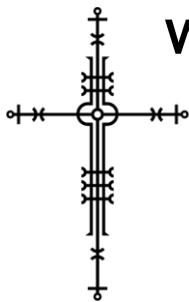
A Stephen Minister will be available, to the side of the chancel by the Stephen Minister banner, at the end of the service to listen and to pray with you. 9:30AM Gale Gillespie | 11AM Betsy Stewart



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Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)

February 1, 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 Jenny Henry 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 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 Adult Bible Study Nursery 0-2-year-olds 2 & 3-year-olds 4, year-olds – 5 th graders Middle & High School	Conference/Virtual Room 150 Room 150 Founders Room Room 208/212	11AM More Than Time Nursery 0-2-year-olds All Children 12:15PM SEEK Band	Room 208/Virtual Room 110 Room 107 Choir Room

Upcoming Events & Church News

Interested in learning about membership here at Woods Church? Our next New Member Class – Sunday, February 1, 2026 (has been cancelled). The next membership class will be Sunday, February 15 at 10:45AM.

On Sunday, February, 8, we will have a single worship service **at 9:30AM** in the sanctuary, in which Nancy will preach her final sermon as our pastor. Immediately following the service, there will be **a brief Congregational Meeting in which we will conduct the formal business of "dissolving the pastoral call,"** as Presbyterians describe this moment. Following the meeting, we will adjourn to a reception in Fellowship Hall.

Our dearly loved Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds will retire from both Woods Church and pastoral ministry this February. In countless ways through her pastoral care, preaching, and leadership, she has helped guide, nurture, and support our congregation and the larger community. We are planning events in Nancy's honor on the weekend of February 7 and 8. One of the ways we will celebrate Nancy's ministry among is through what the church often calls a "Love Offering," meaning a financial gift that expresses our love and gratitude for her and her ministry among us. If you would like to contribute to this gift, you may do so in several ways. With cash or check, please put it in an envelope with Nancy's name on the memo line for the envelope and check itself. You can either mail them in or leave the envelopes in the drop safe attached to the end of mailboxes in Church Office. Alternatively, you may give online [using this link](#) or go to **woodschurch.org to Give and select Love-Offer NLR from dropdown menu.** The last option is to text "WOODS NLR" to 73256 from your mobile device. I encourage you to be as generous in your giving as Nancy has been in her spirit and service to God through this church.

Souper Bowl Sunday, February 8, is the big game, and that means it's also a day to make a BIG difference. Before and after both services next Sunday, Woods Youth will be collecting donations either via cash/check or non-perishable food items, all to support our mission partner SPAN in their efforts to alleviate hunger in our community. Please prayerfully consider contributing!

Adult Ed Series – “More than time – Measuring Days in Wisdom” runs through February 15. Led by David Lohff, whose eclectic journey as a pastor, hospice chaplain, business owner and fitness instructor may be helpful to point out scenery as we observe life together. We will meet in Room 208 at 11AM and on Zoom at Meeting ID: 880 0127 9626 | Passcode: O36892

The Prince of Egypt – Tickets | Performance Dates: March 13–15 and March 19–21, 2026, **Cost:** \$20.00 per ticket woodstix.org. Woods Church will be presenting **The Prince of Egypt**, a sweeping, epic musical featuring music and lyrics by Grammy and Academy Award winner **Stephen Schwartz**, with a book by **Philip LaZebnik**. This powerful story follows two brothers—one destined to rule as Pharaoh, the other called to rise up and free his true people. Both must confront a destiny that will change history forever.

Important Notes: 1. Due to the inability to fully blackout all windows in the performance area, **matinee performances will have ambient sunlight** entering the space. 2. **Content Advisory** – This production includes strobe lighting effects, loud noises, and scenes depicting fighting and stage combat. 3. **Disclaimer** – This show depicts intense situations and thematic elements adapted from the book of Exodus. While children are welcome to attend, parental guidance is suggested.

Immersive Spiritual Experience on Sundays in Lent, March 1 – 29, 2026 – Join us for spiritual formation which incorporates contemplative walking, experiential lessons and spiritual practices to synchronize body and mind, enabling self-reflection which can draw us closer to God. Interested? Come find out more at our table in Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, January 18.

SPAN (Serving People Across Neighborhoods) is currently in need of canned meats and fish, canned fruit, canned vegetables, cooking oil, shelf stable parmesan cheese, toilet paper and paper towels. Please donate to the SPAN bins in the Church lobby behind the Welcome Desk. Thank you!

Prince of Egypt - Friends and Family Movie Night - February 13 - Dinner at 5:30PM & Movie at 7PM. We are excited to announce our Prince of Egypt Movie night on Friday February 13 at 7PM. We will be having a potluck dinner and viewing of the DreamWorks version of Prince of Egypt. Dinner begins at 5:30PM in the Fellowship Hall, followed by the movie in the sanctuary at 7PM. Feel free to come for all or just part of this fun gathering. This event is free to all, but we ask that you consider contributing a dish/snack/dessert to share. The church will provide pizza. We are looking forward to seeing you there, if you have any questions please email Alyssa Barlis at performingarts@woodschurch.org. Please use this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70AO444A8A82AA75-61588546-prince>



below to RSVP.

Art Exhibit in the Gallery - Please visit the new art display in the Gallery. This month's art exhibit is a Digital Photography exhibit entitled "Window to Our World" by Dennis and Molly Balog, Bill Daniel, and Don Roland. Their photography captures the extraordinary.

Save the Date! Woods Adult Mission Trip, April 20 – 25, 2026. We will travel to Richmond, VA and work with the Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity affiliate. We are looking for 10+ volunteers for this mission trip. For more information go to news and upcoming events at woodschurch.org and click on the flyer. Contact Tom Lerario (txlerario@gmail.com) or Scott Rundle (srundle69@gmail.com) with questions and/or to sign up.

Looking ahead...mark your calendar:

February 17, 2026 – Pancake Supper all are welcome (5-6:30PM)

February 13, Prince of Egypt – Family Movie Night (dinner at 5:30PM and Movie at 7PM)

February 18, 2026 – Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent

March 13-15 & March 19-21, 2026 – The Prince of Egypt Musical

March 29, 2026 – Palm Sunday

April 5, 2026 – Easter Sunday

July 6-20, 2026 – Children's Art and the Bible (extended hours)

July 13-17, 2026 – Children's Day Camp and Vacation Bible School (extended hours)