

Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



August 30, 2026 ~ 9:30 AM

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14th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

Theme and Variations on Morning Has Broken

L. Mariah

Harp – Lauren Mariah

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Pastor J. C. Austin

PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

Be Still My Soul

V. Schermer

Harp – Lauren Mariah

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Kelly Nowotnick

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord; call on God's name!

People: Let us seek the Lord's presence continually!

Leader: Sing to the Lord; sing praises to God!

People: Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

Verses 1, 2, 4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Sarah Wilson, Interim Pastoral Associate

Holy God, you call us by name and invite us to join you in your work to claim and redeem this world. But like Moses speaking with you at the burning bush, we often ask, "who am I?" We overlook or ignore the blessings with which you equip us to serve; we fear what you might ask of us, whether we will be able to succeed, and how much it might cost us. Help us instead to respond with courage and faith, trusting in the promise that you will be with us, and looking for signs where you are already at work.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Rêverie

C. Salzedo

Harp – Lauren Mariah

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

Amazing Grace

R. Pool

Harp – Lauren Mariah

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Deacon Kelly Nowotnick

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:9-21

SERMON

"Who Am I?"

Pastor J. C. Austin

Exodus 3:1-15

***HYMN 329**

God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (the 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

Deacon Kelly Nowotnick

A portion of today's offering supports our Children's committee with its rich array of programming for children up through fifth grade. This includes nursery and Sunday School classes, Vacation Bible School, and age-specific musical and educational offerings.

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

God's Love Employ

R. Quilter

Solo – Lauren Mariah

Piano – Junghoon Park

Adaptation – Junghoon Park, David Merril

***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 15**

All Creatures of Our God and King

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Pastor J.C. Austin

***POSTLUDE**

Brother James' Air

V. Schermer

Harp – Lauren Mariah

**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 John Dunham

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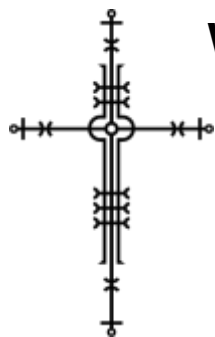


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Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

August 30, 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 Delia Edelman and are given for the glory of God.

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	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 Championship game is at **2PM**, against Saint John's, on **Elvaton #1**. Interested? Contact Andrew Wiley at wileyasl@gmail.com or call 443.867.8803

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? Zoom info Meeting ID: 842 6099 4034 | Passcode: 660442

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: **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!

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 Sunday, August 30. We hope to have you join us this year. Contact Bev Haines 410.511.8412.

A new class at 11AM Sundays, September 20 – October 25 featuring Genesis: A Beginner's Guide to the Beginning. This study invites readers into the foundational stories of the Old Testament with clarity, depth, and imagination. Dr. Amy-Jill Levine presents Genesis as a living text, one that continues to shape faith, identity, and our understanding of what it means to be human. These familiar stories are often heard in fragments; here, they are explored with care, curiosity, and theological insight. Meeting in Conference Room and on Zoom Meeting ID: 827 4541 2791 | Passcode: 50 0840. Books are available in the front office.

Want to know more about Woods Church? Come join us for our New Member info class on **September 20 at 10:45AM in the Founders Room**. We'll open up the hood and look at the many pieces of the Woods community and how they work together in service to God. We'll learn about the different types of fellowship groups at Woods, special missions and activities, Presbyterian church polity and how the Session and its committees work. If you feel called to membership, you will be welcomed into the congregation the following **Sunday, September 27**. If you aren't ready to join, but still want to know more, please come and learn with us! We look forward to knowing you better.

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 Summer worship service**. Beginning **Sunday, September 20**, we will return to our regular schedule of **two worship services: at 9:30 AM Traditional and 11AM Contemporary**. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors—we'll see you at Woods Church!

Adult Choir - Season is Starting! 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**, beginning **September 3**, in the choir room. We look forward to having you with us. For questions please email David Merrill at dmerrill@woodschurch.org

SEEK Band - Do you play an instrument, enjoy singing, or just love music? Then come on out! Any youth in **grades 6-12**, 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 27, 12:15-1PM**, in the Choir Room. For questions please email David Merrill at dmerrill@woodschurch.org

Children's Choir - Do you have child that just loves to sing, or wants to give it a try? Then come on out to Children's Choir **grades 1st – 5th**! It's super fun, and the tunes are catchy and easy to learn. Our first rehearsal is **Sunday September 20 from 10:35 – 11AM**. For questions please email David Merrill at dmerrill@woodschurch.org

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

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.

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!