

Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



August 24, 2025 ~ 9:30AM

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11th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30AM

PRELUDE

Prelude from Violin Sonata, Op. 5

Corelli

Organ - Jung-hoon Park

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds

CALL TO WORSHIP (from spaciousfaith.com)

Sarah Thompson

Leader: The word of God comes to us:

People: "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you."

Leader: The word of God comes to us:

People: "I appointed you to speak my word."

Leader: We may believe we are too young, or too old,

People: too tall or too short,

Leader: too loud or too quiet,

People: too ignorant or too cynical.

Leader: Still, the word of God comes to us.

People: Still, we have come here, to worship,

Leader: where we can listen more closely

People: so we can speak more faithfully.

All: May our mouths be filled with God's praise, and with God's glory all day long.

***PRAISE SONG**

Let the Praises Ring

L. Brewster

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sarah Wilson, Chaplain

Almighty God, we confess that often, like Jeremiah, we shrink back from your calling, feeling inadequate and young, and not ready for the tasks you set before us. We confess that we may not always share your love as we should, and we ignore the prompting of your Spirit within us. We confess that we don't always fully trust in your promise to be with us, to give us the words to speak, and to deliver us from fear. We confess that we have not always used our gifts to uproot and tear down injustice and evil, nor have we consistently built up and planted seeds of righteousness and hope. Forgive us, Lord, for our lack of faith, our hesitations, and our tendency to prioritize our own comfort over your divine purpose. Strengthen us by your Spirit to overcome our fears and embrace the calling you have placed upon our lives. Help us to understand that our sufficiency comes from you, and to boldly speak your word, even when it's unpopular.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TIME WITH CHILDREN

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

Prayer:

Child of God, Live your life in the sure knowledge that you are claimed by God's grace and wrapped in God's love. Amen.

ANTHEM	<i>Thy Word</i>	A. Grant
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		Sarah Thompson
SCRIPTURE READING	Hebrews 12:18-29	
SERMON	"Woods Words" Jeremiah 1:4-10	Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds
*HYMN	Let There Be Peace on Earth 1 st Time – Solo – Sarah Kent 2 nd Time – Congregation	S. Miller

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND OFFERING	Sarah Thompson
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A portion of today's offering supports our Mission ministry 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	Let the Words of My Mouth Vocals – David Merrill Guitar – Jim Robertson	L. Almeida
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PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER	Sarah Wilson, Chaplain
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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	<i>I Am Free</i>	J. Egan
*CHARGE AND BLESSING		Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds
*POSTLUDE	Sortie in D, Op. Posthumes Organ – Jung-hoon Park	Franck

*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 Gale Gillespie

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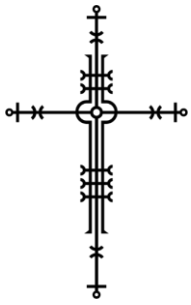
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Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)

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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 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 (1 st Sunday of the month only)	Room 208/Virtual Conference/Virtual
9:30AM Nursery 0-2-year-olds 2 & 3-year-olds All Ages	Room 110 Room 115 Room 155

Upcoming Events & Church News

Coed Softball! Today's game is at **2PM**, against Saint John, 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 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. Looking forward to hearing you sing!

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 **available this Sunday**.

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.

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!

Our Music Ministry Programs are starting back up! Come Join Us!

Children's Choir - Grades 1 - 5 - Begins Sunday September 14. Our Children's Choir is about to start! Wahoo! Any child in 1st - 5th grade is welcome to come sing! Our first rehearsal will be **Sunday, September 14, from 10:30 - 11AM** in the choir room. And yes, we have CANDY! For more information please email David Merrill at dmerrill@woodschurch.org.

SEEK Band - Grades 6 - 12 - Begins Sunday September 14. Do you play an instrument, enjoy singing, or just love music... then come on out! Any Youth 6th grade - 12th grade can join our SEEK BAND. The Seek band offers music for worship regularly, with many wonderful solo and musical opportunities. Our first rehearsal is Sunday, September 14 from 12:15 - 1PM in the choir room. For more information please email David Merrill at dmerrill@woodschurch.org.

Adult Choir - Begins Thursday August 28! Come join us as we sing and lead worship through all styles of music. All are welcome to come and sing! We rehearse Thursday evenings at 7PM in the choir room. We look forward to having you with us! For more information please email David Merrill at dmerrill@woodschurch.org.

Praise Band - Do you play an instrument, sing, or just I love music? Then come on out and join our Praise Band! Our Praise Band leads worship at the **11AM** service, with rehearsals on Thursday Night's at 7PM. Please reach out to Sarah Kent with any questions skent@woodschurch.org.

Open Dance Classes - Sundays 2 - 3:15PM, Fellowship Hall - In order to bring the community together in a fun and movement-based way, join our Worship Ministry for a series of dance classes this fall! Professional teachers are set to offer a variety of dance styles including jazz, musical theater, contemporary, tap, yoga, and more! Open to anyone ages 12 and over in & outside the Woods community. All experience levels are welcome though classes will be taught at an intermediate level with options for beginners & advanced students. Our first class will be on Sunday, **September 21 from 2 - 3:15pm** in the Fellowship Hall. For more information please email Alyssa Barlis at alyssabarlis@gmail.com.

Free Watercolor Workshop Saturday, September 20 - Looking for a meaningful way to relax, create, and connect with your inner artist? Join our Watercolor Workshop and dive into a colorful world of self-expression; no experience needed! The workshop will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 10AM - 12PM. Register at www.woodschurch.org or use the QR-code.

