

Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



November 9, 2025 ~ 9:30AM

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Oliver Page, Director of Youth

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Garrett Thompson

Leader: Whose table is this?
People: The Lord’s table.
Leader: Who has a seat at this table?
People: Anyone who seeks community, justice, healing, and love.
Leader: Let us all gather around this heavenly table.

*HYMN

Blessed Assurance
(My King is Coming)
SEEK Band

P. Kipley,
M. West

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Joy Huskey

Gracious and loving God, your table has been made sparse through our selfishness and complacency. We have filled the seats of your table with people who feel comfortable around, and turned over chairs that might be filled by the ones who need you most. We spend our time and energy coddling insiders and rejecting outsiders. We care for the healthy and neglect the sick. We feed the sated and allow the hungry to wither away. Inspire us to change our ways. Help us to hear the truths behind stories different than our own. Help us to offer a seat at your table to anyone who needs it. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Joy Huskey

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Violet Thompson and Ruby Foxworth

SONG

God So Loved
SEEK Band

A. Bergthold, E. Cash,
F. Cash, M. Cash, S. Cash

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Noah Newlin

1ST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23:1-6

2ND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 9:9-13

Lucy Culp

SERMON

“Around the Table”

Clare Homer, Ellie Freimuth,
Stella Nardone, Zoe Laque

*ANTHEM

The Table
SEEK Band

C. Tomlin, E. Cash,
W. Jolley

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND OFFERING

Henry Stein

A portion of today’s offering supports our Mission ministry in the area of housing assistance. This includes our donations to “HOPE for All,” which provides necessities to those moving out of

homelessness, to "Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake," and "Light House, Inc." assistance to the housing-insecure 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

Table of the Lord
SEEK Band

B. Benjamin-Korporaal,
H. Darst, R. Springer

*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

Piper Freimuth, Zoe Laque, Ellie Freimuth, Oliver Page

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 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 J. C. Austin

*SONG

How Great Thou Art
SEEK Band

S. Wesley, K. Hine

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Clare Homer, Stella Nardone

*Please stand if you are able

Additional youth assisting in today worship service: Joseph Boucher, Sophie Graves, Andrew Hanson, Grant Homer, Welles Homer, Andrew Jarrell, Sheehan Jeffers, Matthew Murphy, Giuliana Newton, Liam Stein, Tyler Stein

The children will return to the sanctuary for the sacrament of Holy Communion. Parents, please be in the sanctuary and on the lookout for your child to joyfully re-enter the sanctuary during the Offertory.

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 Betsy Stewart

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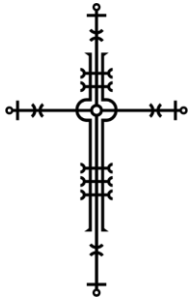
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Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)

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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 Sally Sachse 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 are in honor of Pastor J.C. and Pastor Sarah Johnson's upcoming January Wedding,
from Jim and Jacqui Stone

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	Room 2O8 Room 11O Room 1O7
		2PM Confirmation	Room 212
		3:30PM HS Confirmation	Room 212

Upcoming Events & Church News

"Urgent November Food Drive for SPAN: 1 in 9 Marylanders may no longer receive SNAP benefits due to impending stoppage of federal food aid. This will have an immediate effect on food requests above and beyond our typical need. Please donate canned vegetables, canned meats and fish, beans, pasta, rice, instant potatoes, broth, bouillon, canned fruit, laundry detergent, dish soap, deodorant, and toothpaste. Please place in SPAN bins behind Welcome Desk in the Church lobby."

The Baltimore Presbytery trip to Cuba this week was cancelled due to the mosquito-borne viruses which are rampant there currently. However, four ladies decided to go for a short, 3-day trip to deliver some of the essentials that had been collected by the churches. Medicines from Woods members are part of that delivery. Woods is still planning a trip for March - we have 8-9 members going, so we will be asking again for specific medicines, depending on the requests from Sancti Spiritus, and other items such as cloth, yarn, children's shoes and summer clothing, kitchen supplies as needed. Thank you for your incredible support to our Presbyterian brothers and sisters!

Calling All Artists! The Gallery at Woods is having their **Annual Advent and Christmas Exhibit on November 24**. Register your artwork for this exhibit (deadline 11/14) 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 to Pam Ward in the church office from **November 17 - 21 between 9AM - 4PM**.

Woods Christmas Concert: Wonder and Glory - This Is Our Story! Saturday, December 6 | Sanctuary | Free Admission Join us for *A Storybook Christmas!* Experience the joy of the season through music, dance, and storytelling featuring the **Adult Choir, Praise Band, SEEK Band, Woods Dancers, Elysian Dance Theater**, guest musicians, and members of our Woods family sharing stories of their Christmas treasures. Enjoy favorite carols and the music of Christmas—a Christmas chapter not to be missed! Free admission, but registration is required at www.woodstix.org. For more information, contact David Merrill at dmerrill@woodschurch.org.

FREE - Annapolis AGO Hymn Festival – Sunday, November 9, 3PM. Join church members from across the area, and Daniel Aune, Director of Organ and Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University for an exciting Hymn Festival. Participating choirs will join together in singing three anthems and lead the congregation in hymns relating to All Saints Day and Thanksgiving. Come celebrate the joy of congregational singing, on our Woods church's three-manual Rieger Orgelbau organ, 1985. 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!

Adult Education is completing the study of **Matthew: The Gospel of Promised Blessing on Sundays, 11AM, November 16 and 23**. Matthew portrays Jesus and his message as full of tender compassion and urgent warning. This exploration of an enigmatic Gospel takes us into the themes and tensions at the heart of Matthew's story about Jesus. Meeting in the Office Conference Room and on Zoom.

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.

Adult Education opportunity during Advent. Bound for Bethlehem: An Advent Journey. Mary and Joseph lived in a world riddled with political division and fear. Their journey was a fulfillment of prophecy and a representation of hope for humanity. The course follows Mary and Joseph on their journey and spiritual pilgrimage to Bethlehem. Sunday's **November 30 – December 21 from 5-6:30PM** with potluck supper in Founders Room. Facilitator Kathy Lohff. A Children's program will be provided by the Children's Ministry.

2025 Holiday Bazaar- Saturday, November 22, 9AM-1PM

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 from the website 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. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Mission Ministry to assist various mission partners.

Sweet Shop – One of the favorite stations is the Sweet Shop offering famous "Buckeyes", candy trains, assorted chocolates, butter creams, fudge and many other delicious homemade treats just in time for your holiday festivities. Mark your calendars and bring your children, your neighbors and yourself for a day of shopping and socializing. 100% of the proceeds from the bazaar supports mission activities of our church.

Raffle - This year we have several wonderful themed filled baskets for raffle. Stop at the Welcome desk on your way in to purchase your raffle tickets (\$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5). You will find a basket full of goodies like games, dishes, music, decorations, cards, cookbooks, and surprises. The winner will be announced at the bazaar, but you do not have to be present to win. And be sure to stop by the **Silent Auction** in Fellowship Hall. Super special items will be there to bid on such as themed-filled gift baskets, a homemade quilt, Bowie Baysox baseball game tickets, an electric train and other items of high quality. All highest bidders will be announced before the bazaar closes.

The Bazaar Holiday Greenery Station Needs your Donations! Please contact Jenny Henry about donating greens from your yard that can be used to create fresh greenery decorations for the annual bazaar on Saturday, November 22. We specifically need Pine branches, Eponymous, and Mountain Laurel. Sorry, but we can't use Holly or Boxwood. Jenny Henry: jennyhenry1188@comcast.net, 410.846.5493.

Upcoming Mission Trip! CEDEPA is an ecumenical educational organization headquartered in Guatemala that works to transform lives in Central America. They have four areas of focus: Biblical and Theological Training, Women's Ministry, Disaster Ministry and Intercultural Encounter. Come and find out more about CEDEPA and the upcoming trip on December 7 at 10:30AM in Room 212. Join the Baltimore Presbytery Guatemala Partnership Spring Trip to Guatemala, March 14-20, 2026. Trip, Cost: Approximately \$2,200, Sign Up Deadline: December 31, 2025. Contact Information: Michelle Wallen mwallen@baltimorepresbytery.org. For more Information visit: <https://baltimorepresbytery.org/guatemala-partnership/>