

# Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



August 17, 2025 ~ 9:30AM

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10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**9:30AM**

**PRELUDE**

**Keyboard Concerto in A,  
Allegro ma non tanto- BWV 1055**  
Piano – Jung-hoon Park  
String Quartet – Two Rivers Chamber Music

J. S. Bach

**WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY**

Pastor J. C. Austin

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**INTROIT**

**Find Me In The River**  
Duet – Sarah Kent, Tim Meredith  
Guitar James Robertson

Delirious

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Elder Jim Falvey

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**People: And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!**

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**People: And forget not all God's benefits!**

**\*PRAISE SONG**

**Blessed Assurance (My King is Coming)**  
Praise Band with String Quartet

P. Kipley, M. West

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Sarah Wilson, Chaplain

**Gracious and Loving God, in Jesus Christ you call us into the world to help share your good news and build up your kingdom. Yet we often fail your trust and resist your call. We remain captive to the fear of scarcity, of failure, of the unknown, of the other. We focus on our own security and comfort and neglect the pressing needs of our neighbors. Forgive us, God, and fill us with your courage and commitment, that we may bear your love and proclaim your Word in our individual lives and our common ministry. Through Christ we pray.**

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

**How Deep The Father's Love For Us**  
Solo – Mary Jo Greenley

S. Townend

**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**

**Church Sonata in C, K 336**  
Piano – Jung-hoon Park  
String Quartet

W. A. Mozart

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Elder Jim Falvey

## SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

## SERMON

***"God's New Thing: Digging Deep"***

Genesis 26:12-22

Pastor J. C. Austin

## \*HYMN

***Dig a Little Deeper in God's Love***

K. Morris

Quartet – David Merrill, Tom Magette,

Phil Hope, David Thompson

Join on Chorus – "Dig a little deeper in the  
storehouse of God's love, eternal love"

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (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 Jim Falvey

A portion of today's offering supports our Mission ministry in the area of children and family life. This includes our donations to the "Start the Adventure in Reading" (STAIR) second-grade tutoring program, and the Parenting for a Different World support network.

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

***Upon the Rock***

A. Killian

Soloists – Hadley Dodson, Garrett Thompson

Family Summer Choir

String Quartet

Bass – Don Counts, Guitar – James Robertson

## \*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 463

***How Firm a Foundation***

Verses 1, 3, 5

## \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor J.C. Austin

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

***Dig a Little Deeper***

K. Norris

Quartet – David Merrill, Tom Magette,  
Phil Hope, David Thompson  
Family Summer Choir

**\*POSTLUDE**

***Keyboard Concerto in No. 4 A Major,  
Allegro, BWV 1055***

J. S. Bach

Piano – Jung-hoon Park  
String Quartet

\*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](http://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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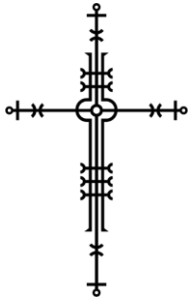
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# Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)

**August 17, 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 Sally Sachse 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.

~ Bagels today are in celebration of Garrett Thompson's birthday, from his loving family

## **Christian Education/Sunday School Classes**

Children's Sunday School Registration Forms are Located on the Welcome Desk

Time	Location
<b>8AM</b> Men's Bible Study Women's Bible Study (1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month only)	Room 208/Virtual Conference/Virtual
<b>9:30AM</b> Nursery O-2-year-olds All Ages Mom's Strong	Room 110 Room 155 Room 212

## **Upcoming Events & Church News**

**Coed Softball!** Today's game is at **2:PM**, against SP United Methodist, on **Elvaton #1**. Interested? Contact Andrew Wiley at [wileyas1@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 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 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](mailto: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. Our group of all ages, past the nursery, will meet in Room 155.

**A New Thing for Twos and Threes at 9:30 on Sundays.** Beginning **August 24**, the Twos and Threes are invited to their own Sunday School Class at 9:30 on Sundays following the children's moment in worship. The children will have a circle time with Jesus, hear a bible story about God's love for them, and enjoy a short enrichment activity. There will be lots of love and playtime, as we help children experience God as the maker of all things, one who loves them unconditionally, and Jesus who shows us how to love each other. Do you have questions? Please ask Kat Green or Lindsey Miller.

**August 24! Backpack Blessing! 9:30AM** Worship service: Bring your backpack, sports bag, lacrosse stick, catcher's mitt, dance bag... whatever. We will celebrate the beginning of a new school year and bless our backpacks to remember that God is with us wherever we are. Following the **9:30 service**, see the spaces and reconnect with teachers and friends. When you pick up your child from Sunday School, look at the spaces for the coming year, especially our Twos and Threes class! Visit with parents who are as excited about the school year ahead as you are.

**KICK-OFF SUNDAY SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, September 7**, Woods Church Ministry Mall & Family Picnic. Visit the Ministry Mall in Fellowship Hall before or after Worship. Picnic lunch and Family Fun **11AM – 1PM**. Tell the kids (little & big): there will be pony rides and a petting zoo!

**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 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.

**"Question Everything"**, a summer bible study for youth, **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!

**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!

**Kick-off Sunday!** 2025 Holiday Bazaar Planning, **September 7**. White Elephant Sale Donations Collection. It's never too early! Yes, it's never too early to start planning for the **Woods Holiday Bazaar!** Bring new or gently used board games and puzzles to Kick-off Sunday and get up to 2 free raffle tickets for a chance to win the Holiday Bazaar Gift Basket valued at over \$200! The Woods Holiday Bazaar table will also distribute cards for specific items to donate to the Sweet Shop for candy making. And... new this year! We will offer children's clothing sizes infant to youth 10. Please save your kids' outgrown clothing and bring them to the church beginning Sunday, September 7. There will be a large rolling blue bin in the lobby for drop-offs. **Save the Date** for the 2025 Holiday Bazaar on **Saturday, November 22** and plan to shop for the holidays!