

Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



June 28, 2026 ~ 9:30AM

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5th Sunday After Pentecost

9:30AM

PRELUDE

Wo soll ich fliehen hin BWV 646
(Whom Shall I turn To)

J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Pastor J. C. Austin

PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

He Keeps Me Singing
Solo – Phil Hope
Guitar – Jim Robertson

L. Bridgers

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Mark Bohlman

Leader: Do not fret because of the wicked; for they will soon fade like the grass;

People: Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

Leader: The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; he is their refuge in time of trouble.

People: The Lord helps them and rescues them, because they take refuge in him.

*HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory
Verses 1, 2, 4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sarah Wilson, Interim Pastoral Associate

Gracious and Loving God, in his teachings Jesus called us to do to others as we would have them do to us. He said we should love our enemies, be merciful, and not judge or condemn. We confess that these are hard teachings, Lord; we feel justified in withholding love and mercy from those who hate us, in judging those who judge us. Lord, fill us with your Spirit of love and mercy, so that we may truly know your love and share it with everyone, even our enemies. Through Christ we pray.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Love Your Enemies
Guitar – Jim Robertson

O. Chilesotti

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

Pastor J. C. Austin

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Pastor J.C. Austin
Sarah Wilson
Elder Mark Bohlman

Alexandra Kate Wheeless
Jameson Grant Wheeless
Daughter and Son of Grant and Heather Wheeless

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from 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.

To the Congregation:

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to teach, guide, and nurture Allie and James in their journey of faith as a follower of Jesus Christ? We do.

Will you be examples for Allie and James by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of this church? We will.

Welcome and Promise:

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Mark Bohlman

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

SERMON

"More Than Fair"
Luke 6:20-36

Pastor J. C. Austin

*HYMN

Your Words of Love Confound Us
(Tune: God Whose Giving Knows no Ending)

Text – C. Gillette

Christ, your words of love confound us,
even as we give you praise,
for the lessons that you teach us seem
so far from this world's ways.
How can we love those who hate us?
How can we love enemies?
What of people who abuse us?
How can we love even these?

Make us mindful: love is action,
not a feeling that uplifts.
In each daily situation,
love's the greatest of all gifts.
It's the wiser, stronger person
who will break the chain of hate.
Love can usher in redemption;
love can make a people great.

If we love just those who love us,
where's the giving? Where's the grace?
Even sinners try to do this;
they have friends that they embrace.
May we do, Lord, unto others
as we'd have them also do.
You have shown us: Love is action.
May we love, and make things new.

Congregational Vows

Do you, the members of Woods Church, promise to guide and nurture these new members as they seek to know and follow Christ?

We do.

Will you listen to their voices, hopes and ideas for the future as we partner with them to help the church grow and change to the glory of God?

We will.

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND OFFERING

Elder Mark Bohlman

A portion of today's offering supports our Outreach and Service committee in the area of housing assistance. This includes our donations to "HOPE for All," which provides necessities to those moving out of homelessness, to "Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake," and "Light House, Inc." assistance to the housing-insecure 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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Duet – David Merrill, Phil Hope
Guitar – James Robertson

Arr. N. Drake

*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 300

We Are One in the Spirit
Verses 1, 2, 4

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor J.C. Austin

*POSTLUDE

Faith
(from 4 Sacred Melodies)

Berthold Tours

*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.



Pledge Card

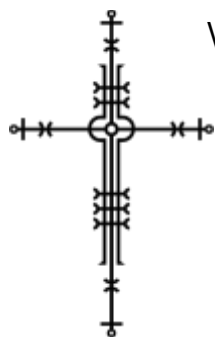


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Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

June 28, 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 Sue Hannahs 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
8AM Men's Bible Study	Room 208/Virtual
9:30AM Nursery 0-3-year-olds 4, year-olds – 5 th graders	Room 115 Room 150
11AM 250 Years of Christianity & Democracy in the United States	Room 208

Upcoming Events & Church News

Coed Softball! No game today this is a bye week our next game will be July 12.

June Series by Pastor JC Austin – Adult Education will offer a four-week class by Pastor JC titled, "250 Years of Christianity and Democracy in the United States." Sessions will be held at 11AM in Room 208 and via Zoom, June 14-28. The class will be recorded for future viewing on demand. JC will explore

some of the main ways that Christianity has engaged in the democratic society in the US from different historical/social contexts, from our founding to the present day. Meeting in Room 208 and on Zoom Meeting ID: 833 7763 8399 | Passcode: 444898.

Dinner Church Experience - Join us Monday, July 13 in Fellowship Hall for our Dinner Church Experience! We'll begin with a gathering time at 6PM, followed by Dinner Worship at 6:30PM, concluding around 7PM. (Special Time) 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!

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. Looking forward to hearing you sing!

All Aboard! Online registration for Day Camps and VBS Express are now closed. If you need assistance, contact Lindsey Miller or email children@woodschurch.org. More Stories! More Fun!

Save the Date: for the Woods Church Annual Holiday Bazaar, Saturday, November 21, 2026, from 9AM to 1PM. Start gathering donations now! We are looking for new or gently used: children's clothing from toddler to youth size 10, jewelry, books, records, CD's, DVD's, games, puzzles, artwork, toys, musical instruments, dishes, glassware, kitchen utensils, small working appliances, lamps, collectibles, and holiday items. Items that we are unable to accept: baby strollers, children's high-chairs, car seats, cribs, electronics, and furniture. Proceeds from the Bazaar will benefit the Outreach and Service Committee (formally the Missions Ministry) of Woods Church. Questions? Email Pam Blumenthal at mblumenthal1941@gmail.com or Delia Edelmann dedelmann30@gmail.com.

Welcome New Members!

Sora Kennedy: Sora was born in South Korea and came to the United States when she was 19. She went to the Maxwell School of Syracuse University and studied International Relations and Political Science. Sora also spent a summer at Oxford University in the U.K. studying the origins of the Revolutionary War. She currently lives in Arnold, MD and is very interested in running for office as a County Council member of District 5. Sora has many interests, but currently she is interested in horses and developing her equestrian skills. While in South Korea, she was baptized in the Methodist church but while here in Arnold she has found Woods online and discovered that its faith message was very meaningful. Sora, Welcome to Woods!

Grant and Heather Wheelless: Grant and Heather are from Atlanta, Georgia and have been in Severna Park for seven years. While in Georgia, they were part of the Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church. They have two children, Allie age 13 and James age 11. They have been attending Woods for the past five years. Grant is an Industrial Engineer and enjoys music and sports, and his son loves swimming. Grant has also been a basketball coach for the kids' league. Heather is a preschool teacher at the Pasadena Early Learning Center. She has many interests including exercising, traveling and driving the kids to all their events. They originally found out about Woods from our website. Welcome to Grant, Heather, Allie and James!