

Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



October 19, 2025 ~ 9:30AM

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19th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30AM

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in C Minor, BWV 549

J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Pastor J. C. Austin

PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

Hear My Prayer
Solo – Lauren Mariah

F. Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Karen Lerario

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord!

People: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving!

Leader: What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?

People: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord!

***HYMN 694**

Great God of Every Blessing

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds

Gracious and Loving God, you call us together as your people, and you promise to write your laws upon our hearts, so that we may know your will and follow it. But we prefer to guard our own hearts, write our own laws, and follow our own wills. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to know you in our deepest being, and uphold your will with every action, so that we may live faithfully and joyfully as your servant people. Through Christ we pray.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

We Belong to God
1st Time Solo – David Merrill
2nd Time – Congregation

D. 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

Love The Lord Your God
Children's Choir

G. Stewart

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Karen Lerario

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

SERMON

"The Ethics of Exile: All In"
Jeremiah 31:7-14, 31-34

Pastor J. C. Austin

***HYMN 712**

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

***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 Karen Lerario

A portion of today's offering supports our Mission ministry in the area of specialized services, such as donations that support the Baltimore Station's programs providing therapeutic and outpatient treatment options for veterans, and the Langton Green residence for adults with intellectual disabilities.

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

Speak, Lord

T. Trenney

Solo – Lucas White
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 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 761**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Verses 1, 2, 4

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Pastor J.C. Austin

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Threefold Amen

M. Haugen

Adult Choir

***POSTLUDE**

Fugue in C Minor, BWV 582

J. S. Bach

*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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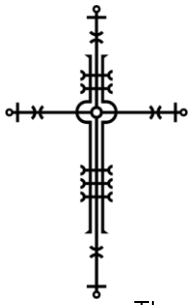
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Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)

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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 Delia Edelmann 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 208/Virtual Conference/Virtual	11AM Babylonian Captivity Class Nursery O-2-year-olds All Children	Room 208 Room 110 Room 107
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 Mom Strong Group	Conference/Virtual Room 110 Room 115 Room 107 Room 150 Room 152 Room 208/212 Fireside Room	12:15PM SEEK Band 2PM Confirmation 3:30PM HS Confirmation	Choir Room Room 212 Room 212

Upcoming Events & Church News

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.

"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>.

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.

Dinner Church Experience – Join us on **Monday, October 27** in **Fellowship Hall** for our **Dinner Church Experience!** We'll begin with a **gathering time at 5PM**, followed by **Dinner Worship at 5:30PM**, concluding around 6:30 PM. This will be a **family-friendly, multi-generational evening** of food, faith, and fellowship in a comfortable, casual setting. We'll gather around tables as dinner becomes part of the worship service, which will include singing, prayer, a message from one of our pastors, and an interactive reflection time. Come share in **good worship, good food, and good community!**

Holiday Nut Orders – Fall has arrived, and it's time to place your holiday nut orders! Don't miss out on your seasonal favorites. You can **download the order form or pick one up at the Welcome Desk**. Return your completed form to Woods Church by mail or drop it off at the office with your check made out to Woods Church (note Nut Order on the memo line). If you have any questions, please contact Kay Mitchell at 410.757.7103.

Adult Education will offer a new Sunday class at 11AM in Room 208 in concert with J.C.'s 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**.

All Saints is November 2, there will be only **one service at 9:30AM**. This will allow us to remember with gratitude the lives of those who have died over this past year. Join us at a reception to share condolences and stories with family members during an extended time of fellowship after the single worship service in Fellowship Hall.

Calling All Artists! The Gallery at Woods is having their **Annual Advent and Christmas Exhibit on November 18**. Register your artwork for this exhibit (deadline 11/11) by providing your name, art title, and contact information to Jenny Henry, jennyhenry1188@comcast.net or Pam Ward, pward@woodschurch.org. Your artwork must be framed and ready to hang (wire on back), there is a three-piece limit. Artwork will be dropped off in the office conference room from **November 11 - 15 between 9AM – 4PM**.

Call for Nominations – the Congregational Nominating Committee is beginning its work, looking for members in the congregation whom they believe may be called to service as Deacons and Elders and other important leadership roles. If you think that you or someone you know may be called to one of these ministries, please submit names to Nominating@WoodsChurch.org or use the Nominations cards that can be found at the Welcome Desk in the Lobby.

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!

Picnic Table Build, November 8, 9AM – 3PM. The Youth and Mission's Ministries have teamed up to sponsor the annual picnic table build for Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake. The tables will be given to local Habitat families. Extra tables will either be sold in the Habitat Restore or taken on the WoodsWork mission trip to be donated. This is open to everyone. No skill level is required and all tools will be provided. Flyers are on the Welcome Desk with additional information.

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! From BD Provisions in Severna Park, the coffee of the week is **"Midnight Joe"**. **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.