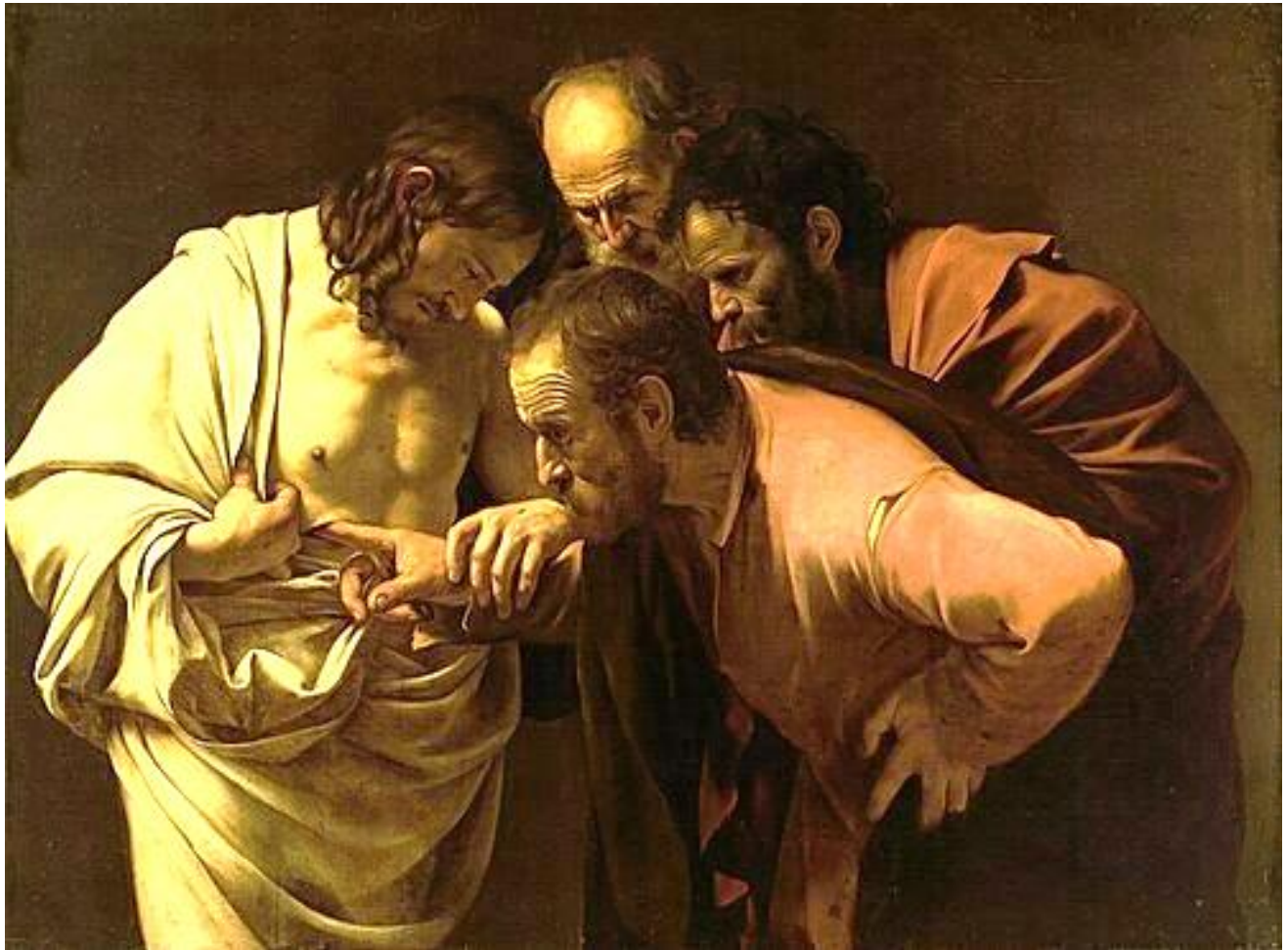


Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



The Incredulity of Saint Thomas
Italian: Incredulità di San Tommaso
Caravaggio, 1601-1602

Prayer for Meditation:

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

April 12, 2026 ~ 9:30AM

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Joy and Laughter Sunday

9:30AM

PRELUDE

Song of the Dance

S. Carter

Piano – David Merrill

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Sarah Wilson, Interim Pastoral Associate

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT

Coffee, Coffee, Coffee

Adult Choir

Congregation – Join on 2nd verse

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Scott Wiley

Leader: Peace be with you. Jesus stands among us.

All: Peace be with you. The risen Lord is here.

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is

All: when the people of God live in unity.

Leader: Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega,

All: the Lord who was and is and is to come.

***HYMN**

Sing a Happy Alleluia

S. E. Murray

(Tune: Angels From the Realms of Glory)

Sing a happy alleluia,
sing it out with heart and style—
we're the echo of God's laughter,
we're the image of God's smile.

We're the proof of God's good
humor,
we're the twinkle in God's eye,
made to shine, reflect the glory,
given light and space to fly.

Sarah laughed at God's good timing,
Mary sang and David danced,
Jesus smiled and hugged the
children—
so is life for us enhanced.

Refrain: Alleluia, all creation,
alleluia, everyone!

Refrain

Refrain

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. John Dunham

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we ignore the cries of the oppressed, and are indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Christ was Dead and Now He's Risen

J. Cassidy-Maloney

Solo – David Merrill

Lyrics

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

Happy Day
Sarah and Praise Band

E. Hawkins

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Scott Wiley

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

SERMON

"Are You Kidding Me?"
John 20:19-31

Sarah Wilson

HYMN

Go Tell It On the Mountain Jesus is Alive

Lyrics P. Lintern

While soldiers watched the gravesite
That quiet Sunday dawn
There came a big commotion
and then the storm was gone.

The women found no body
their spices to anoint,
Instead they found an angel,
God's message to appoint.

Go from where He isn't
to where He said He'd be.
An Eastertime reunion,
the hills of Galilee.

Refrain
Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere,
Go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus is alive.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Confession of 1967, 9.15)

Rev. John Dunham

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of human minds. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals God's love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND OFFERING

Elder Scott Wiley

A portion of today's offering supports our Mission committee in the area of evangelism, both local and worldwide. This includes donations that support PC(USA) mission co-workers around the world, and the Comunidad Presbiteriana de la Trinidad (CPT) serving the regional Hispanic population.

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

One Step He Leads
Adult Choir

P. Choplin

Piano – David Merrill, Guitar – James 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

Rev. John Dunham

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

Give Us Laughter Unexpected

(Tune: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee)

Verses – 1, 2, 3

Give us laughter unexpected, mirth that mothers us to health,
Bubbling up from deep within us, endless source of wondrous wealth.
May our tears flow o'er our cheekbones, not of sorrow but of mirth,
Freely flowing silly giggles, ones that mend this broken earth.

When we think creation's over, when we think there is no more,
Lead us to rethink our logic, help our joyous song restore.
There's a cheerful balm that saves us from the sorrow and the sting.
Laughter is the gift within us, sprouting up from joyous spring!

Blessed are you who weep with sorrow; soon the laughter comes to save.
God, our joyful source of mercy, raises you up from the grave.
Never cease to loose your chuckles, laugh out loud and let it fly.
Hold yourself in holy humor, share God's joy in strong supply.

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Sarah Wilson

POSTLUDE

One Step God Leads

P. Choplin

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 Bill Hadley

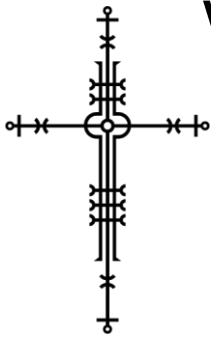


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Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

April 12, 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 the Delia Edelman 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.
~ Bagels are given with thanks to our Stephen Ministers

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 Reading and Feeding	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 SEEK Band	Choir Room
1 st – 2 nd graders	Room 150	3:30PM H.S. Bible Study	Room 212
3 rd – 5 th graders	Room 155		
9:30AM Middle & High School	Room 208/212		

Upcoming Events & Church News

Spring is 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 10. 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!

Open Dance Classes - FREE - Begins April 12 from 2 - 3:15PM in the Fellowship Hall. Join our Worship Ministry for a series of free dance classes this Spring! Professional teachers will offer a variety of dance styles including jazz, musical theater, contemporary, tap, yoga, and more! Open to anyone ages 12 and over in & outside the Woods community. All experience levels are welcome though classes will be taught at an intermediate level with options for beginners & advanced students. Our first class begins on Sunday, please note that there is no dance class on 04/19. For more information please email Alyssa Barlis at alyssabarlis@gmail.com.

New Adult Education Series – Reading and Feeding gourmet Bible study for the growing soul. **"Reading and Feeding"** is designed to look at scripture with fresh eyes, ears, and hearts to receive insight for vibrant discipleship. In **room 208 at 11AM from April 12 – May 17**, we will approach the Bible as a resource to feed our souls and fuel our spiritual journey. Breaking down pre-existing notions, cultural misunderstandings and the false assumption that the portrayal of God in the Old Testament is somehow "less Biblical" than the Christian New Testament, we will explore this guiding document of the Church. Zoom Meeting ID: 880 8427 8738 | Passcode: 786861

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. Use the QR-code to register.



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. Use the QR-code to register.

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. Use the QR-code to register.

Ministry of Belonging Workshop for Youth, April 25, 10AM-1PM! At this workshop, we'll be exploring how we can cultivate a more open and affirming space at our Woods Youth programs, specifically considering people of LGBTQ+ identities. If you're interested in how to move from tolerance into love, join us for this exploration of Christ-like acceptance! All youth 6th-12th grade are invited. We'll be gathering in the Youth Room 212, and lunch will be provided.

Adult Education is sponsoring the **Ministry of Belonging Lunch and Learn, April 26, 12:30-1:30PM.** In tandem with the Youth workshop on Saturday, Dr. Sarah Leer will help us to learn about how to become a more welcoming community, particularly with people of LGBTQ+ identities. If you have questions but don't know who or how to ask, or are wondering about the best way to support all of God's children, you are welcome to join us for lunch and discussion in the Founders Room. This is a free session, but we are requesting that you register for meal planning purposes. This event is Free. Use the QR-code to register.



WoodsWork Registration is open through April 18! WoodsWork is our mission trip for High School youth where we work with Habitat for Humanity to build houses, relationships, and faith. This year, we are headed to Richmond, VA from June 22-30. To sign-up or to learn more, visit woodschurch.org or scan this QR code.



New Artwork Display! The children of Woods Child Development Center worked joyfully to create wonderful art designed around the theme What Do I Spy in the Water? All the children, aged 2 to 5, used many different mediums to create artwork to depict colors. Some children painted rainbows while other children created artwork including waterfalls, swirls, collages. Some children even worked together to make group projects.

A Night on Broadway - Join us Saturday, May 23, for an exciting evening of music and fine dining! Over a delicious Italian dinner enjoy performances by local talented Musical Theater singers: Soprano - Sarah Kent, Soprano - Jenna Augustine, Tenor - Dillon McCarrick, Tenor - Lucas White, and Tenor - David Merrill as they serenade you with popular musical theater songs, and classical favorites. And this year, special guest appearances by local musical theater dancers: Matthew Walter, Brayden McDowell, Summer Moore, Jacob Hahn, and Meridian Toalepai. **Dinner Menu:** Pasta, Salad, New York Cheesecake. (Catered from local Squisito Pizza and Pasta) Gluten-Free available. **Doors Open: 5:30PM. Dinner Begins: 6PM. Performance Starts: 6:30PM Tickets: \$30.** To purchase tickets please visit www.woodstix.org. For questions please email Pam Ward at pward@woodschurch.org.

A Tapestry of Music - Spring Concert - Saturday, June 6 at 7PM - FREE. Join us for our Spring Concert - "A Tapestry of Music," featuring American Composers and the Greats that Influenced Them. Come and hear music by Aaron Copland, Leonard Bernstein, John Williams, J.S. Bach, L. Beethoven, J. Brahms and more, it's a concert truly interwoven through time. This concert will include the Woods' Adult choir, Elysian Dancers, Vocal and Instrumental soloists, and a special piano solo by Jung-hoon Park. This concert is free but a ticket is required. Please register at www.woodstix.org. For additional information please email David Merrill at dmerrill@woodschurch.org