

January 23, 2022

PRELUDE

Fantasia

9:30AM and 11AM

J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Pastor Susan DeWyngaert

PRAISE SONG

Our God

J. Myrin, M. Redman,
J. Reeves, C. Tomlin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
**Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.**
**See, I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?**
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
**for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,**
**to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself**
so that they might declare my praise.

Elder Tom Magette

*HYMN 321

The Church's One Foundation

Verses 1-3, 5

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Based on a prayer by Howard Thurman

Pastor Jacob Snowden

Through many dangers, toils and snares, we have already come. 'Tis grace hath brought us safe thus far, and grace will lead us home. Holy God, we pray that you would calm our spirits, deal with our disorders, and in your tender mercy forgive our many wrongs. Make us instruments in your hands to serve your purpose and share in your work in the world. Make us transparent, so that your light may shine brightly within us and that no harm may come to those who trust us and whose hands are in our hands. In the strong name of Jesus we pray. Amen (Quiet music for personal prayers.)

KYRIE 576

*Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on us.*

9:30AM and 11AM

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI HYMN 581

H. Greatorex

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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Susan DeWyngaert

ANTHEM

A Life of Grace

Music Ministry

J. Martin

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:16-21

SERMON

"Why Windshields Are Bigger Than Rear View Mirrors"

1 Corinthians 3:9-11

Pastor Susan DeWyngaert

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

Praise Team

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)

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 Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sitteth at 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 Ghost,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

BLESSING (See Num. 6:24-26)

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord be kind and gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you peace.

Alleluia! Amen.

Go in peace.

Go in peace.

Pastor Susan DeWyngaert

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Call to Order

Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds

Convening Prayer

Purpose and Motion: A special meeting of the congregation of Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church has been duly called and announced by session for this morning for the purpose of hearing and acting upon the request of The Rev. Dr. Susan F. DeWyngaert for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between herself and this congregation so that she may retire.

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING AND GODSPEED

The church of Jesus Christ is constantly changing. Babies are born. Children grow up. Loved ones and friends die. Newcomers join our community and our church. Others leave. It is important that we recognize these times of change.

Elder Denise Hill,
Clerk of Session

Today we say farewell to Rev. Dr. Susan DeWyngaert who has served as our Senior Pastor for more than ten years. On January 16, 2011, this congregation called Susan DeWyngaert to serve with us as pastor. Today that call comes to an end.

I thank all of you, members and friends of Woods Church. Your kindness and support, your caring and love, have sustained me, and I shall remember you with gratitude to God.

Pastor Susan DeWyngaert

Prayer
Let us pray for the saving presence of our living Lord:
In your world,

Elder Catherine Blacka,
Commission on Ministry
Liaison, Baltimore Presbytery

be present, Lord.

In this congregation,

be present, Lord.

In this community,

be present, Lord.

In the homes and hearts of all your people,

be present, Lord.

Let us pray for the mercy of the Lord:
For work begun but not completed,

Lord, have mercy.

For expectations not met,

Lord, have mercy.

For wounds not healed,

Lord, have mercy.

For gifts not shared,

Lord, have mercy.

For promises not kept,

Lord, have mercy.

Let us give thanks for our journey together in this place:

For friendships made,

for joys celebrated

and for time of nurture and growth,

Thanks be to God.

For wounds healed,
expectations met,
gifts given and promises kept.

Thanks be to God.

For our fellowship in Jesus Christ,
and for the love of God which has sustained us,

Thanks be to God.

THE RELEASE

Declaration of Quorum

Pastor Susan DeWyngaert

Elder Ellen Oakes

Motion and Vote

Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds

Do you the members and friends of Woods Church, release
Susan DeWyngaert from service as your pastor?

We do with thanks to God.

Do you, Susan DeWyngaert, recognize and accept the
completion of your ministry with this congregation?

I do with thanks to God.

Let us pray:

Loving God, Alpha and Omega,
you are both beginning and end.
Our endings and our beginnings
are rooted in your love.
Whether near or far,
we are held close by your love,
and kept safe from any lasting loss.
Let our time together end with your blessing.
Touch all memories with your grace and peace.
Help us to live with courage and gladness
in the future you present us.
In every time and place,

May we offer you our highest and our best.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Alleluia! Amen.

Representing the Presbytery of Baltimore
I witness these words
of thanksgiving, forgiveness, and release.
The presbytery rejoices with you
in the ministry you have shared,
and we pledge to you
continued support and prayer.

Elder Catherine Blacka

With thanks to God
for the ministry of this congregation
and the ministry of God's servant Susan DeWyngaert,
and with hope for God's abiding grace
in the years to come,
this pastoral relationship is now dissolved.

CHARGE

With God's help and love
may your lives be blessed
and your labors fruitful
as you offer yourselves gladly
in the service of our common Lord.

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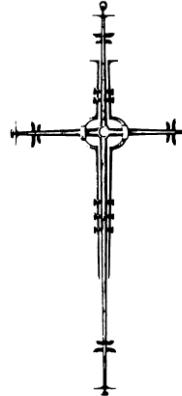
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Welcome to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church (USA)

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

Welcome! We are glad you are worshiping with us today. If you are looking for a church home in our community please speak to a pastor after worship.

The flowers today were arranged by the Flower Ministry and are given in honor of The Rev. Dr. Susan DeWyngaert.

In-Person Christian Education/Sunday school, masks are required in the church for ages 3+

Time	Location
8AM	
Men's Bible Study	Founders Room
9:30AM	
Nursery 0-2-year-olds	Room 110
3, 4, & 5-year-olds	Room 107
1 st – 5 th graders	Room 155
High school	Youth Room
Middle school	Founders Room
11AM	
Nursery 0-2-year-olds	Room 110
4PM	
Confirmation	Fellowship Hall
5:30PM	
Youth Group (Resumes Feb. 6)	Woods Church, Zimmerman Hall

A **congregational meeting** will be held on **today** immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to approve Pastor Susan DeWyngaert's request and to ask Baltimore Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship so that she may retire. Please plan to be present either in person or virtually as we take this significant action and give thanks for her faithful service and leadership in the ministry of this congregation.

Church Events

The Session of Woods Church has approved the Transition Team's motion that The Rev. Jack Carlson serve as a part time bridge pastor and head of staff for a flexible term upon Pastor Susan's retirement. A bridge pastor fills in the gap between the retirement of our head of staff and the securing of a full-time Interim Pastor. The Bridge Pastor may, and in our case will, work part time, preaching and leading our staff and Session helping to ensure that the essential work of the church goes on while we await our Interim. The Reverend Jack Carlson retired from active ministry in the PCUSA in January 2016, after serving for 13 years as pastor at Highland Presbyterian Church, in Harford County. Before that, he served churches in Lockport, NY, and Hyattsville, MD, and was a pastoral counselor for more than 20 years in the Washington, DC area. Jack has served as Moderator of the Presbytery of Baltimore, and - in September 2017 - he was elected Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, a position he held until his retirement from that post in 2020.

Free Books! Pastor Susan is offering books from her library to anyone who would like to have some good reads. Available are books on Bible, practical, theology, leadership, spirituality, along with some poetry, novels and other genres. The books will be available downstairs in the church office until 2/28.

Sunday Adult Education Class at 11AM, Jan. 16 – Feb. 20 will study *Surprised by Hope*, Office Conference Room and Zoom Link can be found on woodschurch.org. Gain an exciting new vision for your life on earth in light of your future in heaven. Wonderful as is the promise of heaven, a glorious hereafter is just part of what salvation is about. Jesus called his followers the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Your life here and now is of tremendous consequence, and what you believe about the future has a direct impact on how you live in the present. In this six-session study premier Bible scholar N. T. Wright brings you inside the Scriptures to grasp the full, breathtaking hope Jesus offers the world, and its impact on your life. Professor Wright opens your eyes to the amazing scope of what God's Word has to say about the world to come and the world that is.

Thursday Theology with Pastor Jacob. Beginning **January 20 at 10AM or 6PM**, join Pastor Jacob for a five-week study in the book written by Jesus' half-brother, ***James: The Letter of Straw***. What if I told you a book of the New Testament was renamed in the 13th century in the first English Bible? This same book of the Bible was moved to an appendix by Martin Luther. What about that letter is so questionable or flexible? Consider studying this "Letter of Straw," the Book of James.

This month's **Woods Reading Group** is reading the book ***Between the World and Me***, a 2015 best seller by author Ta-Nehisi Coates. Please join us on **January 31 at 7PM**. Register at woodschurch.org/events. In a profound work that pivots from the biggest questions about American history and ideals to the most intimate concerns of a father for his son,

Ta-Nehisi Coates offers a powerful new framework for understanding our nation's history and current crisis. Americans have built an empire on the idea...

High School and Middle School Ski Trips – have been cancelled out of an abundance of caution due to the increase in COVID numbers.

Summer 2022 Dates in Youth Ministry

WoodsWork June 23-July 1, Mark your calendars now for WoodsWork 2022. We are going from June 23 - July 1 to Kittanning, PA. Registration will begin on January 23.

Middle School Mission Camp July 11-15.

Montreat July 17-23. Registration will begin January 23 for all trips.

Employment Opportunities

Director of Children's Ministry - Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church

Woods Church is seeking a full time (40 hours per week) Director of Children's Ministry. A suitable candidate will have experience in leading children's ministry, spiritual leadership, leadership development, program leadership and in outreach to the community. Some of the tasks are included in the following:

- will oversee a team of volunteers for church school (birth through fifth grade)
- will offer training and guidance to Children's Ministry volunteers
- will plan for appropriate curriculum and materials for programs for CM leaders

For more information email DCM@woodschurch.org.

Woods is searching for a **part-time Sunday morning front office receptionist** to answer the phone, field questions of congregants who come into the office, and aid with other possible Sunday morning needs. Hours are Sundays 8AM to 1PM. For more information email jmclaughlin@woodschurch.org.

Woods has an opening for a **part-time child care assistant**, 9AM to 12:30PM on Sundays. For more information contact hr@woodschurch.org.

The Youth Ministry is looking for a new **Administrative Assistant for Youth Ministry** who supports the Director of Youth Ministry and volunteers in the mission of youth ministry. Program support includes Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth Group, fellowship groups, small groups, fundraising, retreats, summer trips and the Youth Ministry. We would prefer if this person is able to work on Sundays in the morning and evening to support Sunday School and Youth Group. This is a part-time role. Please contact **Elizabeth Baril** for more information.