

Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



September 21, 2025 ~ 9:30AM

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15th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30AM

PRELUDE

Chaconne in D Minor,
from Violin Partita, BWV 1004

J.S. Bach,
Arr. Busoni

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Pastor J. C. Austin

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***CHORAL INTROIT**

This is the Day of New Beginnings
Adult Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Jonathan Leer

Leader: Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord;

People: When they call to me, I will answer them.

Leader: I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

People: With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation, says the Lord!

***HYMN 450**

Be Thou My Vision
Verses 1, 2, 4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds

Gracious and Loving God, you are the source of all life and all hope for us, and you promise to be with us and sustain us regardless of where we find ourselves in our lives or in this world. But we struggle to remember your promise when we are surrounded by events and powers that threaten us, and to maintain our faith and hope in you. Strengthen our hearts and spirits to trust your presence and promises, Lord. Help us to recognize you at work in our lives and world, so we may find our hope in you and join you in lives of faith and service.

MUSICAL MEDITATION 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending
Solo- Mary Jo Greenley

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

I'd Rather Have Jesus
Solo – Phil Hope
Piano- David Merrill

G.B. Shea

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Jonathan Leer

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 2:1-7

SERMON

"Believing Who We Will Be"

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Pastor J. C. Austin

***HYMN 714**

God of The Fertile Fields

Verses 1, 2, 4

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (the 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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND OFFERING

Elder Jonathan Leer

A portion of today's offering supports our Worship ministry as it seeks to praise God through the diverse musical and artistic gifts of our church and community. This includes our Praise Band and Adult Choir, our SEEK band and Children's Choir programs, our Art Gallery, and all liturgical aspects of our worship life.

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

Sanctus

Adult Choir

Arr. G. Fauré

***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 39**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Verses 1, 3

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Pastor J.C. Austin

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Threefold Amen

Adult Choir

M. Haugen

***POSTLUDE**

Toccata in Seven

J. Rutter

*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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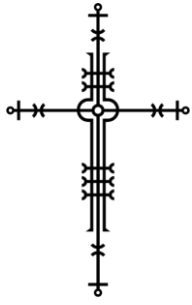
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Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)

September 21, 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 Jenny Henry and are given for the glory of God and

~ In honor of Mellissa Henry's birthday, Love Mom and Dad

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	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 O-2-year-olds	Conference/Virtual Room 110
9:30AM Adult Bible Study Nursery O-2-year-olds 2 & 3-year-olds 4, year-olds - Kindergarten 1 st - 2 nd graders 3 rd - 5 th graders	Conference/Virtual Room 110 Room 115 Room 107 Room 150 Room 152	All Children 12:15PM SEEK Band 2PM Confirmation 3:30PM HS Confirmation	Room 107 Choir Room Room 212 Room 212, Fireside Room
Middle & High School 10:30AM Children's Choir	Room 208/212 Choir Room		

Upcoming Events & Church News

Congregational Meeting – On Sunday, September 28 at 10:25AM we will hold a congregational meeting for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report of Session, which will include a financial report for 2024-25 and a report on the approved budget for 2025-26.

"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>.

Adult Education is offering a study Sundays at 11AM, September 14 – October 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.

New Art Exhibit in the Gallery - Please visit the new art display in the Gallery. This month's art exhibit is entitled "Everything Under the Sun" by artist Jane Ferguson. Jane's art captures the richness of "everything under the sun" and invites viewers to see the extraordinary in the everyday.

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.

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!

Noah's Ark Blessing of the Animals will be held on Sunday, **October 5, 1PM** at the front of the church, all are welcome. For more info email noahsark@woodschurch.org

Kindness Connections - Can you be-leaf it is Fall?! One way we show our belief is through Kindness Connections. Every week we are watching the Kindness Connections add up on the bulletin board in the Children's Sunday School Hallway. Put Your name on a leaf each week and tell Ms. Kat or Ms. Lindsey how You made a Kindness Connection at home, school, work, or play. The Kindness Connection are really piling up!

Woods Church's Third Annual Fall Costume Party and Parade will be **Friday, October 17** at Boone Station. Games begin at 4:30PM. The parade to Sunrise Assisted Living begins at 5:30PM. Costumes are encouraged but optional, because we are all dressed as beloved children of God!

Open Mic Night – The Youth and Music Ministries presents: Open Mic Night **Friday, October 24 at 7PM** in the youth room (212).

Cuba Mission Trip! Our partner church in Sancti Spiritus, Cuba, is in desperate need of over-the-counter medicines. A group from Woods is going in early November and can take these to them. Please be sure that all containers are factory-sealed and NO GUMMIES! Needed items – Ibuprofen,

Acetaminophen, Antihistamines, Omeprazole, Famotidine, Children's and Adult vitamins (no gummies), Artificial tears, Pain cream. Simethicone (Gas-X), Hydrocortisone, Triple antibiotics, Afrin, Pepto Bismol, 81m Aspirin, Naproxen, Children's Tylenol and vitamin C (no gummies), Thank you for supporting our brothers and sisters in Christ who are caring for their community!

Children's Choir - Any child in 1st - 5th grade is welcome to come sing! We meet Sunday **from 10:30 - 11AM**, in the choir room. 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. We meet Sundays **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.

Welcome New Members

Tim Boucher - Tim grew up in Maryland, living in Glen Burnie through fourth grade and then Severna Park. He graduated from Severna Park High School and went on to Loyola College and Georgetown University Law Center. He also lived in Colorado for 20 years before returning to Maryland in 2021. He has been married to Susan for over 25 years. Susan is the Transitional Pastor at Harundale Presbyterian Church. They have two children, Joseph (17) and Izzy (14). Susan was also an Intern at Woods while at seminary. Tim works in DC as an Assistant General Counsel for Lumen Technologies. His work focuses on telecommunications, law, and the work of the Federal Communications Commission. His main focus now is on his busy family's life. He also loves to mountain bike, ski and hike. Joseph was confirmed at Woods, and Izzy is in this year's confirmation class. Tim has stayed involved in the youth program. He feels that it is a gift to be here with his children and now is the time to become a member of Woods. Welcome to Woods!

Warren Brockett - Warren was born in Silver Spring Maryland and now lives in Severna Park with his wife, Molly. They have three boys. Tomas Henry (17), Marshall Ulyssus (14), and Jefferson Paul (11). The boys have all been involved in WoodsWork and active in the youth program. Warren Paul feels very familiar with Woods as he has been involved in Woods numerous times over the years. He was married here in the 1990s. He has served on the Board of Woodswise for several years. Currently he is Chairman of the Woodswise Board and helps residents at Sunrise. He is also on the BWMC Hospital Board (Next Generation). In his work life, Warren is a Financial Advisor with Cambridge/Leading Edge Wealth Advisors. When he has the time, you might find him sailing, on a power boat, or Kayaking. Any kind of boat would be fine and certainly his boys enjoy it also. Welcome to Woods!

Brooke and Steve Schini - Steve and Brooke live in St Margaret's Landing in Annapolis. Steve is originally from Richmond, Virginia and Brooke was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and both grew up in Towson. They have two adult children and three grandkids. They both have known Woods since living in the area and have friends who are part of Woods. They love the contemporary service and enjoy the music program here at Woods. They had visited many churches and were pleased to see all ages at Woods and the various ways Woods meets the needs of the congregation. Steve and Brooke are retired. Steve was a defense contractor and consultant supporting Navy acquisition programs. Brooke is retired from AA County Public Schools and was a FACS teacher at Middle School and High School. They both have many interests. Steve has volunteered at the community pool, on church committees and for their local HOA. Their hobbies include sewing and cooking for Brooke and woodworking and fixing things for Steve. Welcome to Woods!