



April 19, 2026 ~ 9:30AM

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3rd Sunday of Easter

9:30AM

PRELUDE

Easter Fugue -1 Christus ist erstanden
(Christ Is Risen)

J. G. Albrechtsberge

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Pastor J. C. Austin

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT

All Who Dwell
Adult Choir

D. Merrill

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Lee Laque

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples!

People: Shout to God with loud sounds of joy!

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord; sing praises!

People: Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN 246

Christ Is Alive!
Verses – 1, 2, 4, 5

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sarah Wilson, Interim Pastoral Associate

Gracious and Loving God, you call us by name and offer us abundant life, but we often wander astray, preferring our own paths to your guidance. We confess that we have not always listened for your voice or listened to it; we are often distracted and seduced by the easy promises of this world that offer much but give little. Forgive us for the times we have not trusted you, and for failing to follow where you lead, and to go where you go. Lead us back to your side, help us to trust your voice alone, and fill us with the life-giving grace you offer, that we may dwell with You forever. Through Christ we pray.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

From The Inside Out
Solo – David Merrill

J. Houston

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

His Eye Is on the Sparrow
Piano Solo – Keith Ivey

Arr. K. Ivey

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Lee Laque

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

SERMON

"Living Bread: Alive From the Inside Out"

Pastor J. C. Austin

John 10:1-10

***HYMN 187**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Verses 1, 2, 4

***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 Lee Laque

A portion of today's offering supports our Mission committee in the area of specialized services, such as donations that support the Baltimore Station's programs providing therapeutic and outpatient treatment options for veterans, and the Langton Green residence for adults with intellectual disabilities.

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

Come and Eat This Living Bread

R. Glover

Solo – Phil Hope

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 802**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Verses 1, 2, 3, 4

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Pastor J. C. Austin

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Threefold Amen

M. Haugen

Adult Choir

***POSTLUDE**

Paschal Fugue

J. Seger

*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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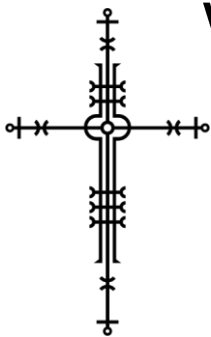


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Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

April 19, 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 Sue Hannahs and are given for the glory of God.
~ In memory of Jacqui Stone, from her loving family

Join us for bagels, coffee, and fellowship after the service in Fellowship Hall.
~ Bagels are given in honor of the Woods ushers

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 Bible Study	Room 208/Virtual
Nursery 0-2-year-olds	Room 110	Nursery 0-2-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		
Mom Strong	Fireside Room		
Middle & High School	Room 208/212		

Upcoming Events & Church News

Winter Clothes Collection! Spring is here it's time to switch over 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 – 26**, to be sold at the Bazaar next fall. Look for the big blue bin in the lower level lobby. All proceeds benefit the mission partners of Woods!

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.



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

Dinner Church Experience – Join us on **Monday, May 11** in **Fellowship Hall** for our **Dinner Church Experience!** We'll begin with a **gathering time at 5PM**, followed by **Dinner Worship at 5:30PM**, concluding around 6:30PM. This will be a **family-friendly, multi-generational evening** of food, faith, and fellowship in a comfortable, casual setting. We'll gather around tables as dinner becomes part of the worship service, which will include singing, prayer, a message from one of our pastors, and an interactive reflection time. Come share in **good worship, good food, and good community!**

Hope for All Pillow Drive. Sunday, May 3 – 17. We will be collecting **new standard size pillows** for our mission partner. These pillows will go to their **Turning Houses into Homes program**. Look for the big blue bin in the main lobby.

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 Theaters 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 or use the QR-Code. For questions please email Pam Ward at pward@woodschurch.org.



Open Dance Classes - FREE - 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.

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.

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 or use the QR-Code. For additional information please email David Merrill at dmerrill@woodschurch.org



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.