

Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



August 2, 2026 ~ 9:30 AM

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10th Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE

March
Guitar Solo – Alec Green

J. B. Marella

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Pastor J. C. Austin

PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

Minuetto
Guitar Solo – Jim Robertson

J. B. Marella

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Bill Daniel

Leader: We call upon you, God, for you will answer us;

People: Incline your ear to us, Lord, hear our words!

Leader: Wondrously show your steadfast love, O God our Savior;

People: Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Sarah Wilson, Interim Pastoral Associate

Gracious and Loving God, you are the provider of all that we truly need. But we remain convinced that we must provide for ourselves, even at the expense of others, yet we are still surprised when that does not satisfy. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to hunger for the fruits of your kingdom that truly fill us up: love, mercy, justice, reconciliation, and peace. And then strengthen us in our devotion and service, that our lives may bear your fruit, and everyone we meet may be filled with your love. Through Christ we pray.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Grace, Grace, God's Grace
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

Minuetto
Guitar Duet – Alec Green, Jim Robertson

J. B. Marella

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Bill Daniel

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:31-39

SERMON

"Face to Face, Toe to Toe"
Genesis 32:22-31

Pastor J. C. Austin

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from 1 Corinthians 15)

Sarah Wilson

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND OFFERING

Elder Bill Daniel

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

Come Ye Sinners
Duet – David Merrill, Alec Green

Sovereign Grace

*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

Pastor J.C. Austin
Sarah Wilson

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

Sarah Wilson

*HYMN 69

Here I Am, Lord
Verses 1, 3

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor J.C. Austin

*POSTLUDE

Invention 4
Solo or Duet – Alec Green, Jim Robertson

J. S. Bach

*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 Betsy Stewart



Prayer Requests



Pledge Card

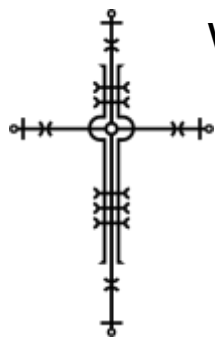


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Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

August 2, 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 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

Coed Softball! No softball today this is a bye week!

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: 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!

Woods Children's Ministry Pop-Up Days are now open for registration. Join us on Monday, September 21, and October 26, from 9AM to 4PM for children in grades K-5. Space is limited, so please email Lindsey Miller, Coordinator for Children and Youth, lmiller@woodschurch.org to secure a spot.

Woods Youth FroYo meet-ups! All throughout August, any youth grades 6th-12th are invited to join us at The FroYo House on Tuesday at 5PM. This will be our fun way of keeping in touch until Youth Group starts back up. Just tell them you're with Woods and you'll get 15% off! See you there!

Cuba is currently experiencing chronic energy, food and fuel shortages with **rolling blackouts** for anywhere between a few hours to **up to 70 hours**. The country **imports 66% of its total energy supply**, leaving limited domestic sources and infrastructure to support over **10 million people**. Our partner church in Cuba, **Sancti Spiritus**, is **experiencing all these shortages**: electricity blackouts, food, medicines and fuel. Woods Church is participating with two other churches - Graceway in Florida and First Presbyterian in Springfield, Illinois, in sending supplies of medicines and food. Please continue to pray for this faithful congregation and the whole country of Cuba. If you would like to support this Outreach and Service partner, Woods is planning a trip to Sancti Spiritus **January 4 - January 11, 2027**. For more information, please contact Marty Clayton, martyclayton1973@gmail.com or Delia Edelmann, dedelmann@gmail.com.

Malawi is currently experiencing overwhelming hardship amongst a regional drought, public budget crisis, rampant inflation, supply shortages, and extreme weather. Through our 25 years of partnership, Woods has supported thousands of orphaned children, youth and adults with Ministry of Hope in their mission to provide Christ-centered support to six rural communities across Central Malawi. Collaboration between U.S. and local stakeholders allows the NGO to provide meals and education to orphans, fund mobile medical clinics, provide for infants and nannies at the crisis nursery, and facilitate spiritual development. You can donate through the Ministry of Hope website: <https://www.ministryofhope.org/ways-to-help>

Kick-Off Sunday! Join us on Sunday, September 13 as we celebrate the start of a new ministry season with a day of worship, fellowship, and fun!

🕒 Family Picnic | 11AM–1PM

🍔 Enjoy lunch together

👶 Activities and games for all ages

☐ Bring a lawn chair and spend the afternoon with your Woods Church family!

There's something for everyone—kids, adults, and kids-at-heart! We can't wait to celebrate with you. Please Note: This will be our last blended worship service of the summer. Beginning Sunday, September 20, we will return to our regular schedule of **two worship services**. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors—we'll see you at Woods Church!