

Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



August 3, 2025 ~ 9:30AM

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8th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30AM

PRELUDE

Jesu, Joy of Men's Desiring
Organ – Jung-hoon Park

J. S. Bach
Arr. Hess

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Pastor J. C. Austin

PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

Breathe on Me, Breath of God
Duet – Sarah Kent and David Merrill

R. Jackson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Dennis Balog

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Let us give thanks for what God has done for us!

People: Come, let us worship God together!

***PRAISE SONG**

Our God
Praise Band

J. Myrin, M. Redman,
J. Reeves, c. Tomlin

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds

Holy God, you promise to bring new things springing forth among us like rivers appearing in the midst of the desert. Yet we often fail to perceive or even look for what you are doing, assuming that we already know what you do, and where and how you do it. Help us to see and join in with the new things you are doing, that we may help build up your kingdom in this world, and help others to recognize and receive it. Through Christ we pray.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Lord, Prepare Me
1st Time – Solo – David Merrill
2nd Time – Congregation

J. Thompson

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
Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds
Elder Dennis Balog

Philip John MacKay-Guare
Son of Travis Guare and Laura MacKay

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 Philip in his journey of faith as a follower of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Will you be examples for Philip by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him 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 Dennis Balog

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 1:11-18

SERMON

"God's New Thing: Thinking Again"

Pastor J. C. Austin

Luke 5:17-26

***HYMN 697**

Take My Life

Verses 1, 2

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND OFFERING

Elder Dennis Balog

A portion of today's offering supports our Adult Education and Small Group ministry, 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 SONG

The Table

C. Tomlin, E. Cash,
W. Jolley

***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

Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds

In the Presbyterian Church, Communion is open to all 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, after proper instruction.

Today we will celebrate Communion by "intinction." This means that, when invited by the pastor, you may come forward, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and eat at that time. Our Communion juice is non-alcoholic, and all bread is gluten-free.

When invited by the pastor, please come forward using the center aisle, proceed to an available station in turn, receive the bread and juice, eat, and then return to your seat using the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward and would like to receive Communion in your seat, please raise your hand and the servers will come to you.

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

Prayers of Intercession and 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

***HYMN 643**

Now Thank We All Our God

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Pastor J.C. Austin

***POSTLUDE**

Etude in F, Op. 10 No. 8

F. Chopin

Organ - Jung-hoon Park

*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!

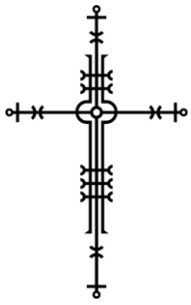
A Stephen Minister will be available, to the side of the chancel by the Stephen Minister banner, at the end of the service to listen and to pray with you. 9:30AM Lauren Lohff



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Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)

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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

The flowers today were arranged by Sue Hannahs and are given for the glory of God and
~ In memory of Michael Vivian Phillips, from his loving family

We are glad you are worshiping with us today.
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 Women's Bible Study	Room 208/Virtual Conference/Virtual
9:30AM Nursery O-2-year-olds All Ages	Room 110 Fellowship Hall

Upcoming Events & Church News

Welcome Jung-hoon Park to Woods Church. Jung-hoon is a graduate of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County and an accomplished musician with a rich background in solo and collaborative artistry, actively performing in the DMV area. He has participated in prestigious events such as the National Music Festival, Wonderlic Competition, Liszt-Garrison Competition, and the International Keyboard Institute festival. Jung-hoon will bring a rich and accomplished artistry in classical music to Woods as well as his musicianship in jazz, gospel, and contemporary music. Jung-hoon is extremely excited to be joining Woods Church as our Organist/Accompanist!

Coed Softball! Today's game is at **2PM**, against College Parkway Baptist, on **Elvaton #1**. Interested? Contact Andrew Wiley at wileyas1@gmail.com or call 443.867.8803.

Join Us for Worship Led by Our WoodsWork Youth! We invite you to join us on **Sunday, August 10**, as our WoodsWork youth lead us in a special time of worship. Come and be inspired by their faith, energy, and reflections from their mission experience. Don't miss this meaningful service!

Adult Family Summer Choir- Are you around over the summer and interested in singing, then come on by and sing with us! The Adult Family Summer Choir sings on: August 17 and August 31. 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, dmerrill@woodschurch.org. Looking forward to hearing you sing!

Children's Sunday School is **STRETCHING** into summer. Each week there will be a unique way of telling/hearing/retelling the Bible story. Ms. Carly Dent and Ms. Sarah Hoyt will lead the children using

storytelling and a craft. Our group of all ages, past the nursery, will meet in Fellowship Hall. They will return so the whole congregation can celebrate communion.

Women's Circle Bible Study - The Women's Circle Bible study will be on the second Tuesday of the month in room 212. It will start on September 9, at 10AM. We will be studying the Horizons Bible Study, **Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ**. The study guides will be available in Fellowship Hall on August 10, 17, and 24. We will make this study available on Zoom also. Please stop by the table and look it over. The book cost is \$14.00. Come and join us for this interesting study. If you have any questions contact Bev Haines 410.551.8412.

August is a month of beginnings! School start's Right around the Corner! Mark your calendar now for the Sunday before School starts. Bring your backpack, sports bag, lacrosse stick, soccer shin guards, or what have you for a time of blessing and celebration during the children's moment on August 24. Friends and neighbors are invited! Then, be ready to bounce into the new program year with the kick-off event, September 7 following the 9:30AM worship service. Get ready for friendships, good food, more stories and more fun!

"Question Everything", a summer bible study for youth, will begin after church **today in Room 212 from 10:30-11:30AM**, and meets every Sunday through August 24. The world is full of BIG problems, BIG mysteries and EVEN BIGGER questions! In this class, I want to hear what big questions you all wonder about, and then we'll spend the next 6 weeks diving deep into those questions, exploring- How do we feel about this question? What does the bible say about it? Does this question even have an answer? And perhaps most importantly, how do we live our lives with this question in mind, while following Jesus? There is no sign-up for this class, just show up when you can and bring an inquisitive mind!

New Art Exhibit in the Gallery - Please visit the new art display in the Gallery. This month's art exhibit is entitled *"My Mosaic Journey"* by artist Terri Allen-Jackson. This exhibit showcases Terri's mosaic journey and features several of her collections.

Cecilia McKay Fund - Woods - The Good Samaritan - There are many budgeted Mission efforts at Woods...but a daily need is to help those facing eviction or electric cut off through the Cecilia McKay Fund. It relies on direct donations (online or by check with Cecilia McKay in Memo). We all know how electric bills have gone up...but what if you were living on the edge financially. In April, May and June we have helped 45 families overcome financial issues (37 for BGE); 125 requested assistance; we cannot help everyone (ask Dick Moore for the criteria). In those three months Cecilia McKay has disbursed over \$9,000 total! Without your help we will have to say no to even more folks in need. Please consider earmarking \$50 or \$100 to Cecilia McKay Fund for families in need. Thank you

Sign-ups for our 2025-2026 Confirmation class are open! Our 8th grade confirmation class meets every Sunday from 2-3PM, starting September 14 and going through May. This class is designed for **8th Graders** to explore their relationship with God, recommit themselves to their walk with Christ, and take the step to join the church. In this class, you'll learn more about your faith, what it means to be the Church, and how to share your faith with others! Sign up on our website!

Woods is also offering a **NEW High School Confirmation Crash-Course** for any High School students interested in being confirmed and joining the church, but might be a bit old for our normal 8th grade class. This is also a great option for students who have been confirmed before, but are interested in taking a refresher class with Woods. This class will meet on **Sunday afternoons from 3:30-4:30PM, starting on September 14 and will only last one semester**. Sign up on our website!