

Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



August 16, 2026 ~ 9:30 AM

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12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

Steal Away to Jesus

Arr. Fred Offut

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Pastor J. C. Austin

PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

He's Always Been Faithful

S. Groves

Solo – Sarah Kent

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Jonathan Leer

Leader: Let us hear what the Lord will speak;

People: for the Lord will speak peace to all God's people!

Leader: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;

People: righteousness and peace will kiss each other!

ALL: Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Sarah Wilson, Interim Pastoral Associate

Gracious and Loving God, when the storms rise up in our lives, we sometimes find it hard not to dissolve into anxiety, fear, or despair. We believe ourselves to be alone, forgetting that you promise to always come to us, stay with us, and see us through. Forgive us for our wavering trust, and teach us to take heart and not be afraid, for it is you in whom we have our hope and security. Through Christ we pray.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

His Eye Is On the Sparrow

C. Martin

Piano – 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

Oliver Page, Director of Youth Ministry

ANTHEM

Build My Life

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Jonathan Leer

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 85:8-13

SERMON

"Skipping a Rock"
Matthew 14:22-33

Pastor J. C. Austin

SLIDESHOW

If The Lord Builds The House
WoodsWork 2026

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from "A Brief Statement of Faith")

Sarah Wilson

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND OFFERING

Elder Jonathan Leer

A portion of today's offering supports our committee in the area of mentorship. This includes our donations to "Drink at the Well", which empowers women recovering from trauma.

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

Walk on the Water
Family Summer Choir
Praise Band

C. Durren

***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.

SONGSing Wherever I Go*

We The Kingdom

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Pastor J.C. Austin

POSTLUDEI Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ, BWV 639*

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 Beth Hadley

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Prayer Requests



Pledge Card

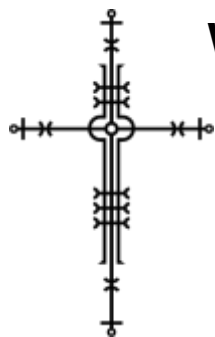


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Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

August 16, 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 and
~ In honor of Bernice Hannahs on her 100th birthday, With love Jeff and Sue Hannahs

Join us for bagels, coffee, and fellowship after the service in Fellowship Hall.
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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! Today's game is at **2PM**, against SP United Methodist, on **Cypress #1**. Interested? Contact Andrew Wiley at wileyas1@gmail.com or call 443.867.8803

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!

Woods Youth FroYo meet-ups! All throughout August, any youth grades 6th-12th are invited to join us at The Froyo House on Tuesdays 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!

Save the Date – August 30, 11AM – Learning Opportunity with our own Kat Green – **"Neurodiversity and Inclusivity in the Local Church"** A more just, faithful, and compassionate church and world will seek to include typical and atypical neurodiverse folks. As understanding evolves in the educational and social systems of our world, the church must evolve and transform the ways diversity is welcomed, embraced, and included in the life of the church and the mission of church. How will we nurture communities of faith and equip leadership in ways that are accessible and meaningful for post global pandemic traumatized demographic?

On Sunday, September 20 at 2PM in the Sanctuary, join Junghoon Park for his piano recital - Americana 250: A Pianorama! Jung will play works by Bernstein, Beach, Horowitz, Gershwin and more! This concert is **free** and no ticket is required. A love offering will go to support the Woods music program. For questions please email David Merrill at dmerrill@woodschurch.org

Woman's Priscilla Circle Bible Study – Our Bible study starting in September 2026, is based on **Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. "Love is patient; Love is kind"** ... Stop by the table in Fellowship Hall and pick-up a study guide based on Paul's Letters. The Priscilla Circle **meets once a month on the 2nd Tuesday at 10:15AM in room 212**. The cost of the book is \$14.00 and our first study lesson will be **September 15**. Books will be available on Sundays, August 16 and 30. We hope to have you join us this year. Contact Bev Haines 410.511.8412.

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

Liquid & 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. Please place your donation in the barrel in Fellowship Hall. 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.

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!

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 please contact Marty Clayton, martyclayton1973@gmail.com or Delia Edelmann, dedelmann@gmail.com. Woods is planning a trip to Sancti Spiritus **January 4 - January 11, 2027**.

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>