

# Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



March 8, 2026 ~ 9:30AM

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

9:30AM

**PRELUDE**

***Oh The Deep, Deep Love***

K. Campbell

Violin – Laura Knutson  
Piano – Jung-hoon Park

**WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY**

Pastor J. C. Austin

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**INTROIT**

***Gymnopédie No. 1***

F. Satie

Violin – Laura Knutson  
Piano – Jung-hoon Park

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Elder Tom Magette

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord!

**People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Leader: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving!

**People: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

**\*HYMN 475**

***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Sarah Wilson, Interim Pastoral Associate

**Gracious God, in Christ you offer us the water of life, sustaining us in body and spirit through the power of your love. Yet we still wander off into the deserts of fear, of despair, of busyness. Forgive us, Lord, and fill us with your living water, so that we may not thirst for anything else, and we may learn how to share it with others through our lives and faith.**

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

***Rest In the Fountain***

M. Kellner

Violin – Laura Knutson  
Piano – David Merrill

**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

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Pastor J.C. Austin  
Sarah Wilson  
Elder Dennis Balog

**Logan Gabriel Mudrick**

Son of Christopher and Katherine Mudrick, Jr.

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from the Apostles' Creed)

Pastor J. C. Austin

**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.**

**To the Congregation:**

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to teach, guide, and nurture Logan in his journey of faith as a follower of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Will you be examples for Logan by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of this church? **We will.**

**Welcome and Promise:**

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Elder Tom Magette

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 4:5-26

**SERMON**

**"The Unusual Suspects"**

Pastor J. C. Austin

John 4:27-42

**\*HYMN 441**

***Hear the Good News of Salvation***

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Sarah Wilson

**Congregational Vows**

Do you promise to guide and nurture Natalie as she seeks to know and follow Christ? **We do.**

Will you listen to her voice, hopes and ideas for the future as we partner with them to help the church grow and change to the glory of God? **We will.**

**Welcome and Promise**

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND OFFERING**

Elder Tom Magette

A portion of today's offering supports our Children's ministry with its rich array of programming for children up through fifth grade. This includes nursery and Sunday School classes, Vacation Bible School, and age-specific musical and educational offerings.

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***

T. Trenney

Solo – Lauren Mariah  
Violin – Laura Knutson

**\*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 643**

***Now Thank We All Our God***

Verses – 1, 2

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Pastor J.C. Austin

**\*POSTLUDE**

***Eine kleine Nachtmusik***

W. A. Mozart

Violin – Laura Knutson  
Piano – Jung-hoon Park

\*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](http://www.woodschurch.org)). Current church activities and events are also available for viewing. Check us out!

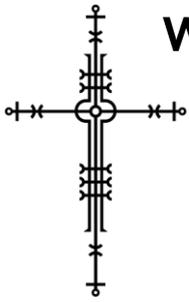
A Stephen Minister will be available, to the side of the chancel by the Stephen Minister banner, at the end of the service to listen and to pray with you. 9:30AM John Dunham | 11AM Bill Hadley



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# Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)

## March 8, 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 Sally Sachse and are given for the glory of God and  
~In memory of Gary Anderson, from his loving family

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		
<b>8AM</b> Men's Bible Study	Room 208/Virtual	<b>9:30AM</b> Middle & High School	Room 208/212
<b>9:30AM</b> Adult Bible Study	Conference/Virtual	<b>11AM</b> The Power of Community	Room 208/Virtual
Nursery O-2-year-olds	Room 110	Nursery O-2-year-olds	Room 110
2 & 3-year-olds	Room 115	All Children	Room 107
4, year-olds – 5 <sup>th</sup> graders	Room 107	<b>3:30PM</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> graders	Room 150	H.S. Bible Study	Room 212
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> graders	Room 155		

### Upcoming Events & Church News

**The Prince of Egypt – Tickets | Performance Dates:** March 13–15 and March 19–21, 2026, **Cost:** \$20.00 per ticket [woodstix.org](http://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.

**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. 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. Meeting ID: 892 7128 0049 | Passcode: 269356.

**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. The journey begins in Founders Room at **3:30PM on March 1**.

Have your kids join us for a drop-in **“Pop Up Bible Study” from 9AM- 2PM on March 20 and 27** when AACPS are closed for Teacher In-Service. K-5th grade are invited to register. Mixed age group classes of led by Kat Green, Director of Woods Children's Ministry. Morning snack and Lunch Provided. Questions? Contact Lindsey Miller, [lmiller@woodschurch.org](mailto:lmiller@woodschurch.org).

**There will be a Service of Wholeness on Wednesday, March 25, at 6:15PM in the Sanctuary.** A service of prayer, laying on of hands and anointing by the pastors and elders for those experiencing emotional or physical concerns. If you would like to attend, please contact Maureen Adams at 410.647.2550 or email her at [madams@woodschurch.org](mailto:madams@woodschurch.org)

**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 particularly 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](http://woodschurch.org) and click on the flyer. Contact Tom Lerario ([txlerario@gmail.com](mailto:txlerario@gmail.com)) or Scott Rundle ([srundle69@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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, 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.

**Tech volunteers needed!** Easy to learn! We're currently looking for volunteers to help with running slides and cameras during our worship services. This would be a great opportunity to support our church behind the scenes and/or pick up a new skill or two! If you're interested in helping or have any questions, please email [ewillner@woodschurch.org](mailto:ewillner@woodschurch.org).

**Cecilia McKay Summary for Calendar 2025 -** As can be imagined, requests for financial assistance from Woods Church continues to raise. From January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 Woods received 406 requests for assistance. Of those, Woods provided funds to 147 families (12 each month) to prevent evictions or utility shut-off.

- Total Cecilia McKay expenditures during calendar 2025 = \$ 31,612.51
- Total donations from Woods members & organizations = \$ 35,522.00

**Thank you for your generosity and continued support of the Cecilia McKay Fund.**

**Looking ahead...mark your calendar:**

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

**March 29, 2026** – Palm Sunday

**April 5, 2026** – Easter Sunday

**May 23, 2026** – A Night on Broadway

**June 6, 2026** – Spring Concert