

Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



September 14, 2025 ~ 9:30AM

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14th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30AM

PRELUDE

Bruckner: Locus Iste
(This Place)

Arr. A. Tucker

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Pastor J. C. Austin

PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

We Shall Live in Peace
Solo – Kathy Lohff

Spiritual

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Kelly Nowotnick

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: Wait for the Lord, whose day is near!

People: Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart!

*HYMN 649

Amazing Grace
Verses 1, 2, 3, 5

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds

Gracious and Loving God, like your people in the wilderness, we grow impatient when you do not do what we want you to do, when we want you to do it. We create idols of things that make us feel less vulnerable, more secure, less fearful, more powerful, and yet we are still surprised when we find their promises empty and their costs steep. Forgive us, Lord; give us the patience, resilience, and courage to wait on you and do your will, that we may help bring more love, more justice, more compassion, and more peace into the broken places of this world. Through Christ we pray.

MUSICAL MEDITATION 753

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
1st Verse and Chorus – Solo – David Merrill
2nd Verse– Congregation

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Pastor J.C. Austin
Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds
Elder Dennis Balog

Noa Ivon Campbell
Daughter of Vincent and Sara Campbell
and

**Luka Giovanni Primero-Hart
Yadriel Michael Alexander Primero-Hart**
Sons of Felipe Primero and Brooke Primero-Hart

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Apostles' Creed)

Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds

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.

To the Congregation:

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to teach, guide, and nurture Noa, Luka, and Yadriel in their journey of faith as a follower of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Will you be examples for Noa, Luka, and Yadriel by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of this church? **We will.**

Welcome and Promise:

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Deacon Kelly Nowotnick

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17

SERMON

"The Things That Make for Peace"

Pastor J. C. Austin

Luke 19:41-44

***HYMN 840**

When Peace like a River

Verses 1, 2, 4

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND OFFERING

Deacon Kelly Nowotnick

A portion of today's offering supports Property ministry 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

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Arr. J. Althouse

Adult Choir

***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

Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds

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 378

We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor J.C. Austin

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Threefold Amen

Adult Choir

M. Haugen

*POSTLUDE

Toccata in E Minor

J. Pachelbel

*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!

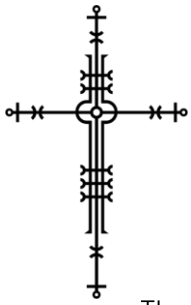
A Stephen Minister will be available, to the side of the chancel by the Stephen Minister banner, at the end of the service to listen and to pray with you. 9:30AM John Dunham | 11AM Betsy Stewart



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Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)

September 14, 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 Delia Edelmann and are given for the glory of God.
~ In memory of Marie Schumann Andrews, from her loving family

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 Gale Gillespie's birthday

Christian Education/Sunday School Classes

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

Time	Location	Time	Location
8AM Men's Bible Study Women's Bible Study (1 st Sunday of Month)	Room 208/Virtual Conference/Virtual	11AM Matthew Bible Study Nursery 0-2-year-olds All Children	Conference/Virtual Room 110 Room 107
9:30AM Adult Bible Study Nursery 0-2-year-olds 2 & 3-year-olds 4, year-olds - Kindergarten 1 st - 2 nd graders 3 rd - 5 th graders Middle & High School	Conference/Virtual Room 110 Room 115 Room 107 Room 150 Room 152 Room 208/212	12:15PM SEEK Band 2PM Confirmation 3:30PM HS Confirmation	Choir Room Room 212 Room 212, Fireside Room
10:30AM Children's Choir	Choir Room		

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>.

Interested in learning more about Woods Church? Join us **today** at our Inquirers Class **at 10:45AM** in the Founders 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. Meeting in the Office Conference Room and on Zoom Meeting ID: 893 4801 6084 | Passcode: 031891. Books will be in the office.

Coffee Fellowship - We received overwhelmingly positive feedback on the new coffee we featured on Kick Off Sunday. The coffee this Sunday will be the Midnight Joe blend again (Jones Station Firehouse favorite) and in upcoming weeks, we will introduce other sustainably grown coffees from small plantations around the world

and even Pumpkin spice later in the Fall. You may also notice that we upgraded all of our coffee dispensers to a more modern lever-design which is considerably easier to operate.

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.



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 Boyd 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.

On Monday, September 29, we will offer our first Dinner Worship Experience in Fellowship Hall! There will be a gathering time **starting at 5PM; Dinner Worship itself begins at 5:30PM and concludes around 6:30PM**. This will be a family-friendly, multi-generational time of food and worship in a comfortable, casual setting. We will gather around tables, and dinner will be integrated into the service itself, which will include singing, prayer, a pastor's message, and an interactive reflection time. Come share in good worship, good food, and good community!

Children's Choir - Our Children's starts today! Wahoo! Any child in 1st - 5th grade is welcome to come sing! Our first rehearsal will be **today from 10:30 - 11AM**. For more information please email David Merrill at dmerrill@woodschurch.org.

SEEK Band - Grades 6 - 12 - 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 **today 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.

Support SPAN at the Broadway Songfest! Join us for an **exuberant, fun-filled salute to Broadway and Movie Musicals** at the **Broadway Songfest Concert** on **Saturday, September 20 at 5PM** at **St. Martin's-in-the-Field Parish. Live Concert:** Enjoy an evening of music celebrating a wide variety of Broadway and movie favorites.

Online Auction (Auction: <https://www.32auctions.com/SPANauction2025>)

Concert tickets (https://www.spanhelps.org/broadway_songfest)