

Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



March 22, 2026 ~ 9:30AM

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5th Sunday of Lent

9:30AM

PRELUDE

"Urlicht" from Symphony No. 2 "Resurrection"

Mahler(organ)
Arr. Roelfsema

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Pastor J. C. Austin

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT

Christ We Do All Adore Thee

T. Dubois

(from Seven Last Words)

Adult choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Kelly Nowotnick

Leader: Holy God, you come to us even in places of the deepest shadows;

People: You call us to light and life in your loving presence;

Leader: even the tomb cannot withstand your grace and love, Lord;

People: Let us worship the Author of all salvation!

*HYMN 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Verses – 1, 2, 5

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sarah Wilson, Interim Pastoral Associate

Gracious and Loving God, in Jesus Christ you defeated the powers of sin and death through his death and resurrection, and freed us to receive your gift of abundant and eternal life. Yet we still often live as if the powers of this world are in control; we lose heart and lose sight of your power and desire to call us into new life out of the tombs of our lives. Help us to be aware of your presence around us no matter where we find ourselves, and to trust your love to be stronger than anything that opposes it. Through Christ we pray.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Hymn of Promise

N. Sleeth

Solo – Violet Thompson

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

Even Unto Death

A. Assaid

Solo - Teagan Yokanovich

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Deacon Kelly Nowotnick

SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:1-16

SERMON

"Conversations on the Way: Unbound Grief"

Pastor J. C. Austin

***HYMN 53**

O God, Who Gives Us Life

***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

Deacon Kelly Nowotnick

A portion of today's offering supports our Worship ministry as it seeks to praise God through the diverse musical and artistic gifts of our church and community. This includes our Praise Band and Adult Choir, our SEEK band and Children's Choir programs, our Art Gallery, and all liturgical aspects of our worship life.

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

My Name Is Lazarus

Arr. L. Gross

Quartet – David Thompson, Tom Magette, Lucas White, David Merrill
Guitar – Jim Robertson, Drums – Ed Lambert, Bass – Mike Dawson

***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 838**

Standing on the Promises

Verses – 1, 3, 4

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

POSTLUDE

Canonic Study No. 1 in C, Op. 56 – No. 1

Schumann

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 | 11AM Betsy Stewart

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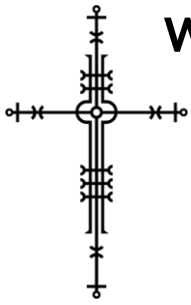
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Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)

March 22, 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 Delia Edelman and are given for the glory of God and

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 Spiritual Exploration Group	Conference/Virtual	11AM 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 th graders	Room 107	12:15PM	
1 st – 2 nd graders	Room 150	SEEK Bank	Choir Room
3 rd – 5 th graders	Room 155	3:30PM	
9:30AM Middle & High School	Room 208/212	H.S. Bible Study	Room 212

Upcoming Events & Church News

Congregational Meeting – Today following the 9:30AM service. The meeting is for the purpose of electing new church officers.

Dedicate a Lily in Honor or Memory of a Loved One, March 22 and 29. Every year we decorate Woods sanctuary with lovely lilies at Easter. The flowers are donated by members and friends to remember special people in their lives. If you would like to give a lily in memory or in honor of a loved one, the suggested donation is \$30. Dedications will be accepted online www.woodschurch.org through March 31 and in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 22 and 29. Plants may be picked up after the 11AM Easter service.

Easter Sunday is almost here! We need friendly greeters to welcome our guests at each service. If you would like to serve in this meaningful way, please contact the church office at 410-647-2550.

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. 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. After your solo walk, join us in the Founders Room at 4:45PM for a returning pilgrim spiritual practice.

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

Serving People Across Neighborhoods (SPAN): Please remember to return your blue SPAN bag today. 70 blue bags have been returned so far, this Lent season. Thank you for your continued support of SPAN!

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026 – This year's procession will start at the bottom of the church steps. Palm Sunday is a day of drama and paradox, of a crowd gathering to shout "**Hosanna**" (Hebrew for "Save us"), wanting to crown Jesus as king, but who later will call for this same king to be crucified outside the city walls. The triumphal entry into Jerusalem was celebrated with waving palm branches as Jesus entered humbly on a donkey.

Maundy Thursday Dinner Church, April 2, 2026 – Informal Gathering at 6PM service begins at 6:30PM in Fellowship Hall. This service will be centered around sharing a real meal together, interwoven with a contemplative-style worship in Scripture, music, prayer, and reflection, as well as sharing the sacrament of Communion.

Good Friday, April 3, 2026, service at 7:30PM. The Good Friday service moves the story of the last days of Jesus' earthly life forward from the early morning hours when Jesus was condemned to be crucified to the dark early evening hours when Jesus died on the cross and was laid in a borrowed tomb. The last words Jesus spoke from the cross will be remembered.

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.

Holy Week Services

March 29, 2026, 9:30 & 11AM

April 2, 2026, 6PM

April 3, 2026, 7:30PM

April 5, 2026

6:30AM

8AM

9:30AM

11AM

Palm Sunday

Maundy Thursday Dinner Church and Communion

Good Friday

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service in the Amphitheater

Traditional Service

Traditional Service with soloists in the sanctuary

Interactive Family Service in Fellowship Hall

Contemporary Service with Praise Band

Sunday school for 5th grade and under in Fellowship Hall

Looking ahead...mark your calendar:

May 23, 2026 – A Night on Broadway

June 6, 2026 – Spring Concert