

Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



July 5, 2026 ~ 9:30AM

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6th Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE

"Nimrod"- From Enigma Variations

E. Elgar

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Sarah Wilson

PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

This Is My Song

J. Sibelius

Trumpet- Ralph Betz
Piano- David Merrill

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 95 :1 – 3, 6)

Deacon Kelly Nowotnick

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

People: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

*SONG

How Great Thou Art

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sarah Wilson

Gracious and loving God, forgive us when turn a deaf ear to your call in Jesus Christ and to the cries of those in the world who need your love and our help. Forgive us when we treat discipleship as a yoke of oppression rather than a blessing and gift for leading a faithful life as your people. O Lord, forgive our sin. Help us to know and love you with all that we are that we may love our neighbors as we love ourselves. We pray for the strength of your Holy Spirit to equip us for our calling as followers of Jesus Christ, in whom we have our hope and put our trust. Amen.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

We Belong to God

D. Merrill

Adult Choir

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

Fantasia on "Materna"

R. Hughes

Trumpet- Ralph Betz
Organ- Junghoon Park

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Deacon Kelly Nowotnick

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 7 :15 – 25a

SERMON

“Yokes and Burdens”
Matthew 11 : 16 – 19, 25 - 30

Sarah Wilson

***HYMN 729**

Lord I Want To Be A Christian
All Verses

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from the Barmen Declaration)

Oliver Page

As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords – areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND OFFERING

Deacon Kelly Nowotnick

A portion of today’s offering supports our ongoing community partnerships with the Woods Child Development Center (programs for children ages 2-4), the Woods Counseling and Care Center, and the Severna Park Community Center.

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

Battle Hymn of the Republic
Praise Band
Family Summer 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.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sarah Wilson and Oliver Page

In the Presbyterian Church, communion is open to those who desire to meet with Christ, regardless of denominational affiliation. Mindful of our vows to nurture our children in the faith, we encourage parents to include their children at the Lord’s Supper.

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right and just to give God thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution Sharing Bread and Cup

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Oliver Page

***HYMN 331**

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand
Trumpet- Ralph Betz

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Sarah Wilson

***POSTLUDE**

Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory
Trumpet- Ralph Betz
Piano- Junghoon Park

G. Lanier

*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!

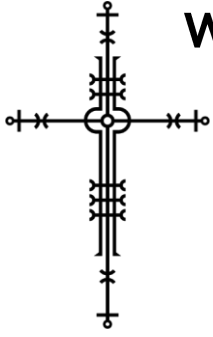
A Stephen Minister will be available, to the side of the chancel by the Stephen Minister banner, at the end of the service to listen and to pray with you. 9:30AM Betsy Stewart



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Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

July 05, 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 Delia Edelman 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

Upcoming Events & Church News

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

Thursday, July 9, reception at 4:00 pm in Lobby. Meet the artists from **Art & The Bible Camp** and see their work with the Images of God. Campers 4-12 have worked hard to think deeply about the ways that the Bible describes God. Come see those scriptures through the eyes of the youngest disciples.

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.