

Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



**October 25, 2026 ~ 9:30 AM
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PRELUDE

Trumpet Voluntary

W. Boyce

Trumpets – Jeremy Meeks, Andrew Peltó
Timpani – Jeremy Ulrich, Organ – Junghoon Park

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Pastor J. C. Austin

PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

Rhosymedre

R. V. Williams

Trumpets – Jeremy Meeks, Andrew Peltó
Organ – Junghoon Park

LITURGICAL READINGS

Lucy Culp
Zoe Laque
Stella Nardone

PROCESSIONAL

Highland Cathedral

U. Roever

Chesapeake Caledonian Pipes and Drum Players

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Kelly Nowotnick

Leader: The Reformed church was not born from a desire for comfort, but from the need for faithfulness.

People: It was not born to preserve privilege, but to proclaim good news.

Leader: It was not born complete.

People: It was born reforming.

All: The Church reformed, always reforming, according to the Word of God.

*HYMN 35

Fanfare and Concertato on
"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

Adult Choir

Trumpets – Jeremy Meeks, Andrew Peltó
Timpani – Jeremy Ulrich, Organ- Junghoon Park

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Pastor J. C. Austin

Eternal God, our judge and our redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong at times. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive us. Free us from selfish motives, unkind actions and hurtful words. In your **Son's name we pray. Amen.**

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.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Ronni Abend	Harvey Clarke	Rose Akemi Dickerson	Ethan Disque
Annemarie Engleman	Jaxon Levi Kramer	Gemma Alexis Matta	Tori Meredith
Grace Nowotnick	Hadley Geise-Smith	Levi Gilde	Quinn Maguire
Luke Arthur Swanson	Ava Ward	Stella Chaplin Ward	Rowan Meadows White

ANTHEM *Komm in mein Herzenshaus* J. S. Bach

from Ein feste Burg – BWV 80

Soprano – Lauren Mariah

Translation: Come into my heart's house, Lord Jesus!

Drive the world and Satan out and let your image, shine forth renewed in me!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Deacon Kelly Nowotnick

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 1

SERMON

"Being Human in an AI Age:
Loving God, Loving Others"
Matthew 22:34-46

Pastor Ashley Brown

*HYMN 643

Now Thank We All Our God

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Excerpt adapted from The Confession of Belhar)

Pastor J. C. Austin

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We believe that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker. We believe that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND OFFERING

Deacon Kelly Nowotnick

A portion of today's offering supports our Outreach and Service committee in the area of social justice. This includes our donations to the Annapolis Immigration Justice Network (AIJN) with its work on legal aid for immigrants and migrant children, and the Shepherd's Clinic, which provides free health care for those without insurance.

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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

D. Funderburk

Adult Choir

Trumpets – Jeremy Meeks, Andrew Pelto

Timpani – Jeremy Ulrich, Organ – Junghoon 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.

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 321

Fanfare and Concertato on
"The Church's One Foundation"

Verses – 1, 2, 5

Trumpets – Jeremy Meeks, Andrew Pelto
Timpani – Jeremy Ulrich, Organ – Junghoon Park

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor Ashley Brown

RECESSIONAL

Alba an Àigh

H. Lauder

Chesapeake Caledonian Pipes and Drums Players

*POSTLUDE

Rondeau

J. Mouret

Trumpets – Jeremy Meeks, Andrew Pelto
Timpani – Jeremy Ulrich, Organ – Junghoon Park

*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

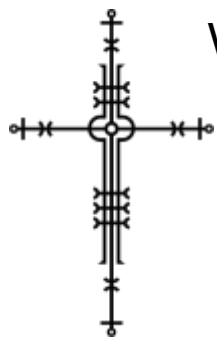


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Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

October 25, 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	10:30 AM Children's Choir	Choir Room
9:30 AM Spiritual Exploration Group	Conference/Virtual	11AM Genesis	Conference Room/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 152		
Middle & High School	Room 208/212		

Upcoming Events & Church News

Daylight Savings Ends on Sunday, November 1. Don't forget to turn your clocks back.

Inside the Belhar Confession Today - As we celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the Belhar Confession, you are invited to a special Lunch and Learn, led by Pastor J.C. Austin on Reformation Sunday, October 25 from 12:30 -1:30PM in Room 208. Learn more about the history and meaning of this Confession in the wake of Apartheid in South Africa, and why the PC(USA) voted to adopt it into our Book of Confessions years later. The **Children's Formation Committee** will provide a special Worship Education Program for children during this time frame. Zoom Meeting ID: 894 94 01 7572 | Passcode: 158584

A Broadway Afternoon: From Golden Classics to Today - Today at 2PM in the Sanctuary – FREE. Join us for a fun filled, Broadway Afternoon! 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.

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.

Dinner Church Experience - Join us on Monday, October 26, 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 **6:30PM**. 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.

On All Saints Sunday, November 1 we will gather as one community for one worship service at 9:30AM. This special service gives us an opportunity to pause, remember, and give thanks for the lives of those who have died over the past year. Together, we will honor their memory, celebrate the love they shared, and hold their families and loved ones in prayer.

Family Fellowship time All Saints Day. Picnic on the Playground following our one worship service. Chicken and biscuits are provided. Come welcome Pastor Ashley to our family.

Save the Date! Picnic Table Build Day, Saturday, November 14 from 9AM – 3PM. For more information pick up a flyer from the Woods News Rack in the Welcome area.

Annual Holiday Bazaar, Saturday, November 21 from 9AM to 1PM! All proceeds go to Outreach our Partners.

Halloween Candy Donations - Please consider donating your **leftover Halloween candy** for use in the Secret Santa Shop. All donated candy must be in its original wrappers and can be dropped off at the church front office starting November 1st.

Collectibles and One-of-a-Kind Items - Come shop the Holiday Bazaar for hand-painted art and vintage items, or find the perfect gift for a hostess, dog walker, teacher, or grandparent. Options range from a cozy cup of tea to a "blind date with a book or movie"—perfect for a quiet evening at home.

Holiday Nut Orders - Fall has arrived, and it's time to place your holiday nut orders! Don't miss out on your seasonal favorites. Download the order form at woodschurch.org or pick one up at the Woods News rack in the Welcome area or church office. 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.

Calling All Artists! The Gallery at Woods is having their Annual Advent and Christmas Exhibit on November 23. Register your artwork for this exhibit (deadline 11/18) 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 18 - 20 between 9AM – 4PM.

Want to know more about Woods Church? Come join us for our New Member info class on November 15 at 10:45AM in the Founders Room. We'll look at the many pieces of the Woods community and how they work together in service to God. We'll learn about the different types of fellowship groups at Woods, special missions and activities, Presbyterian church polity and how the Session and its committees work. If you feel called to membership, you will be welcomed into the congregation the following Sunday, November 22. If you aren't ready to join, but still want to know more, please come and learn with us! We look forward to knowing you better.

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, Elders, Trustees 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.

The Carols of Christmas: A Contemplative Christmas Concert! Free Concert | December 4 & 5 at 7PM. Looking for a peaceful moment amid the holiday hustle and bustle? Join us at Woods Church for *The Carols of Christmas*, a beautiful evening of music, candlelight, and reflection. Let the angelic sounds of the harp fill the sanctuary as we bring beloved Christmas carols to life through harp solos, vocal duets, and choral anthems. The concert will feature Benjamin Britten's beautiful *A Ceremony of Carols*. Surrounded by the gentle glow of candlelight, take an hour to slow down, reflect, and embrace the peace and wonder of the Christmas season. Admission is Free! Registration is requested.



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. Thank you for your kindness and caring by supporting our neighbors in need.

It's that time of year for SPAN's Turkey Trot! This year's 5k and 1-mile walk will be on Saturday, November 7 at Kinder Farm Park! This is SPAN's primary annual fundraiser to meet the extremely high levels of need for emergency food and financial assistance. Not interested in running or walking? You can also sponsor the event or donate to SPAN directly! Sign up for the run: <https://runsignup.com/Race/MD/Millersville/SPANTurkeyTrot>

The Baltimore Presbytery is hosting a spring intercultural encounters trip with our Guatemala Partnership, CEDEPCA. This trip is designed to facilitate reflection, dialogue, and mutual service between people of the US, Canada and Guatemalan communities in search of a more just, tolerant and equitable world. Applications and a \$500 deposit are due on October 31! Questions can be submitted to contact Tanya Morrel at tmorrel@gmail.com <https://baltimorepresbytery.org/spring-guatemala-trip-2027/> or use the QR-Code.

