

# Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



May 10, 2026 ~ 9:30AM

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6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

9:30AM

PRELUDE

Ave Maria

Schubert  
Arr. Franz Liszt

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Pastor J. C. Austin

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT

*Come and Eat This Living Bread*  
Adult Choir

R. Glover

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Karen Jackson

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

People: You stretch out the heavens like a tent, and set the earth on its foundations.

Leader: You cover the earth with the waters like a garment. How vast are your works, O God!

People: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

\*HYMN 363

*Rejoice! The Lord is King!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sarah Wilson, Interim Pastoral Associate

Gracious and Loving God, you offer to fill us up with life and love, with purpose and peace. Yet too often we turn away from your gifts and hunger for things which do not last and leave us feeling more empty. We focus on what we want rather than what our neighbors need; we fear losing what we have. In your mercy, forgive us, Lord. Fill our hearts with your compassion, courage, and love, and use us as your ministers of grace to care for this broken world that you love. Through Christ we pray.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

*I Am the Bread of Life*  
David Merrill

S. Toolan

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

**He's Got the Whole World In His Hands**  
Children's Choir  
Adult Choir

Arr. J. Raney

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Karen Jackson

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 36:5-10

SERMON

**"Living Bread: For the Life of the World"**  
John 6:27-35, 48-51

Pastor J. C. Austin

\*HYMN 460

*Break Thou the Bread of Life*

Verses 1- Choir

Verses 1-2 Congregation

\*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

Elder Karen Jackson

A portion of today's offering supports our Mission committee in the area of combatting homelessness and hunger. This includes our donations to the Arundel House of Hope, our engagement with the Winter Relief shelter initiative, and our providing free meals through the Harundale Presbyterian Church lunch program.

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

*Panis Angelicus*

Solo Lauren Mariah

C. Saint-Seans

\*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 295

Go to the World!

Congregation is invited to bring pledge forward.

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor J. C. Austin

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

**He's Got the Whole World In His Hands**

Adult Choir

Arr. J. Raney

\*POSTLUDE

Ave Verum Corpus, K.618

Mozart

\*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 Lauren Lohff | 11AM Betsy Stewart

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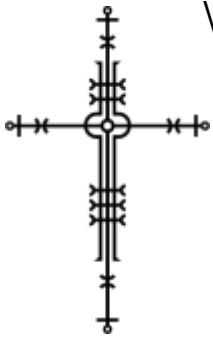


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# Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

May 10, 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.  
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	Time	Location
8AM Men's Bible Study	Room 208/Virtual	11AM Reading and Feeding Bible Study	Room 208/Virtual
9:30AM Spiritual Exploration Group	Conference/Virtual	Nursery 0-2-year-olds	Room 110
Nursery 0-2-year-olds	Room 110	All Children	Room 107
2 & 3-year-olds	Room 115	3:30PM H.S. Bible Study	Room 212
4, year-olds – 5 <sup>th</sup> graders	Room 107		
1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> graders	Room 150		
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> graders	Room 155		
Middle & High School	Room 208/212		

## Upcoming Events & Church News

Woods Co-ed Softball – No softball game today. Enjoy Mother's Day with your favorite mom.

Dinner Church Experience - Join us tomorrow, 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!

Praying every day in May is a Woods wide activity to support the church mission and ministry. Pick up a poster and pray every day in May!

Senior Fellowship Dinner - Member and guests 70 years and older are invited to join the Deacons for their annual Spring Fellowship dinner on Friday, May 15, 5:30-7:30PM Celebrating America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday. RSVP in the church office or email [madams@woodschurch.org](mailto:madams@woodschurch.org)

Hope for All Pillow Drive! Help turn houses into homes! Hope for All needs 1,000 new standard-size pillows for local families in need. Woods Church is collecting new pillows May 3–17. Drop off donations in the blue bin in the lobby. A simple pillow can make a big difference. Questions? Contact Pam Blumenthal.

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](http://www.woodstix.org) or use the QR-Code. For questions please email David Merrill at [dmerrill@woodschurch.org](mailto:dmerrill@woodschurch.org).

Mark your calendars for May 21! ACT (Anne Arundel Connecting Together) has asked that Woods members be invited to the Candidate Forum on Thursday, May 21 at Asbury Methodist Church, 87 West Street, Annapolis. The time is 7-8:30PM. It is our opportunity to hold candidates to their promises for making Anne Arundel County a better place to live for all. Come and show there is widespread support and concern for all residents of our county. If you have questions or to confirm your attendance, please contact Beth Hadley, Julia Erickson or Joan Tiernan.

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](http://www.woodstix.org) or use the QR-Code. For additional information please email David Merrill at [dmerrill@woodschurch.org](mailto:dmerrill@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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.**

Gallery Artwork Display- New Art Exhibit in the Gallery Titled *Mission Ministry "We partner with others, near and far, to share Christ's love with all."* Visit the gallery to enjoy photos of Woods' mission partners from around the world. The Mission Ministry works to offer immediate assistance, long-term development, love and encouragement to all, as well as to advocate for justice and speak out against the exploitation of "the least of these." We are a missional, servant church, and through the Missions Ministry, we strive to inspire, equip, and connect the congregation of Woods Church to go into the world and serve as the hands, feet, and heart of Christ in accordance with his teachings. The ministry is responsible for allocation and oversight of 11% of the total contributions received at Woods which are designated for Mission Outreach.