

Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



July 19, 2026 ~ 9:30 AM

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8th Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

Arr. F. Offutt

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Pastor J. C. Austin

PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

God of Great and God of Small
Solo – David Merrill

N. Sleeth

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Patt Haun

Leader: Teach us your way, O Lord;

People: That we may walk in your truth.

Leader: We give thanks to you with our whole hearts!

People: We will glorify your name forever!

*HYMN 307

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Sarah Wilson, Interim Pastoral Associate

Gracious and Loving God, we do not like to admit when we have failed, faltered, or fallen short. Too often we run away in body or spirit, imitating Jacob as we seek to evade responsibility. We deny, we minimize, we point to others whom we think have done worse. Forgive us, Lord; help us to admit to ourselves and others where we have gone wrong, and to recognize your faithful presence with us all along, so that we may return to you and your ways with joy and thanks. Through Christ we pray.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Pastor J.C. Austin

Sarah Wilson

Elder Patt Haun

Oliver Page, Director of Youth Ministry

Ihrie Lauren Rosenblatt
Daughter of John and Megan Rosenblatt

and

Emilia Rose Palmer
Daughter of Jesse and Lauren Palmer

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 them in their journey of faith as a follower of Jesus Christ? We do.

Will you be examples for them 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.

SONG

Jacob's Dream

Trans. D. Merrill

Solo – Joyce Dawson

Bible Adventures for Kids

Guitar – James Robertson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Patt Haun

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:12-25

SERMON

"Stairway From Heaven"

Pastor J. C. Austin

Genesis 28:10 -19a

*HYMN

Nearer My God To Thee

S. Adams

Verse 1 – Solo – David Merrill

Verse 2, 3 – Congregation

1. Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
still all my song shall be,
nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

2. Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
yet in my dreams I'd be
nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

3. There let the way appear, steps unto heaven;
all that thou sendest me, in mercy given;
angels to beckon me
nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND OFFERING

Elder Patt Haun

A portion of today's offering supports our Outreach and Service committee and its international partners. This includes the Ministry of Hope program in Malawi, the Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America (CEDEPCA), and the Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada in Cuba.

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***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 839Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine****CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Pastor J.C. Austin

POSTLUDE**My Lord, What a Mornin'***

Arr. E. Hancock

*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. 9:30 AM Stacey Hilder



Pledge Card

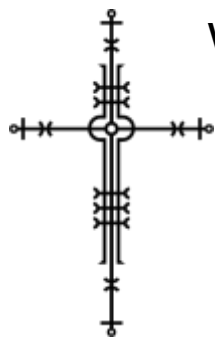


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Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

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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 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	Room 115
4, year-olds – 5 th graders	Room 150

Upcoming Events & Church News

Coed Softball! Join us today, at 2pm, Woods takes the field against Heritage Church at Elvaton #1.

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 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!

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