

# Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



September 28, 2025 ~ 9:30AM

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16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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**PRELUDE**

**Meditation "Ave Maria,"**  
After Bach's Prelude in C

C. Gounod

**WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY**

Pastor J. C. Austin

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*CHORAL INTROIT**

**We Give Thee but Thine Own**  
Adult Choir

Shamann

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Ministry Matters)

Elder Laura Ivey

Lector: You have called us to this place, O Lord.

**People: Each one of us is unique, with differing gifts and talents.**

Lector: Yet each talent represented here is valuable in God's realm.

**People: Lord, help us find ways in which to use our talents for healing and hope.**

Lector: Come, let us praise the Lord who has called us here.

**People: Let us open our hearts and worship God**

**\*HYMN 12**

***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise***

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (taken from Tommy Orlando)

Pastor J. C. Austin

**We come before you in humility and repentance acknowledging the truth that our willingness to train for godliness has rarely matched our need for it. We repent of the fact that we have continued to elevate the desires of the flesh above the call of the Spirit. Help us O God, by your Holy Spirit, to change our course. Help us Lord, by your Holy Spirit, to embrace the disciplines of faith that we know will transform our spirit lives. Help us by your Holy Spirit to enter your holy of holies through the gift of prayer, to cherish the treasure of your Word by faithful study and to commit to our place in your community with contentment and joy as instruments of the Gospel. May you empower us to find fellowship and service as we commit to your community.**

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

**Ach Gott und Herr**  
Adult Choir

J.S. Bach

Translation – Ah, my Lord and God, how great and heavy are the sins I have committed!  
There is nobody who can help me to be found in this world.

**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**  
Solo – Jane Merrill

C. Courtney

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Laura Ivey

## SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

## SERMON

**"The Life That Really Is Life"** Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds  
1 Timothy 6:6-19

## \*HYMN

### ***One Day as Jesus was Traveling Through***

C. Gillette

Tune – Be Thou My Vision (Slane)

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| 1. One day as Jesus was traveling through,<br>There came a rich man a-traveling, too.<br>One sought inheritance, one faced the cross;<br>Where was the profit and where was the loss?               | 2. "What can I do now to gain one more thing?"<br>So asked the rich man who lived like a king.<br>Jesus said kindly, "There's one thing you lack:<br>Sell, give and follow—there's no turning back." |
| 3. "Sell, give and follow?" The man was afraid.<br>"How can I give up the wealth I have made?<br>I live a good life! I cannot let go!<br>Sell, give and follow? I'll have to say, 'No!'"            | 4. How can a camel fit through a small place?<br>How can disciples be saved, but by grace?<br>How can the wealthy find joy, but to give?<br>God, in your kingdom—by dying, we live.                  |
| 5. Christ, you have shown us the way of the cross;<br>You give a gift that the world sees as loss.<br>May we let go of the things we hold dear;<br>Then, serving others, we'll find your life here. |  |

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND OFFERING

Elder Laura Ivey

A portion of today's offering supports our Mission ministry in the area of emergency assistance. This includes our donations to the Cecilia McKay Good Neighbor Fund, which provides financial assistance for utilities, rent or other crisis needs, and to the SPAN (Serving People Across Neighborhoods) regional food pantry.

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 Me Walk With Thee***

S. Paul

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 J. C. Austin

**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 41

### ***O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!***

Verses 1, 2, 5

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Pastor JC Austin

## ADJURN AND PRAYER

Elder Ellen Oakes

\*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](http://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 Phyllis Beardmore

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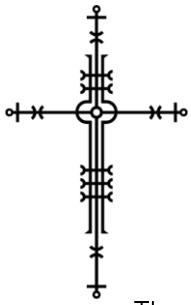
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# Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)

**September 28, 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 Sally Sachse 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	Time	Location
<b>8AM</b> Men's Bible Study Women's Bible Study (1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Month)	Room 208/Virtual Conference/Virtual	<b>10:30AM</b> Children's Choir	Choir Room
<b>9:30AM</b> Adult Bible Study Nursery O-2-year-olds 2 & 3-year-olds 4, year-olds - Kindergarten 1 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> graders 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> graders Middle & High School	Conference/Virtual Room 110 Room 115 Room 107 Room 150 Room 152 Room 208/212	<b>11AM</b> Matthew Bible Study Nursery O-2-year-olds All Children <b>12:15PM</b> SEEK Band <b>2PM</b> Confirmation <b>3:30PM</b> HS Confirmation	Conference/Virtual Room 110 Room 107 Choir Room Room 212 Room 212

## **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 and approve changes in the pastors' terms of call.

**"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](mailto: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>.

**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!

**Soul in Motion - On Sunday, October 5** (World Communion) at both the **9:30 and 11AM** services, we will welcome Soul In Motion. Soul in Motion is an organization that specializes in African Dance and Drumming. The mission of

Soul In Motion is to share the richness and the experiences of the African-American culture through Theatre, Dance and Drumming. Since 1984, their performances continue to be expressions of the African-American Experience highlighting influences from West Africa, Cuba, and Brazil. Soul In Motion is committed to maintaining the African-American Experience in each and every performance while demonstrating the utmost respect for the genre.

**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. **Come meet Jane following the services today in the gallery.**

**Free - Acting Class - Today - 3:15-4:15PM - Fellowship Hall - 12+.** Have you ever wanted to get your feet wet with acting or brush up on your skills? 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](mailto:performingarts@woodschurch.org).

**Open Dance Classes - Sundays 2 - 3:15PM, Fellowship Hall** - Join our Worship Ministry for a series of dance classes this fall! 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. For more information please email Alyssa Barlis at [performingarts@woodschurch.org](mailto:performingarts@woodschurch.org).

**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](mailto:noahsark@woodschurch.org)

**Adult Education will offer a new Sunday class at 11AM in Room 208** in concert with an upcoming sermon series about exile and how God has used it in the past as a growing opportunity for God's people. When we are separated from our familiar surroundings, friends, and loved ones it is difficult. This is true both when caused by geographic isolation, ideological disagreements or by spiritual estrangement. Join us to explore the Babylonian Captivity and how it worked to shape and grow God's people. The class will be led by Greg Hubert. It will run from **October 5 until November 9**.

**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!

**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.

**The Price of Egypt - Auditions November 11-12, 2025** at Woods Church in Severna Park. Show Dates - **March 13-15 & 19-21 (8 shows)**. The Prince of Egypt is a sweeping, epic musical with music and lyrics by Grammy and Oscar winner Stephen Schwartz, a book by Philip LaZebnik. One must rule as Pharaoh, the other must rise up and free his true people; both face a destiny that will change history forever. We are looking for a cast of all ages, abilities, races, and gender identities. We also need help behind the scenes! Go to [www.wmpcauditions.com](http://www.wmpcauditions.com) for more information and to sign up!