Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



November 15, 2026 ~ 9:30 AM

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PRELUDE — Dance of the Woods — H. Befftink
Flute – Joy Huskey, Corinne Mona

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY — Oliver Page, Director of Youth Ministry

PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT — ***This is My Father's World*** — Arr. C. Foss
Flute – Joy Huskey

CALL TO WORSHIP — Deacon Stella Nardone

Leader: Whose voice calls out from the darkness?
People: The voice of the Lord.
Leader: Whose voice calls out over the noise?
People: The voice of the Lord.
Leader: Whose voice calls us forward in spite of ourselves?
People: The voice of the Lord.
Leader: Whose voice calls us to stand up for what is good and just?
People: The voice of the Lord.
Leader: So how do we answer?
All: Here I am, Lord.

*HYMN 611 — *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION — Liam Stein

Lord, we confess that we have been stuck in our habits and our mistakes. We have acted out in moments of anger, defended ourselves instead of others, and forgotten your will, both in the moment and long term. We are trapped in stagnant water, immersed in human nature that leads to sins small and large. Help raise us out of that water and show us that we are greater with you. Disrupt our misplaced focus, routines, and habits, so that we can listen to your call. Amen.

MUSICAL MEDITATION — *Be Thou My Vision* — Arr. C. Foss
Flute – Corinne Mona

ASSURANCE OF PARDON — Henry Stein

*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 — Elder Lucy Culp and Deacon Zoe Laque

ANTHEM — *Thank You Lord for All You Give* — Adapt. A. Ingrid
Children's Choir
Flute – Joy Huskey, Corrine Mona

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Piper Freimuth

1st SCRIPTURE READING — Psalm 23:1-6

2nd SCRIPTURE READING — Matthew 4:18-22 — Noah Newlin

MESSAGE — "Answering the Call" — Izzy Boucher, Ellie Freimuth, Joy Huskey, Henry Stein

*HYMN 410 — *God Is Calling through the Whisper*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND OFFERING — Elder Lucy Culp

A portion of today's offering supports our Outreach and Service committee in the area of mentorship. This includes funding for "The Well", which empowers women recovering from trauma through love, purpose, and dignity and Langton Green Community Farm for adults with intellectual disabilities

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM — *God Is Calling* (Celtic Heart) — H. Beeftink
Flute – Joy Huskey

*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** — Everett Clarke, Oliver Page

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 69 — I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord) — Verses – 1, 3

*CHARGE AND BLESSING — Ellie Freimuth

*POSTLUDE — *Gospel Medley* — B. Adams
Flute Duet – Joy Huskey, Corinne Mona

*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 John Dunham

Youth Worship Leaders: Izzy Boucher, JP Brockett, Lucy Culp, Everett Clarke, Ellie Freimuth, Piper Freimuth, Sam Garett, Joy Huskey, Sheehan Jeffers, Zoe Laque, Noah Newlin, Stella Nardone, Zoe Port, Henry Stein, Nick Rowan

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Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

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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

Flowers today were arranged by Delia Edelmann 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		9:30AM	
Men's Bible Study	Room 208/Virtual	Middle & High School	Room 208/212
9:30AM		11AM	
Spiritual Exploration Group	Conference/Virtual	Improbable Gratitude	Room 208/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 – 5th graders	Room 107	2PM	
1st – 2nd graders	Room 150	Confirmation	Room 212
3rd – 5th graders	Room 152		

Upcoming Events & Church News

11AM Adult Formation Bible study "Improbable Gratitude" November 8 - 22. Sometimes it seems difficult, if not altogether unlikely, to see how gratitude might emerge from difficulty. Looking at the example of how early missionaries spread the good news about Jesus, we will see how their difficulties gave way to gratitude. The focal texts will be Acts 16 and Paul's letter to the Philippians. Hopefully, we can find our way to thanksgiving by Thanksgiving. Meeting in room 208. Meeting ID: 892 7920 7241 | Passcode: 173053

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.

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

BAKE SHOP DONATIONS – Calling all Bakers! Bring your pies, cakes, brownies, cookies, cupcakes, and other treats to be sold at the Baked Goods Table. Drop off Friday, November 20 or Early Saturday morning.

WHITE ELEPHANT - We are collecting donations for the White Elephant Sale, costume jewelry, books, plus Christmas & holiday items. **Drop off times:** December 15 through 20. **Sunday 12:30PM-5PM, Monday & Tuesday 9AM-5PM, Wednesday & Thursday 9AM-8PM, & Friday 9AM-12PM.** Please place donations on the stage in Zimmerman Hall. **Books** should be delivered to Room 155, Sunday through Thursday, only. Accepted items: records, CDs, DVDs, jewelry, children's clothing sizes T2 to Youth 10, games, puzzles, toys, crafts, small sporting goods, musical instruments, dishes, glassware, kitchen utensils, small appliances, lamps, art objects, pictures, collectibles, antiques, Christmas and other holiday items, pet themed items, dog/cat toys, bowls, gift items, etc.

Holiday Greens we're collecting evergreen trimmings for the Holiday Bazaar. Jenny Henry will use them to create beautiful table centerpieces and hanging decorations to be sold at the Holiday Greens Station. Do you have pine branches, euonymus or mountain laurel branches? Drop them off outside the Founders Room porch exterior doors at the church or call/text Jenny Henry for pick up at 808.271.7903. (No holly or boxwood, please.)

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 of the church lobby 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.

Secret Santa Shop - To share the holiday spirit, we will have a Secret Santa Shop in the church library just for kids! Bring your children and our assistants will help them pick out affordable gifts for family and friends. Please note that the Secret Santa Shop is **Cash Only**.

Dinner Church Experience - Join us on Monday, November 30, 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.

Join the Youngish Adults for "Nowhere Else to Wear it" Friendsgiving on Sunday, November 22, from 6-8PM at Boone Station Hall. Wear that one item that's sitting in the back of your closet gathering dust? Old bridesmaid dress/ Halloween costume from 2017/ amazing Goodwill thrift find… anything you have nowhere else to wear it! Bring a side to share. Text Pastor Ashley for more details: 512.210.9330.

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 with Harp, Choir, and Soloists. Join us on Friday and Saturday, December 4 and 5, 7PM, for our annual Christmas concert, *The Carols of Christmas*. Through the angelic sounds of the harp – and the light of flickering candles – this concert is about reflection and finding peace. Accompanied only by the harp, we will spend an hour bringing beloved carols to life, through harp solos, vocal duets, and choral anthems, including our main piece, *A Ceremony of Carols* by Benjamin Britten. We kindly ask that you register for this Free concert at www.woodstix.org. For questions please email David Merrill at dmerrill@woodschurch.org.



LES MISÉRABLES - auditions January 8 & 9, 2027 at Woods Church in Severna Park. Show Dates- May 14-16 & 20-22 (8 shows). Les Misérables tells an enthralling story of grace, redemption, mercy, and hope - a timeless testament of finding salvation. Please email performingarts@woodschurch.org with any questions. Please go to **www.wmpcauditions.com** for more information and to sign up!

LES MISÉRABLES behind the scenes - Interested in being a part of the show behind the scenes? It truly takes a village to create a musical, and we would love to have your help! Please email performingarts@woodschurch.org with your interest!

Winter Relief is coming Monday, January 18, 2027 through Monday, January 25, 2027. Sign-ups start Sunday, December 13, 2026 at 9AM. You will be able to sign up to help after each Service in Fellowship Hall or online in Sign-Up Genius on the Church website. Sign-ups will continue live until we start. There are opportunities for meal prep, brown bag lunch prep, evening and overnight chaperones, drivers, shower escorts, Stephen Ministers, laundry support, youth volunteers, and snack donations. Note, we will be driving the guests every morning and evening this year like we did years ago so will need lots of drivers. Please help us help the unhoused. If you want more information about Winter Relief and how you can help, please contact Scott Wiley at 410.353.1491 or email wilecoy2us@gmail.com. Thank you for helping with this important Mission.

Pop-Up Day, January 19, from 9AM-4PM. Come join us at Woods for our special Pop-Up Programming Days when school is closed! We welcome children in grades K-5 to have fun and explore the Bible through interactive activities like games, art, music, and more. Lunch and two snacks will be provided for a cost of $25. Please ensure your child brings a reusable water bottle. We are excited to have your child join us at Woods! Contact Lindsey Miller, lmiller@woodschurch.org for more information.