

Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



July 26, 2026 ~ 9:30 AM

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9th Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE

Piano Concerto No. 2 in C Minor – I. Moderato

S. Rachmaninoff

Piano – Junghoon Park
String Quartet

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Pastor J. C. Austin

PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

Piano Concerto No. 24 in C minor, K. 491I – III Allegretto

W. A. Mozart

Piano – Junghoon Park
String Quartet

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Lee Laque

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord; call on God's name!

People: Let the hearts of those that seek the Lord rejoice!

Leader: Seek the strength of the Lord; seek God's presence continually!

People: Glory in God's holy name; praise the Lord!

*HYMN 664

Morning Has Broken

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Sarah Wilson, Interim Pastoral Associate

Gracious and Loving God, so often we focus on how big things are: achievements, possessions, mistakes, failures. We begin to believe that we can provide for ourselves by the greatness of what we do, or that the greatness of our shortcomings means we are beyond redemption. Forgive us, Lord, and remind us that neither is true, nor do they need to be, because it is in your love and grace that we find our wholeness, purpose, identity, and meaning. Through Christ we pray.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Light and Salt and Yeast

A. Fedak

Solo – David Merrill

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

All Good Gifts

Arr. J. Leavitt,

Solo – Ian Cripe,
Family Summer Choir
String Quartet

S. Schwartz

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Lee Laque

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 128

***HYMN**

To What Can the Kingdom of God Be Compared

Text C. Gillette

Tune – To God Be the Glory

1. To what can the kingdom of God be compared?
A mustard seed falls where a field's been prepared,
And there, where predictable plantings should be,
There grows up a wild bush – as big as a tree!
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:
Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is amazing, your ways still astound,
Just like that new life springing forth from the ground.

2. A small bit of leaven will change the whole bread:
A poor woman sees that her neighbors are fed,
A church reaches out to the youth in the town,
A man shares his faith and God's blessings abound.
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:
Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is among us, creation is blessed,
When even a few faithful lives change the rest.

3. While some look for treasure or one priceless pearl,
God's reign is the gift wise ones seek in this world.
A girl sells possessions to help those in need;
A boy chooses faithfulness rather than greed.
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:
Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is a treasure that wise ones pursue;
May we seek your kingdom in all that we do.

***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 Lee Laque

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

Laudaute Dominum
Solo – Marty Clayton

W. A. Mozart

***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 714**

God of the Fertile Fields

Verses 1, 2, 4

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Pastor J.C. Austin

***POSTLUDE**

Piano Concerto No. 2 – Alla Breve

R. Rachmaninoff

*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 Joan Tiernan



Prayer Requests



Pledge Card

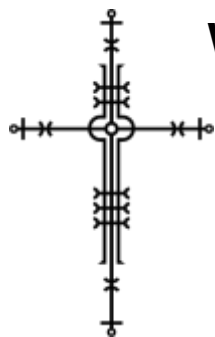


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Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

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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 Delia Edelmann 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
9:30 AM Nursery 0-3-year-olds 4, year-olds – 5 th graders	Room 115 Room 150

Upcoming Events & Church News

Music Spotlight - This morning we welcome string musicians from the DC and Baltimore area, vocalist Ian Cripe, and our Family Summer Choir. Today we will experience the many ways we can glorify God through music that includes strings, focusing on three different composers and their styles. Our Prelude and Postlude are pieces by Sergei Rachmaninoff who is celebrated for his lush, soaring, dramatic and many times virtuosic melodies. You may be most familiar with the Rachmaninoff Vespers. Our Special music and Introit are by Mozart who is known for his emotional depth, and perfectly balanced form and structure of music. Lastly, our Offertory Anthem is by Stephen Schwartz, the composer of Godspell and Wicked. His music blends the forms of Pop, Rock, and Classical with driving rhythms and soaring melodies focusing on the lyrics and the story. We hope you are able to experience the way all styles and types of music shape and form our worship experiences. Enjoy!

Coed Softball! Join us today, **at 2pm**, Woods takes the field against St. John's 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: **26, August 16 and 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!

Hope for All is in need of donations! We're currently collecting the following items:

- Liquid and dry measuring cups
- Measuring spoons
- Cooking tongs
- Vegetable peelers

- Whisks
- Pizza cutters
- Meat forks
- Pasta servers/grabbers
- Children's socks and underwear (new)
- Toasters
- Mops
- Brooms

Every donation, big or small, makes a difference and helps support those in need in our community. Thank you for your generosity and for helping Hope for All serve others!

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