

Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



September 6, 2026 ~ 9:30 AM

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15th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

Hymn Prelude based on "Simple Gifts"

C. Christensen

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Pastor J. C. Austin

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT

When In Our Music God Is Glorified
Family Choir

C. Stanford

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Karen Jackson

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song!

People: Sing God's praises in the assembly of the faithful!

Leader: Let us be glad in the presence of our Maker;

People: Come, let us worship God!

*SONG

House of the Lord

J. Smith, P. Wickham

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Pastor Ashley Brown

Gracious and Loving God, Scripture tells us that love is the fulfilling of the law; that all the commandments can be summed up in this word, "you shall love your neighbor as yourself." Yet we often prefer to keep our neighbors at a distance, and choose how and when and whom we will love them. Forgive us, Lord; fill our hearts with your love so that they may overflow with compassion for our neighbors, and our world may reflect your justice, mercy, and peace. Through Christ we pray.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

I Love You, Lord
Family Choir

L. Klein

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Karen Jackson

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 149

SERMON

"On Good Authority"
Romans 13:1-10

Pastor J. C. Austin

*HYMN 802

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Verses 1, 2, 4

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (adapted from the Theological Declaration of Barmen) Pastor Ashley Brown

Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear, and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way he is also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. We reject the false idea that there are any areas of our life in which we would not belong to Christ, but to other lords, powers, or authorities. The Christian Church is the congregation of people in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord. As the church, we testify in the midst of a sinful world, with our faith as with our obedience, with our message as with our order, that we belong solely to Christ, and that we live, and desire to live, solely from Christ's comfort and direction, in the expectation of Christ's full and final appearance on earth.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND OFFERING

Elder Karen Jackson

A portion of today's offering supports our Property committee that is tasked with maintaining and improving the entire Woods church facility and campus. This ministry also oversees our gardens with native plantings, and works to decrease our energy usage and carbon footprint.

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

***You Are My King** (Amazing Love)*
Praise Team, Family Choir

B. Foote

***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.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor J.C. Austin
Pastor Ashley Brown

In the Presbyterian Church, communion is open to those who desire to meet with Christ, regardless of denominational affiliation. Mindful of our vows to nurture our children in the faith, we encourage parents to include their children at the Lord's Supper.

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just to give God thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

**Words of Institution
Sharing Bread and Cup**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor Ashley Brown

***SONG**

Child of Love

A. Bergthold, F. Cash,
E. Cash, M. Cash, S. Cash

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Pastor J.C. Austin

***POSTLUDE**

Art Tatum

T. Rag

*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 Betsy Stewart

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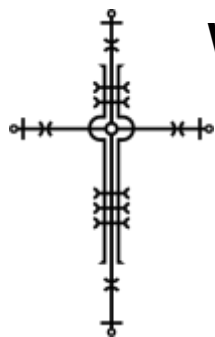


Prayer Requests

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Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

September 6, 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.

Join us for bagels, coffee, and fellowship after the service in Fellowship Hall.

~ Welcome Associate Pastor Ashley Brown, from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

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

Woods Family Picnic – September 13, ALL ARE INVITED! Join us outside after worship for lunch, fellowship, and fun for all ages! Enjoy a picnic lunch at Boone Station from **11AM–12:30PM**, plus a balloon artist, moon bounce, pony rides, and games! Bring your family, invite a friend, and come enjoy the fun together! Bring a lawn chair and spend the afternoon with your Woods Church family. **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!

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.**" The Priscilla Circle **meets once a month on the 2nd Tuesday at 10:15AM in room 212**. Our first study lesson will be **September 15**. We hope to have you join us this year. Contact Bev Haines 410.511.8412.

Beginning **Sunday, September 20**, we will return to our regular Sunday School schedule for 9:30 AM and 11AM for Children and 9:30 AM for our middle and high school youth. We'll see you at Woods Church!

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.

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

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. Our POP UP Program is a parent-initiated program to provide immersive Bible Study time for elementary age children on days when the public schools are closed for teacher work days. Supervision is provided by professional staff, and lunches come from the CDC contracted provider. More Stories! More Fun!

Cecilia McKay Summary for July and August 2026. Over the past few months the requests for assistance has been greater than ever. The total number of phone calls across July and August requiring phone assessment was 105! Of those, we met with and provided financial assistance to 17 in July and 19 in August. We have set up careful criteria for helping and our voicemail clearly states the area of the County that we help...but many people across Anne Arundel County and beyond are desperate. Through your exceptional donations, the Woods Cecilia McKay Fund has provided an average of \$260 to each of those 36 individuals/families...all to prevent evictions or utility shut-off. Surely the Holy Spirit is working within you! **Thank you for your generosity and continued support of the Cecilia McKay Fund.**