

Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



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PRELUDE

O God Our Help in Ages Past, BWV 552
(from St. Anne)

J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds

PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

Christ the King
Guitar – Jim Robertson
Vocals – Dave Merrill

L. Milan
Lyrics – D. Merrill

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Jim Falvey

Leader: Jesus calls us to open our hearts to all in need.

People: We come this day to hear his words of encouragement for us.

Leader: Look around you. Smile at each other, for we all have need of friendship and welcome.

**People: With God's great love in our hearts, we find our welcome in this place of worship.
Amen**

***HYMN 41**

O Worship The King, All Glorious Above!
Verses 1, 2, 3, 5

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sarah Wilson, Chaplain

We have trouble believing in a King in our lives. Early in our nation's history, we rejected monarchy as something undesirable. Yet, this day we are called to recognize Jesus Christ as the King of our lives, our sovereign ruler. His kingdom is based on the laws of love; loving God as God has truly loved us and loving our neighbor as we ourselves want to be loved. That love extends beyond the borders of our lives, into a world in which there is fear and alienation, hunger and disease, hopelessness and darkness. Jesus, our sovereign ruler, our friend, our Master and guide has asked us to reach out to feed the hungry; give drink to the thirsty; clothe the naked, visit the sick and those imprisoned; welcome the stranger. These words are not unfamiliar to us, yet somehow we have treated them as nice words but not an active part of our life of faith. Forgive us, Lord, for the meagerness of our faith and the weakness of our witness. Rule our lives again with your powerful love, that we might truly be worthy disciples of yours. Help us to find the forgiveness which you have given to us and to do your will. Amen

MUSICAL MEDITATION

We Belong to God
Adult Choir

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

MEDITATIONAL SONG

The Kingdom of God

Taizé

Solo – Sarah Thompson
Adult Choir
Congregation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Jim Falvey

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

SERMON

"Christ the King: Our Home" Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds
Luke 1:68-79

*HYMN 363

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!
Verses 1, 2, 4

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND OFFERING

Elder Jim Falvey

A portion of today's offering supports our Property ministry that is tasked with maintaining and improving the entire Woods church facility and campus. This ministry also oversees our gardens with native plantings, and works to decrease our energy usage and carbon footprint.

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

Coronation

C. Courtney

Horn – Myrlon Pressley
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.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sarah Wilson, Chaplain

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 268

Crown Him, with Many Crowns
Verses 1, 2, 4

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Threefold Amen
Adult Choir

M. Haugen

*POSTLUDE

Laudate Dominum
(from *Vesperae Solennes de confessore*)

W. A. Mozart

*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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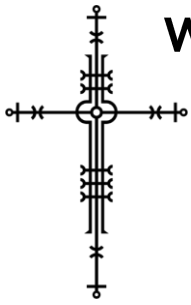
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Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)

November 23, 2025

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 given in honor of all the hard work done by the co-chairs and workers of the Holiday Bazaar and to all those who came out to support this mission event, from Maribelle Carter

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) 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	Room 208/Virtual Conference/Virtual Conference/Virtual Room 110 Room 115 Room 107 Room 150 Room 152 Room 208/212	10:30AM Children's Choir 11AM Matthew Class Nursery O-2-year-olds All Children 12:15PM SEEK Band 2PM Confirmation 3:30PM HS Confirmation	Choir Room Conference/Virtual Room 110 Room 107 Choir Room Room 212 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."

Ways to sponsor a child for Christmas or gift a laundry basket to Pinewood Village

Sponsor Local Children: Buy toys or clothing for local children referred to us by SPAN (Serving People Across Neighborhoods). This year we hope to assist 35 children from 1-12 years-old have a few gifts to open Christmas morning. **Items are due back no later than Sunday, December 7 at 12PM.**

Elderly and Disabled from Pinewood Village: Provide a laundry basket for elderly or disabled adults in a low-income housing neighborhood in Glen Burnie. While there are many programs that support their rent and utilities, during the Christmas Season, we feel called to provide these residents with the basic necessities. Cards can be signed out on Sunday November 23 and 30 in Fellowship Hall or contact

Oliver Page, opage@woodschurch.org to receive of list of items to go into the laundry basket. **Baskets are due back December 7 at 12PM** and will be delivered on Saturday, December 13.

Woods Christmas Concert: Wonder and Glory – This Is Our Story! Saturday, December 6, 7PM | 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.

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.

Dinner Church Experience – Join us on **Monday, December 1**, 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. The **Children's Ministry** will host our annual Advent Event full of resources and activities to prepare your home for the countdown to Christmas Eve! This year's preparation is as **Cute as a Button from 5-5:20PM** just before Dinner Church services in the Fellowship Hall.

Cecelia McKay Good Neighbor Fund - These are difficult times for many families in the County. In the month of October, through your exceptional generosity the Cecelia McKay Fund has prevented the eviction or utility shut-off of 16 families. Through direct phone contact with 48 requests for assistance, an understanding of the specific urgency of need, and counseling of the best way forward for all of these folks, Woods ultimately provided \$3,395.94 to the 16 most needy. Though the government shut-down is over, many of those "living on the edge" in Anne Arundel County continue to need assistance due to low hours or even office closure. Woods Church along with SPAN and other area Churches are stepping up to help. You truly are Christ's "Hands and Feet" on earth.

Winter Relief is coming Monday, January 19 through Monday, January 26. Sign-ups start Sunday, December 14 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, Stephens Ministers, laundry support, youth volunteers, and snack donations. Please help us help the homeless. 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.

An Unlikely Advent, Sunday, November 30-December 31 | 11AM - Adult Education invites you to a 4-week study on *An Unlikely Advent*. Explore the Nativity story through the eyes of often-overlooked characters--Elizabeth and Zechariah, Herod, the Magi, and the shepherds--as author The Reverend Rachel Billups guides us through themes of hope, love, joy, and peace. Books will be available in the office. Meets in the office conference room and on Zoom Meeting ID: 892 8782 2779 | Passcode: 086376.

Poinsettias in Honor or Memory of a Loved One. Each Christmas, Woods' sanctuary is beautifully decorated with poinsettias donated by members and friends in honor or memory of loved ones. If you would like to contribute, the suggested donation is **\$30** per plant. Donations can be made **online at www.woodschurch.org beginning November 23**, or **in person in Fellowship Hall on November 30, December 7, and December 14**. Poinsettias will be available to take home on **Sunday, December 28**. Help share the beauty and joy of the season through this meaningful tradition.

Welcome New Members

Kristin Dickerson

Kristin was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin but now lives in Severna Park. She and her husband, Jonathan, have three daughters, Rose, Ellie, and Vivienne. Kristin is a college professor at Johns Hopkins University and Weill Cornell Medicine. Her courses focus on prenatal care and child health and development. She keeps very busy playing tennis and coaching her daughters' sports teams. She also loves to be outside and being active with her family. As a Woods member, Kristin would love to be involved with the children's programs. She is very excited to find a church home that will meet her needs as well as those of her children. Welcome, Kristin!

Jason and Stephanie Duncan

Jason and Stephanie live in Arnold, Maryland. Stephanie was born in Maryland and Jason was born in Mobile, Alabama. They have two adult daughters and two grandkids. Jason and Stephanie are former Woods members and are returning to continue the faith tradition with their daughter and her family who are members of Woods. Jason is in the field of Microbiology and Stephanie is a Physical Therapist. Stephanie loves yoga, meditation and hiking. She hopes to continue with Mission Trips and Bible Study at Woods. Jason loves to sail and can often be found out on the Bay racing. He also volunteers with CRAB, Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating, helping people with disabilities, recovering warriors, and youth from underserved communities enjoy sailing. Welcome Stephanie and Jason!

Andrea Miller

Andrea grew up in the Severna Park area and knew many school friends who attended Woods. She was amazed at all the activities they were involved in, especially WoodsWork. She is hoping that her children will be able to do the same and attend WoodsWork. She and her husband, Eric, have two children. Emmett is 4 and Liam is 9 months. The family is also the proud owner of a Golden Doodle. Andrea is a Physical Therapist. Her interests include cooking, hiking, and sports. Welcome Andrea!

Judy O'Malley

Judy was born in Baltimore, Maryland but has lived most of her life in Severna Park. Earlier in her life she was a member of Woods and is excited to be coming back and being part of a strong community of faith. Judy worked for 45 years for BBT/Truist bank and now, as a retiree, is finding time to volunteer. She tutors for STAIR, one of our mission partners. She has three adult children and tries to stay involved with her three grandchildren. She also finds the time to assist a mostly blind cousin who lives in Lutherville and is limited in what she can do. Judy tries to be with her once a month. Her interests are in gardening and playing Mahjong. Doug Naumann and his wife are her in her neighborhood. Tom and Marcie Magette are her next-door neighbors. Welcome Judy!