

Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



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PRELUDE

***How Fair is Thy Dwelling Place,
O Lord of Hosts***
(from German Requiem, Op 45)

J. Brahms
Arr. T. Kirchner

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Pastor J. C. Austin

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Hold Fast to What is Good)

Elder Patt Haun

Leader: We gather today to worship the One who created us.

People: The One who calls us,

Leader: The One who equips us,

People: The One who loves us without end.

Leader: With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

*** PRAISE SONG**

Holy, Holy, Holy (Jesus Reigns)

Highland Worship

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Ministry Matters)

Pastor J.C. Austin

Creator God, we confess this day to engaging in habits that diminish the bounty of your creation. Not satisfied with the goodness of your holy temple, your seas and mountains, your rain and soil, we have fashioned a system of sustenance that seems good to us, but cannot be sustained. Be merciful to us, for we have sinned. Answer us with awesome deeds of deliverance, O Hope of the Earth. Give us vision and a prophetic spirit. Renew our vocation, as stewards of your creation.

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

PROCESSION OF ALL SAINTS' BANNERS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Patt Haun

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 2:3

SERMON

"God Sightings"
2 Timothy 4:6-8; 16-18

Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds

***HYMN 326**

For All the Saints
Verses 1, 2, 5

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND OFFERING

Elder Patt Haun

Mission ministry in the area of mentorship. This includes our donations to "Drink at the Well", which empowers women recovering from trauma. pastoral care, Stephen Ministers, fellowship activities, and supportive outreach to people in times of need, grief, or loss.

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

Scars in Heaven

Casting Crowns

Solo – David Merrill
Adult Choir; Praise Band

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor J. C. Austin

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.

RECESSION OF ALL SAINTS' BANNERS

***ANTHEM**

At the River

A. Copland

Solo – Phil Hope, Lauren Mariah
Adult Choir

***ANTHEM**

He Will Hold Me Fast

K. Getty

Solo – Sarah Kent
Adult Choir

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds

*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 Lauren Lohff

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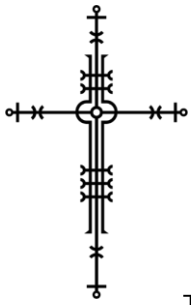
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Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)

November 2, 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 Jenny Henry 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 today are in honor of Woods Church for its love and kindness, the Hilder family

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 12:15PM SEEK Band 2PM Confirmation 3:30PM HS Confirmation	Room 2O8 Room 11O Room 1O7 Choir Room Room 212 Room 212

Upcoming Events & Church News

Update from the APNC – In September, Woods Session and our Presbytery approved our Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP), which is now live on the PC(USA) Church Leadership Connection site. Since then, we've reviewed more than 40 potential candidates and plan to begin preliminary conversations in December. Through prayer and discernment, we hope to identify up to three candidates for further review by the Presbytery in early 2026. We trust in God's perfect timing as we continue this important work. –Karen Lerario and the APNC Committee.

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.

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.

Adult Education will offer a new Sunday class at 11AM in Room 2O8 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. The class will be led by Greg Hubert. It will run from **October 5 until November 9**.

You're invited to an Open House celebrating the upcoming January 2026 marriage of Pastor J.C. and his fiancée Pastor Sarah Johnson. **Friday, November 14, 5:30 – 7:30PM in Fellowship Hall**. Please **RSVP by November 7** by calling

the church office at 410.647.2550 and ask for Pam Ward or you can use the registration link in the October 29 Messenger to register your RSVP.

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, oward@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**.

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 – Saturday, 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.

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!

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.

2025 Holiday Bazaar- Sweet Shop – Saturday, November 22, 9AM-1PM. 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.

Volunteer Opportunity: Host a Sunday morning Coffee and Bagels Fellowship. Individuals, families, couples, teens, or friends are needed to set up and host. It's easy & fun! Stop by the Welcome desk or office for more information.

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. Childcare will be provided after supper. If you need childcare, please email Lindsey Miller, lmiller@woodschurch.org.