

Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



October 4, 2026 ~ 9:30 AM

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World Communion Sunday

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

Collection of Celtic Melodies

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Pastor J. C. Austin

PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

Teimse im Cholade
David and Ginger Hildebrand

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Dennis Balog

Leader: The heavens tell of the glory of God;

People: and **the firmament proclaims God's handiwork!**

Leader: All creation sings of the greatness of God.

People: Let us sing God's praises together!

ALL: Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN 322

We Are One in Christ Jesus
1st Chorus/Verse – Marty Clayton
Choruses – Congregation
Verses – Adult Choir

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Pastor Ashley Brown

Holy God, you spoke the world into being and called it good. You made us in your image and gave us a place within your creation, to rule as you rule: with patience, generosity, prudence, and love. But we have taken what you gave as a blessing and claimed it as a possession. We exploit what you call us to cultivate; we neglect what you call us to tend. Forgive us, Lord, and teach us anew what it means to have dominion while bearing your image. Inspire and guide us to be true caretakers of each other and all your creation, that we may embody your love and grace across the world. Through Christ we pray.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Le Printemps
David and Ginger Hildebrand

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 Dennis Balog

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 6:2, 7-10

SERMON

"Being Human in an AI Age: Master of the House"
Genesis 1:26-31a; 2:8-9, 15

Pastor J. C. Austin

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from I Corinthians 15)

Pastor Ashley Brown

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 Dennis Balog

A portion of today's offering supports our Outreach and Service committee in the area of evangelism, both local and worldwide. This includes donations that support PC(USA) mission co-workers around the world, and the Comunidad Presbiteriana de la Trinidad (CPT) serving the regional Hispanic population.

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

Take and Eat This Bread of Heaven

T. Keesecker

Solo – Jane Merrill

Adult Choir

Guitar – David Hildebrand

Violin – Ginger Hildebrand

*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

*HYMN 515

I Come with Joy
Verses 1, 2, 5

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor J.C. Austin

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Siyahamb' – We Are Marching
Adult Choir

*POSTLUDE

Klövvsjö

Brudmarsch
Polska av Jakob Aslund

*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 Beth Hadley | 11AM Betsy Stewart



Prayer Requests



Pledge Card

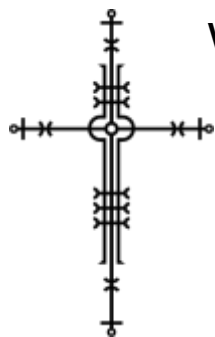


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Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

October 4, 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.

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	Room 208/Virtual	10:30AM Children's Choir	Choir Room
9:30AM Spiritual Exploration Group	Conference/Virtual	11AM Genesis	Room 208/Virtual
Nursery 0-2-year-olds	Room 110	Nursery 0-2-year-olds	Room 110
2 & 3-year-olds	Room 115	All Children	Room 107
4, year-olds – 5 th graders	Room 107	12:15PM SEEK Band	Choir Room
1 st – 2 nd graders	Room 150	2PM Confirmation	Room 212
3 rd – 5 th graders	Room 155		
Middle & High School	Room 208/212		

Upcoming Events & Church News

Noah's Ark Blessing of the Animals will be held on Sunday, October 4, 1PM at the front of the church, all are welcome. For more info email noahsark@woodschurch.org

Men's Bible Study Celebrates 40 Years! Join the Men's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall between services on October 4 as we celebrate 40 years together! Enjoy cake and refreshments, and be sure to stay for a special song performed by the men. All are welcome!

Today is World Communion Sunday. The PC(USA) special offering for World Communion will be collected. This is one of three annual special offerings which go above and beyond by enabling the church to promote the Peace of Christ, addressing systems of injustice across the world. With its singular focus on reconciling God's people around the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, this offering supports the PC(USA)'s initiatives in racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations. You can give through our [website](#) and select World Communion (formally known as Peace & Global Witness) from the drop-down menu.

Adult Formation Class 11AM Sundays, through October 25 **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. Meeting in Conference Room and on Zoom Meeting ID: 827 4541 2791 | Passcode: 50 0840.

Flower Workshop – The Flower Ministry invites members and friends of Woods Church to a workshop on Saturday, October 17, from 9:30 AM–12 PM in the Founders Room. Space is limited to 25 participants. Cost is **\$20**, which includes materials. Please bring garden cutters (clippers). For registration assistance, contact Pam Ward at 443.261.3263 or visit the church office.

Meet and Greet Pastor Ashley! Interested in participating in an in-home gathering with Pastor Ashley? Please email Karen Lerario at apnc@woodschurch.org for more information.

New Art Exhibit in the Gallery - Please visit the new art display in the Gallery. This month's art exhibit is entitled "*Art Ministry Celebrates*" by local ministry artists. This exhibit celebrates the creativity and artistic gifts of our ministry members.

Picnic Table Pre-Order - **The Youth and Outreach & Service Committees are partnering for the annual Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake picnic table build. Want to reserve a picnic table 7 foot or bench 6 foot? Pre-order by October 15. Forms are available in the Welcome Area Woods News holder. Return forms to Beth Hadley at bbhadley@gmail.com. Questions? Call 443-668-2551. Delivery options are available.**

A Broadway Afternoon - From Golden Classics to Today - October 25 at 2PM in the Sanctuary – FREE. Come and join us for a fun filled, Broadway Afternoon on Sunday October 25 at 2PM! The concert features renowned singers - Andrew Fowler (Tenor), Jennifer Cooper (Alto), Shouvik Mondle (Baritone), Tabitha Popernack (Soprano), David Merrill (Tenor), and pianist Sandy Daelemans. We'll take you on a journey through some of the most beloved Musical Theater songs ever written! From West Side Story, to Cats, Phantom of the Opera, to Pippin there is something for everyone! This event is free, but a registration is required, please register at www.woodstix.org. For more information please email David Merrill at dmerrill@woodschurch.org. (Original concert concept created by Shouvik Mondle)



Register QR-Code

Cecilia McKay Good Neighbor Fund is in Need. In September, we had 62 requests for assistance and we provided some help to 25....expending over \$7,000.00 of your donated funds...thank you all. Over \$4,200 of that was to prevent BGE shut-off!! 20 of the 25 have never requested assistance before. To conserve funds, due to this significant increase in requests over the past 3 months, we will be reducing the amount of help we give to each qualifying person/family. Since this is not a budget item, your directed donations would be appreciated.

Outreach and Service Partner SPAN is in critical need of canned meats, oatmeal, sides of all kinds, basic toiletries of all kinds, cleaning supplies and diapers sizes 4 and up. Please place your items in the SPAN boxes behind the Welcome Desk. Thank you for your kindness and caring by supporting our neighbors in need.

Save the Date for the Woods Church Annual Holiday Bazaar, Saturday, November 21, from 9AM to 1PM. Start gathering donations now. But **DON'T** Bring them to the church until the week of November 15. We are looking for new or gently used: jewelry, books, records, CD's, DVDs, pet items, games, puzzles, artwork, toys, musical instruments, dishes, glassware, kitchen utensils, small working appliances, lamps, collectibles, holiday items, sports equipment, and linens. Items we are **unable** to accept include: baby strollers, children's high-chairs, car seats, cribs, electronics, or furniture. Questions? Pam Blumenthal, mblumenthal1941@gmail.com or Delia Edelmann dedelmann30@gmail.com.