

Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



February 15, 2026 ~ 9:30AM
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PRELUDE

Voluntary on Lead, Kindly Light

E. L. Ashford

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Pastor J. C. Austin

PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

Shine On Us

M. Smith

Duet – Morgan Binnix, David Merrill

CALL TO WORSHIP (Taken from Worship)

Elder Gregg Behling

Leader: We come with many questions and concerns, Lord;

People: You filled Jesus with light and said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

Leader: We come from many places and circumstances, Lord.

People: You filled Jesus with light and said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

ALL: Let us worship and listen to the Lord, hearing and following God's Word!

*HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Verses – 1, 2, 4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sarah Wilson, Interim Pastoral Associate

Gracious and Loving God, you transfigured Jesus on a mountaintop into a vision of your glory, and told Peter and us to listen to him. Yet we confess that we often listen to ourselves or others instead, which tell us to be silent when we could speak up, to hold back when we could give, to turn away instead of turning towards you and our neighbors. Forgive us, Lord, and fill us with your Spirit in new ways, that we may always follow the Light of Christ. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

Adult Choir

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

Shine, Jesus, Shine

G. Kenrich

Sarah Kent

Children's Choir

Congregation – Join on Final Chorus

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Gregg Behling

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 24:12-18

SERMON**"Turn and Face the Strange"**

Matthew 17:1-9

Pastor J. C. Austin

HYMN*Christ Be Our Light**

Verses – Jane Merrill

Chorus - Congregation

B. Farrell

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

Sarah Wilson

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 Gregg Behling

A portion of today's offering supports our Mission ministry in the area of children and family life. This includes our donations to the "Start the Adventure in Reading" (STAIR) second-grade tutoring program, and the Parenting for a Different World support network.

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**Be Thou My Vision**

M. Hayes

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 673*Jesus, Light of Joy*****CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Pastor J. C. Austin

CHORAL BENEDICTION*Threefold Amen**

M. Haugen

Adult Choir

POSTLUDE*This Little Light of Mine**

B. Righetti

*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 John Dunham

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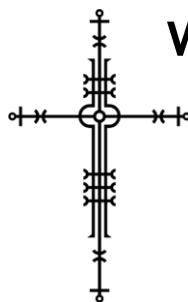
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Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)

February 15, 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	9:30AM Middle & High School	Room 208/212
9:30AM Adult Bible Study Nursery 0-2-year-olds 2 & 3-year-olds 4, year-olds – 5 th graders 1 st – 2 nd graders 3 rd – 5 th graders	Conference/Virtual Room 110 Room 115 Room 107 Room 150 Room 155	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

Church Closure – In honor of President's Day, the church will be closed on **February 16**. We will reopen on **February 17 at 9AM**.

Interested in learning more about Woods Church and/or membership here? Join us today for our New Member Information Class on **at 10:45AM** in the Founders Room

Do you LOVE pancakes? Join the Children and Youth Ministries for a **pre-Lent Pancake Supper & Dinner Church** with family Lent activities Tuesday, February 17 from 5-6:30PM in Fellowship Hall all are welcome.

Ash Wednesday, February 18, services at 12PM & 6:30PM. Ash Wednesday is the traditional beginning of the season of Lent. It involves a worship service with times of confessional prayer and the imposition of ashes. Ashes have long been a symbol of repentance, sorrow, and sacrifice. We remember that we come from dust and to dust we shall return; yet this life journey is both known by God and redeemed by the love of Christ.

Coffeehouse Concert: Saturday, February 28 at 7:30PM – Join the Praise Team and friends for a night of acoustic music. This is a free event. No tickets required.

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.

Immersive Spiritual Experience on Sundays in Lent, March 1–29, 2026 – Join us for an intergenerational 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.

Opportunities to serve during Lent: The Missions Ministry is encouraging two possibilities to serve our local and international communities.

Serving People Across Neighborhoods (SPAN): Continue to fight hunger during Lent by stopping by the Missions Table behind the Welcome Desk on Sundays from 2/22/26-3/22/26 and pick up a blue SPAN bag with an attached list of needed items. Fill and return your blue SPAN bag on or any time before 3/22/26. The attached list also has a QR-code to order from Amazon and ship directly to SPAN. Thank you for your continued support of SPAN!

Cuba UPDATE: Please pray deeply for the people of Cuba during this Lenten season. Unfortunately, the planned Missions Trip to Cuba has been canceled due to a severe fuel crisis that has led to the suspension of international flights. As a result, Cuba will no longer be receiving the much-needed supplies that were to be delivered during this trip.

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.

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. How does God encourage us? How is God with us? 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. The program was developed by Kat Green, Director of Children's Ministry at Woods Church. Registration is limited.

VBS Express 4-6PM - 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.

Looking ahead...mark your calendar:

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

Adult Ed. Offering Passed Our Limitations: The Power of Community. I'll Push You is the story of two friends who embark on a spiritual journey across the Camino de Santiago. What makes their pilgrimage remarkable is that one friend pushes the other who is confined to a wheelchair. Their book provides insights into friendship and community while exploring spiritual truths that remind us to embrace life even when we experience limitations. Like the themes in the book, the emphasis during Lent is self-reflection, simplicity and spiritual discipline. Join us **Sunday at 11AM in room 208 February 22 - March 22** as we explore spiritual disciplines that push past our limitations and draw us closer to God.