

# Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



January 11, 2026 ~ 9:30AM

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Baptism of the Lord

9:30AM

PRELUDE

*Jeux d' eau (The Fountains)*

M. Ravel

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Pastor J. C. Austin

PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

***When We Are Living***

B. Mink

Solo – Mary Jo Greenley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Karen Lerario

Leader: Thus says the LORD: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

**People: I have called you by name, you are mine.**

Leader: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

**People: and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord, our Redeemer and Sustainer;

**People: Come, let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 482

***Baptized in Water***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds

**Gracious and Loving God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the Body of Christ. We confess that we remain focused on ourselves. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and allow the past to hold us hostage. We doubt the need for transformation in our lives, or we doubt the possibilities of it. In your mercy, Lord, forgive us; remind us of the promises you make in baptism and help us to keep our own, that we may live filled with your grace and guided by your Spirit. Through Christ we pray.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

***We Belong to God***

D. Merrill

Adult Choir

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

ANTHEM

***God of Great and God of Small***

N. Sleeth

Solo – Sheehan Jeffers

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Karen Lerario

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

## SERMON

## **"Who Are Your People?"**

Matthew 3:13-17

Pastor J. C. Austin

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

APNC Update

Elder Karen Lerario

## \*HYMN

### **When Jesus Came to Jordan**

Verse 1 – Choir

Verse 2 & 3 - Congregation

1. When Jesus came to Jordan  
To be baptized by John,  
He did not come for pardon,  
But as his Father's Son.  
He came to share repentance  
With all who mourn their sins,  
To speak the vital sentence  
With which good news begins.

2. He came to share temptation,  
Our utmost woe and loss  
For us and our salvation  
To die upon the cross  
So when Christ has descended  
Upon us like a dove  
The hidden years have ended  
Through Christ's grace, hope and love

3. Come, Holy Spirit, aid us  
To keep the vows we make,  
This very day invade us,  
And every bondage break.  
Come, give our lives direction,  
The gift we covet most:  
To share the resurrection  
That leads to Pentecost.

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (the Apostles' Creed)

Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND OFFERING

Elder Karen Lerario

A portion of today's offering supports our Mission ministry 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

### **We Are God's People**

Adult Choir

D. Funderburk

## \*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

Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds

**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 96**

**On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry**

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Pastor J.C. Austin

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

**Threefold Amen**

Adult Choir

M. Haugen

**\*POSTLUDE**

**Hornpipe from Water Music**

S. K. Elert

\*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](http://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 Bill Daniel | 11AM Betsy Stewart

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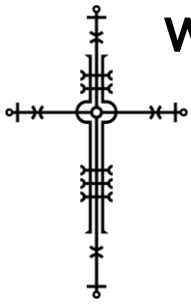
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# Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)

## January 11, 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**

The flowers today were arranged by Delia Edelmann 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.

### Christian Education/Sunday School Classes

Children's Sunday School Registration Forms are Located on the Welcome Desk

Time	Location		
<b>8AM</b> Men's Bible Study	Room 208/Virtual	<b>10:30AM</b> Children's Choir	Choir Room
<b>9:30AM</b> Adult Bible Study	Conference/Virtual	<b>11AM</b> More Than Time	Room 208/Virtual
Nursery 0-2-year-olds	Room 150	Nursery 0-2-year-olds	Room 110
2 & 3-year-olds	Room 150	All Children	Room 107
4, year-olds – 5 <sup>th</sup> graders	Founders Room	<b>12:15PM</b> SEEK Band	Choir Room
Middle & High School	Room 208/212		

### Upcoming Events & Church News

**Winter Relief Monday, January 19 through Monday, January 26.** 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](mailto:wilecoy2us@gmail.com). Thank you for helping with this important Mission.

**Interested in learning about membership here at Woods Church?** Join us for our next New Member Class – Sunday, February 1, 2026 at 10:45AM.

**Our dearly loved Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds will retire from both Woods Church and pastoral ministry this February.** In countless ways through her pastoral care, preaching, and leadership, she has helped guide, nurture, and support our congregation and the larger community. We are planning events in Nancy's honor on the weekend of February 7 and 8. One of the ways we will celebrate Nancy's ministry among is through what the church often calls a "Love Offering," meaning a financial gift that expresses our love and gratitude for her and her ministry among us. If you would like to contribute to this gift, you may do so in several ways. With cash or check, please put it in an envelope with Nancy's name on the memo line for the envelope and check itself. You can either mail them in or leave the envelopes in the drop safe attached to the end of mailboxes in Church Office. Alternatively, you may give online [using this link](#) or go to [woodschurch.org/give](https://woodschurch.org/give) and select Love-Offer NLR from dropdown menu. The last option is to text "WOODS NLR" to 73256 from your mobile device. I encourage you to be as generous in your giving as Nancy has been in her spirit and service to God through this church.

**New Adult Ed Series – "More than time – Measuring Days in Wisdom"** starts today and runs through February 15. Led by David Lohff, whose eclectic journey as a pastor, hospice chaplain, business owner and fitness instructor

may be helpful to point out scenery as we observe life together. We will meet in Room 2O8 at 11AM and on Zoom at Meeting ID: 880 0127 9626 | Passcode: 036892

**Service of Wholeness** – There will be a Service of Wholeness on **Wednesday, January 21 at 6:15PM**, in the sanctuary. This is a deeply spiritual service of prayer, laying on of hands and anointing by the pastors and elders for those experiencing emotional or physical concerns. If you would like to attend, please contact Maureen Adams at 410.647.2550 or [madams@woodschurch.org](mailto:madams@woodschurch.org).

**Dinner Church Experience** – Join us on **Monday, January 28**, 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.

**The Prince of Egypt – Tickets | Performance Dates:** March 13–15 and March 19–21, 2026, **Cost:** \$20.00 per ticket at [www.woodstix.com](http://www.woodstix.com). Woods Church will be presenting **The Prince of Egypt**, a sweeping, epic musical featuring music and lyrics by Grammy and Academy Award winner **Stephen Schwartz**, with a book by **Philip LaZebnik**. This powerful story follows two brothers—one destined to rule as Pharaoh, the other called to rise up and free his true people. Both must confront a destiny that will change history forever. **Important Notes:** 1. Due to the inability to fully blackout all windows in the performance area, **matinee performances will have ambient sunlight** entering the space. 2. **Content Advisory** – This production includes strobe lighting effects, loud noises, and scenes depicting fighting and stage combat. 3. **Disclaimer** – This show depicts intense situation and thematic elements adapted from the book of Exodus. While children are welcome to attend, parental guidance is suggested.

**New Art Exhibit in the Gallery** – Please visit the new art display in the Gallery. This month's art exhibit is a Digital Photography exhibit entitled "Window to Our World" by Dennis and Molly Balog, Bill Daniel, and Don Roland. Their photography captures the extraordinary.

**Save the Date! Woods Adult Mission Trip, April 20 – 25, 2026.** We will travel to Richmond, VA and work with the Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity affiliate. We are looking for 10+ volunteers for this mission trip. For more information go to news and upcoming events at [woodschurch.org](http://woodschurch.org) and click on the flyer. Contact Tom Lerario ([txlerario@gmail.com](mailto:txlerario@gmail.com)) or Scott Rundle ([srundle69@gmail.com](mailto:srundle69@gmail.com)) with questions and/or to sign up.

**Looking ahead...mark your calendar:**

**February 17, 2026** – Pancake Supper all are welcome (5–6:30PM)

**February 18, 2026** – Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent

**March 13-15 & March 19-21, 2026** – The Prince of Egypt Musical

**March 29, 2026** – Palm Sunday

**April 5, 2026** – Easter Sunday

**July 6-20, 2026** – Children's Art and the Bible (extended hours)

**July 13-17, 2026** – Children's Day Camp and Vacation Bible School (extended hours)



# Confirmation Class January 11, 2026



**Anna Mello**

I am in 10th grade at Severna Park High School. Some things I enjoy doing are lacrosse, field hockey, running, spending time with family and friends, playing with my dog and skiing. I only recently started attending Woods but I've been going to church my whole life and am excited to become a member of Woods. My favorite passage from the bible is first Corinthians because I feel like it applies to my everyday life. Church is important to me because I feel like I'm a part of something bigger than myself. I like to get involved in my community and go to youth group to meet new people outside of school.



**Maeve Tressler**

I am a junior at Severna Park High School. I like to spend my time by listening to music and hanging out with my friends. My favorite part about church is the friends I've made that help me form a relationship with God. Confirmation class has taught me a lot about Christ and the bible that I will continue to use throughout my life. I am very excited to be taking this next step in my faith.



**Abby Herman**

My name is Abby Herman. I am 16 years old. I'm a junior at Indian Creek high school. In my free time I enjoy hanging out with friends doing nails and going shopping! Sophomore year I attended WoodsWork mission trip and soon after became a regular attendee at Woods Church. My favorite Bible story is Noah's covenant because I like how God made a promise to Noah and everyone on Earth. I think the rainbow is really pretty and it shows that God keeps His promises. I like this story because it reminds me that even after something bad happens, good things can still come after.



### **Stella Nardone**

My name is Stella Nardone and I am a junior at Severna Park High School. Some things I enjoy doing in my free time are reading, playing piano, and spending time with my friends. My favorite part of church is the community of very kind faith-filled people, which have supported me through building my relationship with God. Through confirmation, I learned so many valuable things about the church and scripture, and I am very grateful to become a member of Woods!



### **Izzy Boucher**

I am in 9th grade at Broadneck High School. I love hanging out with my friends, playing field hockey and lacrosse, and going to the beach. I grew up in Evergreen Colorado and moved to Maryland when I was ten years old. I attended Church of the Hills in Evergreen until we moved to Maryland.

I see God the most in nature, especially sunrises, sunsets, and the stars. My favorite part of Woods Memorial Church is the community and the friendships that I have made throughout the past four years.

Confirmation taught me how to connect with the Lord more. Oliver has taught me how much the church is a part of my life. My favorite Bible passage is from Jeremiah 29:11. "For I know the plans that I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."