

Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



Hosanna – Mike Moyers

March 29, 2026 ~ 9:30AM

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Palm Sunday

9:30AM

PRELUDE

All Glory, Laud, and Honor
Organ – Jung-hoon Park

Arr. D. Blazin

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
Trumpet – Jeremy Meeks

Trumpet Arr. D. Merrill

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Pastor JC Austin

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Ellen Oakes

Leader: Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

People: Hosanna in the highest! Save us, Lord!

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: Let us worship God with shouts and songs of praise!

*HYMN 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!
Verses 1, 2, 4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sarah Wilson, Interim Pastoral Associate

Gracious and Loving God, on Palm Sunday we celebrate Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem; we join the crowds who hailed him with palm branches and cries of, "Hosanna!" But like those crowds, we want to be saved on our own terms. We often desire vindication more than reconciliation, vengeance more than justice, and victory more than peace. We focus on our own rights and desires, and look past the need of our neighbors. Forgive and save us, Lord; set us on your path of love once again, that we may follow Christ wherever he goes. In Jesus' name we pray.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Jerusalem, My Destiny
Solo – David Merrill
Trumpet – Jeremy Meeks

R. Cooney

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sarah Wilson

*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

Cloaks and Branches
Children's Choir

R. Coot

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Ellen Oakes

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

SERMON

"Saying the Quiet Part Loud"

Pastor JC Austin

Matthew 21:1-11

***HYMN 196**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Trumpet – Jeremy Meeks

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (the 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 Ellen Oakes

A portion of today's offering supports our Mission ministry in the area of emergency assistance. This includes our donations to the Cecilia McKay Good Neighbor Fund, which provides financial assistance for utilities, rent or other crisis needs, and to the SPAN (Serving People Across Neighborhoods) regional food pantry.

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 Holy City

M. Maybrick

Solo – Lucas White, Adult Choir

Trumpet – Jeremy Meeks

***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 198**

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

Verses – 1, 2, 4

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Pastor JC Austin

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Threefold Amen

M. Haugen

Adult Choir

Trumpet – Jeremy Meeks
Organ – 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). 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. 11AM Betsy Stewart

In our continued efforts to be an environmentally conscious church each year we purchase our palms from Eco-Palms. Through eco-palms we help support the harvesting communities and families that harvest and select palms. In addition, our purchase helps protect the environment by protecting the rainforest in which the palms grow.

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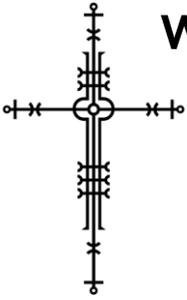
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Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)

March 29, 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 | 11AM Nursery 0-2-year-olds | Room 110 |
| 9:30AM Spiritual Exploration Group | Conference/Virtual | All Children | Room 107 |
| Nursery 0-2-year-olds | Room 110 | 12:15PM SEEK Band | Choir Room |
| 2 & 3-year-olds | Room 115 | 3:30PM H.S. Bible Study | Room 212 |
| 4, year-olds – 5 th graders | Room 107 | | |
| 1 st – 2 nd graders | Room 150 | | |
| 3 rd – 5 th graders | Room 155 | | |
| Middle & High School | Room 208/212 | | |

Upcoming Events & Church News

Dedicate a Lily in Honor or Memory of a Loved One. 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 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.

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.

Maunder 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.

Easter Family Service is an interactive service of prayer and praise led by the children's Sunday School and their leadership.

Spring is almost here! And soon we can switch over our wardrobes to summer clothing. As you pack up your cold weather clothes, please consider donating any outgrown children's clothing sizes T2 to Youth 20. We're collecting winter clothing and coats April 12 through 26 to be sold at the bazaar next fall. Look for the big blue bin in the main lobby. All proceeds benefit the mission partners of Woods!

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

April 2, 2026, 6PM

April 3, 2026, 7:30PM

April 5, 2026

6:30AM

8AM

9:30AM

11AM

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 (The

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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 – "A Tapestry of Music"