

Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



August 10, 2025 ~ 9:30AM

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9th Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE

Tommy Osborne and Alan Becknell

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Pastor J. C. Austin
Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Violet Thompson

***PRAISE SONGS**

Praise

B. Lake, C. Moore, C. Brown,
C. Carnes, P. Barrett, S. Furtick

House of the Lord
WoodsWork Band

J. Smith, P. Wikham

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAAYER OF CONFESSION

Garrett Thompson

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Kathryn "Kat" Green, Director of Children's Ministry

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Pastor J.C. Austin
Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds
Elder Violet Thompson

Anthony James Marck

Son of Stephen and Alissa Marck
and

Samantha Martha West

Daughter of Joshua and Julie West

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Apostles Creed)

Pastor J. C. Austin

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 Anthony and Samantha in their journey of faith as a follower of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Will you be examples for Anthony and Samantha 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.

*HYMN 482

Baptized in Water

Verse 1

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Joy Huskey

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:1-10

SERMON

"WoodsWork God Sightings" Joy Huskey, Violet Thompson,
Scott Wiley, Oliver Page

WOODSWORK SLIDESHOW

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND OFFERING

Garrett Thompson

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 SONG

Build My Life

WoodsWork Band

B. Yonker, K. Martin, K. Kable,
M. Redman, P. Barrett

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Oliver Page, Director of Youth

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.

*PRAISE SONG

Sing Wherever I Go

WoodsWork Band

M. Maher

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Oliver Page

*POSTLUDE

WoodsWork Band

*Please stand if you are able

WoodsWork Band Members: Sheehan Jeffers, Tommy Osborn, Garrett Thompson, and Violet Thompson

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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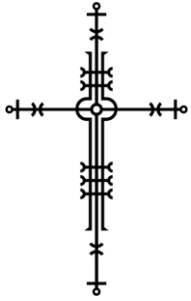
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Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)

August 10, 2025

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 Delia Edelman and are given for the glory of God.

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 0-2-year-olds All Ages | Room 110 Room 155 |

Upcoming Events & Church News

Coed Softball! Today's game is at **3:30PM**, against Saint Andrew's, on **Elvaton #1**. Interested? Contact Andrew Wiley at wileyas1@gmail.com or call 443.867.8803.

Let me introduce "WoodsWords!" As we head into the weeks preceding Fall we begin to close out the mission of Stewardship that builds our budget foundation for the year. As you recall, our stewardship theme comes from Isaiah's encouragement to "perceive and believe" the new things God is doing (Isaiah 43: 19). WoodsWords will take the form of a booklet that will include YOUR perceptions and experiences of God's "things" (old and new) so that others can be made aware of what you perceive as God springs forth. You will receive a copy of this collection of perceptions booklet when you contribute from \$1.00 to \$100,000! You may send your stories and perceptions to us by email at WoodsWords@woodschurch.org or write them down and place them at the Information Booth or front desk. We know this is a large amount that we anticipate collecting...but so is the service, faithfulness and care that Woods Church provides to this congregation and to the community. You may make your WoodsWords pledge either online or by placing your WoodsWords pledge card (available after August 13) in the offering plate on Sundays or leaving it at the front desk.

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. Gale Gillespie and Ms. Marsha Taylor will lead the children using storytelling and a craft. Our group of all ages, past the nursery, will meet in Room 155.

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!