

Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



October 5, 2025 ~ 9:30AM & 11AM

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World Communion Sunday

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PRELUDE

Lamban
Soul In Motion

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Pastor J. C. Austin

PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

Sorsonet
Soul In Motion

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Sue Hannahs

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul,

People: and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: and do not forget God's benefits!

***SONG**

Uyai Mose
(Come All Ye People)
Soul In Motion

A. Gondo

Shona
Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari x3
Uyai mose zvino

2. Come, all you people, come and praise your Savior x3
Come now and worship the Lord

English
1. Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker x3
Come now and worship the Lord
3. Come, all you people, come and praise your Spirit x3
Come now and worship the Lord

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds

Gracious God, you created this world and all its peoples to be in loving relationship with you. Yet we constantly divide from one another and turn away from you; we choose domination over justice, exclusion over unity, violence over peace, hate and indifference over love. Forgive us, Lord; help us as your church to demonstrate your reconciling love through our words, our ministry, and our life together, that we be a sign of your boundless love for this world and everything in it. Through Christ we pray.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Come to the Table
Solo – Jenny Henry

H. Chul Lee

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TIME WITH CHILDREN

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Sue Hannahs

SCRIPTURE READING

Lamentations 3:19-26

SERMON

"A Cosmopolitan Church"
Galatians 3:26-4:7

Pastor J. C. Austin

***SONG**

Malo Malo – Thanks Be to God

J. Manibusan

Call and Response

Chorus:

Malo Malo! Thanks Be to God

Obrigado! Alleluia

Gracias Kim sa ham ni da!

Malo Malo! Thanks Be to God

1. Si Yu'us, Si Ma'a'se, Terima, Kasih!, Maraming,
Salamat, Dankeschön!, Dziěkuje , We thank you Lord

2. Mèsi, Bokou!, Xie xie, Arigato!, Grazie!, Cámon!
We thank you Lord.

(Languages – Togan, Portuguese, Spanish, Korean, Chamoru, Indonesian, Filipino, German, Polish, Creole,
Mandarin, Japanese, Italian, Vietnamese)

***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 Sue Hannahs

A portion of today's offering supports our Youth ministry as it nurtures the faith of our middle and high-school youth. This includes offering regular Sunday School classes, Confirmation instruction, WoodsWork mission projects, and other youth camps, trips, and Tuesday evening fellowship time.

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

Baba Yetu (*Our Father*)

C. Tin

Solos – Lucas White, Hadley Dodson
Soul In Motion, Adult Choir, Praise Band,
Children's Choir, SEEK Band
Pictures from Malawi Mission Trip

Swahili Translation – Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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 baptized 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.

Prayer 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

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Dundunba

Soul In Motion

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***HYMN**

Siyahamb'

Anon

(We Are Marching in the Light of God)

Zulu Solo:

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos' x4

Siyahamba, hamba, siyahamba, oo oh

siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

Siyahamba, hamba, siyahamba, oo oh

siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

English Verse 1:

We are marching in the light of God x4

We are marching, marching, we are marching oo oh!

We are marching in the light of God

We are marching, marching, we are marching oo oh!

We are marching in the light of God

English Verse 2:

We are singing in the light of God x4

We are singing, singing, we are singing oo oh!

We are singing in the light of God

We are singing, singing, we are singing oo oh!

We are singing in the light of God

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Pastor J.C. Austin

***POSTLUDE**

Kuku

Soul In Motion

*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 Lauren Lohff | 11AM Betsy Stewart

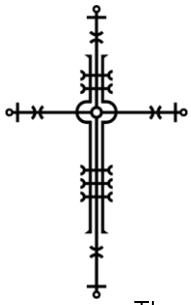


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Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)

October 5, 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.

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 honor of Jeff and Sue Hannah's 30 wedding anniversary

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 (1st Sunday of Month)	Room 2O8/Virtual Conference/Virtual	11AM Matthew Bible Study Babylonian Captivity Nursery O-2-year-olds All Children	All Classes Cancelled Room 2O8 Room 11O Room 1O7
9:30AM Adult Bible Study Nursery O-2-year-olds 2 & 3-year-olds 4, year-olds - Kindergarten 1st - 2nd graders 3rd - 5th graders Middle & High School	Conference/Virtual Room 11O Room 115 Room 1O7 Room 15O Room 152 Room 2O8/212	2PM Confirmation 3:30PM HS Confirmation	Room 212 Room 212

Upcoming Events & Church News

Soul in Motion - On **Sunday, today** (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.

All remaining Matthew classes have been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts.

Noah's Ark - Blessing of the Animals will be held **today at, 1PM** at the front of the church, all are welcome.

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.

The pastors are convening a new Community Conversation in the Sanctuary on Tuesday, October 14, at 6:30PM entitled, "Who Is My Enemy? Being Community in the Midst of Conflict." Our national public discourse continues to grow more and more polarized, and it has become increasingly common to consider those on "the other side" not simply as opponents or even adversaries, but as enemies. In a moderated discussion, this conversation will explore what it means to have enemies in our society and in our faith, and how we as Christians are called to engage with our enemies. This event is open to the public, so you are encouraged to invite your neighbors for this important and all-too-timely conversation.

"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>.

Don't miss fellowship, coffee and bagels every Sunday morning before and after services in Fellowship Hall! The coffee of the week is "Sumatra"! This organic blend is produced in the Bener Meriah highlands of Sumatra, Indonesia. From the Adsenia variety, it is one of the oldest coffee varieties in Aceh. Many of the producers are women who lost their husbands in the 2003 civil war and are now part of co-ops, selling their coffee to support their families and communities. **Looking for a place to serve without a long-term commitment?** Try hosting bagels & coffee fellowship one Sunday morning. Individuals, teens, friends, and families are welcome. Training provided. Stop by the Welcome desk or office for more information.

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**.

Join the Party & Parade - The children of Severna Park, the CDC, and Woods Church are invited to our third annual Fall Costume Party and Parade! Dress up and Show up for a fun fall celebration with games, prizes, our famous Cup Cake Walk and a parade to visit our friends at Sun Rise! YOU can help with the game, welcoming children, or providing safety for the parade. Parade will be **Friday, October 17 at Boone Station**. Games begin at 4:30PM. The parade to Sunrise Assisted Living begins at 5:30PM. Contact Lindsey Miller, lmiller@woodschurch.org or Kat Green, kgreen@woodschurch.org for more information.

Open Mic Night Friday, October 24 at 7PM in the Youth room (212), hosted by Youth and Music Ministries. Do you sing? Play an instrument? Write poetry? Consider sharing your talents or just come to support others in this family friendly event. In the case of too many acts, our youth will be given priority on the sign-up sheet. Refreshments provided, but feel free to bring a snack to share.

Cuba Mission Trip! Our partner church in Sancti Spiritus, Cuba, is in desperate need of over-the-counter medicines. We will be collecting the needed items in the church office until November 2. 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!

AGO - Hymn Festival - Sunday, November 9 at 3PM – FREE! Under the direction of Dr. Daniel Aune, Professor of Organ at Peabody, singers from ten area church choirs, including Woods Church, will gather and lead us in singing some of our most well-beloved hymns! Come on out and join in the singing! For questions please email David Merrill at dmerrill@woodschurch.org.

The Prince 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 for more information and to sign up!