

Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



October 12, 2025 ~ 9:30AM

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18th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30AM

PRELUDE

Siman Prelude – Tov Medley

Folk Song

(Good Sign)

Violin – Anthony Shields

Piano – Jung-hoon Park

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Pastor J. C. Austin

PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

Dona Nobis Pacem

E. Myers

Verses 1 & 2 – Solo – Mary Jo Greenley

Verse 1 on Repeat - Congregation

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Dennis Balog

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

People: sing the glory of God's name!

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples;

People: let the sounds of God's praise be heard!

***HYMN 54**

Make a Joyful Noise to God!

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. 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

I Rejoiced When I Heard them Say

B. Farrell

Solo – David Merrill

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

Shalom!

D. Forrest

Duet – Marty Clayton and Tom Magette

Violin – Anthony Shields

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Dennis Balog

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 2:8-15

***HYMN 378**

We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom

***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 Dennis Balog

A portion of today's offering supports our Mission ministry in the area of evangelism, both local and worldwide. This includes donations that support PCUSA mission co-workers around the world, and the Comunidad Presbiteriana de la Trinidad (CPT) serving 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

Hevénu Shalom Aléchem

Arr. S. Albrecht

(Peace Be Upon You)

Adult Ladies, Percussion – Ed Lambert,
Bass – Don Counts, Violin – Anthony Shields,
Piano – Jung-hoon Park

***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 80**

You Shall Go Out with Joy

1st Time – Solo – David Merrill
2nd & 3rd Time – Congregation

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Pastor J.C. Austin

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Shalom, chaverim!

(Farewell! My Friends)
Adult Choir

*POSTLUDE

Hava Nagila

(Let us Rejoice)

Piano – Jung-hoon Park

Violin – Anthony Shields

Arr. S. Herrault

*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 | 11AM Bill Hadley

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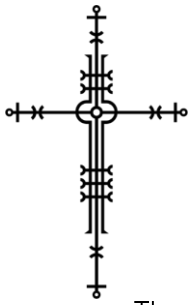
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Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)

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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 Sue Hannahs 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
8AM Men's Bible Study Women's Bible Study (1 st Sunday of Month)	Room 2O8/Virtual Conference/Virtual	10:30AM Children's Choir	Choir Room
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 Middle & High School	Conference/Virtual Room 11O Room 115 Room 1O7 Room 15O Room 152 Room 2O8/212	11AM Babylonian Captivity Class Nursery O-2-year-olds All Children 12:15PM SEEK Band 2PM Confirmation 3:30PM HS Confirmation	Room 2O8 Room 11O Room 1O7 Choir Room Room 212 Room 212

Upcoming Events & Church News

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.

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.

Musical Audition Workshop - Free - today, 3:15 - 5:45PM - Woods Church - Fellowship Hall. Do you want to learn more about the art of auditioning, or have an audition coming up and want to get feedback? Then come on out to our free Musical Audition Workshop taught by professionals in the field - Atticus Boidy (acting), Emily Sergo (singing), Lindsay Zetter (dance). Please bring 1 to 2 songs to sing, a pianist will be provided. Please also wear comfortable clothes and shoes to dance in! For more information, please email performingarts@woodschurch.org.

"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>.

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.

There will be a **Service of Wholeness on Wednesday, October 22, at 6:45PM in the Sanctuary**. This is a deeply spiritual service of prayer, laying on of hands and anointing by the pastors and elders for those experiencing emotional or physical concerns. If you would like to attend, please contact Maureen Adams at 410.647.2550 or email her at madams@woodschurch.org.

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.

SPAN shelves are almost bare. Please support our neighbors in need by donating canned vegetables, canned meats or fish, pasta, sauce and other tomato-based products, instant and canned potatoes, peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix and syrup, coffee and tea, toothpaste, soap, paper towels, laundry detergent, and dish soap.

Adult Education will offer a 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**.

Cuba Mission Trip November 4-11! 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!

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!

Don't miss fellowship, coffee and bagels every Sunday morning before and after services in Fellowship Hall! The coffee of the week is "**Colombia**"! Colombia Supremo is sourced from small to medium family-owned farms located within the city of Pereira in the department of Risaralda, Columbia. Coffee is cultivated on farms that average 2.5 hectares in size. Producers pick and process the beans at their own micro-wet mills and then dry their own coffee. **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.

2025 Stride for SPAN Turkey Trot is on Saturday, November 1st at Kinder Farm Park at 9AM. This is SPAN's primary fundraiser for the year to meet the extremely high levels of need for emergency financial assistance. Please register today to be a sponsor or to do the 5K Race or 1-mile Fun Walk. Register on line at <https://register.chronotrack.com/r/87271>.