

Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



September 7, 2025 ~ 9:30AM

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13th Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE

Prayer

Arr. F. Kreisler

(based on Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2)

Violin – Anthony Shields

Piano – Jung-hoon Park

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Pastor J. C. Austin

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Patt Haun

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things!

People: God has remembered God's steadfast love and faithfulness to all God's people.

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

People: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

***PRAISE SONG**

House of the Lord

J. Smith, P. Wickham

Praise Band

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds

Gracious and Loving God, you have been faithful to us and to your promises throughout the ages, giving us life and purpose, calling us to be your people, and caring for us as our God. We confess that we often turn aside from your ways, creating and worshipping idols that do not love us and cannot save us. Forgive us, Lord; give us the resilience and courage to worship and follow you alone, that we may live in your grace and radiate your love into the world. Through Christ we pray.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

The Lord is My Shepherd

D. Merrill

Solo – 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

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

ANTHEM

Lost is Found

D. Plank

Duet – Sarah Kent, Sarah Thompson

Violin – Anthony Shields

Puppeteers – Lindsey Miller, Joe Rose

Thank You – Puppet Ministry, Lindsey Miller

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Patt Haun

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

SERMON

"Knowing Who We Are"

Luke 15:1-10

Pastor J. C. Austin

*HYMN 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Verse 1 – Solo – Lauren Mariah

Verse 2, 3 – Congregation

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from I Corinthians 15)

Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND OFFERING

Elder Patt Haun

A portion of today's offering supports our Children's ministry 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

Worship

H. Sorenson

(Sing to the Lord a New Song)

Adult Choir

Violin – Anthony Shields

Timpani – Ed Lambert

Piano – Jung-hoon Park

*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 Nancy Lincoln Reynolds

In the Presbyterian Church, Communion is open to all 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, after proper instruction.

Today we will celebrate Communion by "intinction." This means that, when invited by the pastor, you may come forward, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and eat at that time. Our Communion juice is non-alcoholic, and all bread is gluten-free.

When invited by the pastor, please come forward using the center and side aisles, proceed to an available station in turn, receive the bread and juice, eat, and then return to your seat using the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward and would like to receive Communion in your seat, please raise your hand and the servers will come to you.

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

Prayers of Intercession and 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

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Arr. T. Harbridge

Violin – Anthony Shields

Piano – Jung-hoon Park

Praise Team

***PRAISE SONG**

Sing Wherever I Go

We The Kingdom

Praise Band

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Pastor J.C. Austin

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Threefold Amen

M. Haugen

Adult Choir

***POSTLUDE**

Organ Postlude in C – Op. 28 No. 8

C. Cappelen

Organ – Jung-hoon Park

*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!

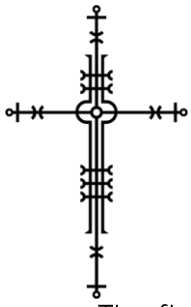
A Stephen Minister will be available, to the side of the chancel by the Stephen Minister banner, at the end of the service to listen and to pray with you. 9:30AM Betsy Stewart



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Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)

September 7, 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 Sue Hannahs 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

"WoodsWords" continues 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 by placing your WoodsWords pledge card in the offering plate on Sundays or leaving it at the office front desk, or online at <https://onrealm.org/woodschurch/-/form/pledge/woodswords>.

Coffee Fellowship - "Nourishing the community and environment one scoop at a time" That is the motto of BD Provision of Severna Park, our new provider for sustainably grown coffee from small plantations around the world. Today's coffee is their most popular blend, named Midnight Joe and it is a blend of Brazilian, Colombian and Indian coffees. Be sure to stop by for a cup in Fellowship Hall and tell us what you think by filling out our review card and in return, get a coupon for a free cup of coffee at the BD provisions store at 844 Ritchie Highway. This will also enter you in a free giveaway of a cool looking coffee plantation sack. Great for a wall hanging in a dorm room or breakfast nook, bulletin board or art project. See the Property Ministry table in the Ministry Mall for coupons and review/entry cards.

Kick-Off Sunday is Today! Join us for a day of fun, fellowship, and celebration! **Ministry Mall** – Visit Fellowship Hall before or after Worship to explore opportunities to connect and serve. **Family Picnic** – From **11AM-1PM**, enjoy lunch and activities for all ages. **Fun for Kids (and kids-at-heart!)** – Pony rides and a petting zoo! Bring a lawn chair and join us as we kick off the new season together at Woods Church!

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!

Interested in learning more about Woods Church? Join us for our next Inquirers Class on **Sunday, September 14, at 10:45AM** in the Office Conference Room.

Adult Education is offering a new study Sundays at 11AM, Sept. 14 – Oct. 19, featuring "Matthew: the Gospel of Promised Blessing" written by Prof. M. Skinner. Matthew portrays Jesus and his message as full of tender compassion and urgent warning. This six-part exploration of an enigmatic Gospel takes us into the themes, topics, and tensions at the heart of Matthew's story about the life and work of Jesus. Meeting in the Office Conference Room and on Zoom Meeting ID: 893 4801 6084 | Passcode: 031891. Books will be in the office.

Cuba Mission Trip! Please consider being part of a Woods trip to our partner church in Sancti Spiritus, Cuba. The dates are March 10 - 17, 2026 and approximate cost is \$1,800. Marty Clayton will be at the Missions table on Kick-off Sunday to answer any questions.

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 - 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 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.



FREE - Acting Class - Sunday, September 28 - 3:15PM - Fellowship Hall - 12+. Have you ever wanted to get your feet wet with acting or brush up on your skills? Then come out to our free acting class on Sunday, September 28 at 3:15 - 4:15PM (directly after dance class) in the Fellowship Hall. The class will be led by Atticus Boidy who is well loved in the area and is known for his creative and award-winning directing. Atticus will lead you through acting warm-ups, discussions, games, and challenges. This class is for ages 12+. No sign up required. For questions please email Alyssa Barlis at performingarts@woodschurch.org.