

# Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



May 24, 2026 ~ 9:30AM  
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PRELUDE

Etude in C, Op. 10 No.1

F. Chipin

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Pastor J. C. Austin

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT

*Spirit of the Living God*  
Adult Choir

J. Sooter

CALL TO WORSHIP

John Dunham

Leader: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you," the Lord promised;

**People: "and you shall be my witnesses to the ends of the earth," Jesus said.**

Leader: Come, let us be drawn into God's presence by the power of God's Spirit;

People: Come, let us worship God!

\*HYMN 289

*On Pentecost They Gathered*  
Verses 1, 2, 4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sarah Wilson, Interim Pastoral Associate

Gracious and Loving God, you send your Spirit rushing through us, filling us with light and warmth, strength and purpose. Yet we often seek to stifle your Spirit rather than be moved by it. You send us your Spirit of love, but we reject and attack those who oppose us. You send us your Spirit of joy, but we take your gifts for granted and worry that we do not have more. You send us your Spirit of hope, but we fear what the future holds and where you are in it. Forgive us, God; breathe new life and faith into us, that we may share the fruits of your Spirit in all our words and actions. Through Christ our Lord we pray.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

*Breathe on Me Breath of God*  
Adult Choir

S. Green

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

*Santo, Santo*  
Solo – Sarah Thompson  
Translation (Filipino)  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty  
Blessed is He comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the Highest

R. Cayabyab

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

John Dunham

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 11:1-9

SERMON

"Disorganized Religion"  
Acts 2:1-15, 22-24

Pastor J. C. Austin

\*HYMN 279

*Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

Sarah Wilson

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch **for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND OFFERING

John Dunham

A portion of today's offering supports our Adult Education and Small Group committee, which offers educational classes on Sunday mornings as well as bible studies, Christcare programs and fellowship opportunities throughout the week.

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

*Veni, Santé Spiritus*  
Solo – Kathy Lohff, Adult Choir  
Percussion – Ed Lambert, Flute – Joy Huskey,  
Piano – Junghoon Park

P. Kolar

\*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 280

*Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor J. C. Austin

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Threefold Amen*  
Adult Choir

M. Haugen

\*POSTLUDE

*Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost, BWV 631/370*

B. Harwood

\*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 Gale Gillespie | 11AM Betsy Stewart

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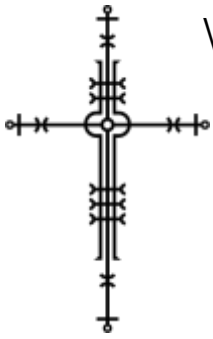


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# Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

May 24, 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

Flowers today were arranged by Jenny Henry & Sally Sachse and are given for the glory of God and  
-In honor of the wedding of Isabel Kintzley and Jackson Lewis

Join us for bagels, coffee, and fellowship after the service in Fellowship Hall.  
-Bagels today are given in memory of Barbara Steiner Shepherd

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 Nursery O-2-year-olds	Room 110
9:30AM Spiritual Exploration Group	Conference/Virtual	All Children	Room 107
Nursery O-2-year-olds	Room 110	3:30PM H.S. Bible Study	Room 212
2 & 3-year-olds	Room 115	Nursery O-2-year-olds	Room 110
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

Coed Softball! No game today it's Memorial Day weekend.

Interested in learning more about membership at Woods Church? Join us for our next Membership Class on Sunday, May 31 at 10:45AM in the Founders Room. Those completing the class will be presented to the congregation on Sunday, June 14 at the 9:30AM service.

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).

Dinner Church Experience - Join us Monday, June 8 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!

Adult Education is offering a new study Sundays at 11AM, May 31 – **June 28, featuring "Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet"**. We will explore the sites of Moses' life from Egypt to Mt. Sinai, the Nile, the Red Sea and the wilderness. Using historical information, archaeological data, and biblical text, Rev. Adam Hamilton describes Moses who grew in his relationship with God and ultimately fulfilled the role he was given. Turn your own reluctance into boldness as you see the challenges facing Moses and how God shaped his life in powerful ways. Meeting in Room 208 and on Zoom. Books will be in the office.

Family Summer Choir - Are you around over the summer and interested in singing, then come on by and sing with us! The Family Summer Choir sings on: July 5, July 26, August 16, September 6. We will meet at 8:45AM in the Sanctuary Choir Loft and learn the piece that morning. Not to worry all the tunes are recognizable, and a quick learn! If you have any questions, please email David at [dmerrill@woodschurch.org](mailto:dmerrill@woodschurch.org). Looking forward to hearing you sing!

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.