

**Woods Memorial
Presbyterian Church (USA)**



Mandy Grace, Ministry to children.com

**Hanging of the Greens
November 28, 2021**

9:30 AM

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First Sunday of Advent

9:30AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Elizabeth Baril, Director of Youth

INTROIT

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
Adult Choir

G. Weissel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Caroline Godwin

Alleluia the Christ child comes,
And we await his birth.

**Let us watch for the signs,
And listen to the messengers.**

Let us stand on tiptoe,
And shout aloud and sing.

**Something new is emerging,
Something new is being born.**

***HYMN 82**

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Grace Marburger

When Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem they found there was no room. We confess that we have not made room in our hearts for others. We confess that in the busyness of Christmas time, we have not made room in our lives for you. Gracious God, forgive us and renew us. Use this advent time to break open our hearts, throw open the doors, open our eyes to your presence and open our arms wide to welcome you. (Quiet music for personal prayers.)

ADVENT WREATH

Scripture

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Kate Carlgren

Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope

LaToya, Jonathan, McKenzie, and Olivia Getz

Candle Response

Light A Candle in the Night
Children's Choir

L. Larson

WREATHS & GREENS

Scripture

Isaiah 40:3-5

McKenzie Getz

Hymn 100

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout
Verses 1 and 4

CHRIST'S LIGHT

Scripture

John 1:1-14

Lauren Carlgren

Hymn 105

People Look East
Verses 1, 4 - 5

POINSETTIAS

<i>Scripture</i>	Luke 1:46-56	Keith Ivey
<i>Anthem</i>	<i>The Colors of Winter</i> Juliana Augustine, solo	J. Martin

THE CRECHE

<i>Scripture</i>	Luke 2:1-7	Adam Jackson
<i>Anthem</i>	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i> Lauren Carlgren and Violet Thompson, duet	B. Benson

EMMANUEL, GOD WITH US

<i>Scripture</i>	John 3:16-19	Juliana Augustine
<i>Anthem</i>	<i>Noel</i> Jenna Augustine and Lilly Baker, duet	L. Daigle

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND OFFERING

Jack Steedman

Our offering today empowers the members of Woods Church to be the hands and feet of Christ, through our involvement with various mission partnerships and projects as builders, partners, advocates, and servants in our local and world community.

ANTHEM

Hope for Everyone

M. Maher

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Violet & Garrett Thompson

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 88

O Come O Come Emmanuel
Verses 1, 6 - 7

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Amen
From Bach's Advent Cantatas

J. S. Bach

*POSTLUDE

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Third Day

*Please stand if you are able.

Assisting in worship:

Jenna Augustine, Juliana Augustine, Kate Carlgren, Lauren Carlgren, McKenzie Getz, Olivia Getz, Jack Hayman, Mae Hayman, Keith Ivey, Adam Jackson, Grace Marburger, Sarah Smith, Jack Steedman, Garrett Thompson, Violet Thompson

The flowers today were arranged by Sue Hannahs and are given for the glory of God.



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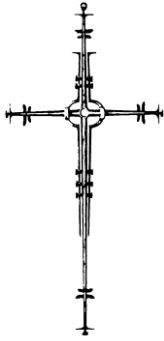
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The Rev. Corinne Baker
The Rev. Marie Sheldon

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The Rev. Dr. W. Terry Schoener



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 contact **Rachel Lunde**.

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
1PM	
Seek Band	Choir Room
4PM	
Confirmation	Fellowship Hall
5:30PM	
Youth Group	Woods Church

Children's Ministry is offering Sunday School on **November 28 at the 9:30AM** Service. Children will meet in their respective classrooms. Time in the Computer Lab will be provided for the Elementary School Group. All Classes will explore Christmas related activities for the First Sunday of Advent. We look forward to seeing you there!

Give the Gift of Giving this Christmas!

'Tis the Season to Give at Woods! For every gift given, we're placing one ornament on our Christmas Tree in Zimmerman Hall. Help us spread the holiday joy in more ways than one, by...

- **Sponsoring a child** or **Giftng a food basket to a family** through SPAN ([virtually here](#))
- **Giftng a laundry basket with household necessities** to support our friends who need assistance in Pinewood Village (Glen Burnie, MD) ([virtually here](#))
- **Purchasing an "Alternative Gift" this Holiday Season** - make your holiday gifts more meaningful! Check out how you can support our Mission Partners and those in need [here](#), or visit our Alternative Gifts table in Zimmerman Hall!
- **Purchasing a product** from one of our many Mission Partners!
 - **Cuba** - November 28 - December 19
 - **CEDEPCA** - November 28 - December 19
 - **Hon's Honey** - December 5-19
 - **Benevolent Baskets** - December 5

Poinsettia in Honor or Memory of a Loved One. Every year we decorate Woods sanctuary with lovely poinsettias at Christmas. The flowers are donated by members and friends to remember special people in

their lives. While we will not be able to meet in the church this year we would still like to offer you the opportunity to remember your loved ones with poinsettias. If you would like to give a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one the suggested donation is \$20, **use this link dedicate your poinsettia** or Zimmerman Hall. **Dedications will be accepted until December 20.** If you would like to take home a plant after Christmas, you may pick one up on December 28. Consider sharing the beauty of flowers this holiday season.

11AM Sunday class November 28 – December 19 will study *Light of the World: A Beginners Guide to Advent*. Office Conference Room (masks required) and **Zoom** link, Meeting ID: 848 4140 5909 | Passcode: 779504. Advent is not only the perfect time to read the story of the birth of Jesus; it's also a great time to dive deeper into the biblical texts that surround the event. In *Light of the World*, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine shows how the Gospel narratives connect to the Old Testament; highlights the role of women in first-century Jewish culture; and emphasizes the importance of Mary's visitation, the census, the stable, the star of Bethlehem, and the flight to Egypt. The book can be purchased at Cokesbury.com.

Adult Education will be hosting Faith and Film. It's the most wonderful time of the year...for Christmas movies! Pop some popcorn, drink some cider or eggnog, then meet on Thursdays at either 10AM or 6PM for a discussion of how the movies matter. Please watch the films in advance of the class.

- **December 2 - Miracle on 34th St.**
- **December 9 - It's a Wonderful Life**
- **December 16 – Claymation's - Frosty the Snowman, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Santa Claus is Coming to Town.**

Register for the 10AM class here | **Register for the 6PM class here**

God With Us: Together for Christmas – Come celebrate Christ's birth through an evening of lessons and carols. On **Friday, December 3 at 7PM** the choirs of Woods Church will once again come together for Christmas. The evening will include the Adult Choir, Praise Band, SEEK youth Band, soloists, and a full orchestra. It's a celebration not to be missed! This is a **Free** event, masks required.

Join us **Thursday, December 2 at 7:30PM** to learn about Marian House. Here's the **Zoom Link** and there's more information below.

Since its founding over three decades ago, Marian House has provided a holistic, healing community for women and their children who are in need of housing and support services. We provide a safe, sober and loving environment that challenges women to respect and love themselves, confront emotional and socio-economic issues, and transition to stable and independent lives.

"Experience the wonder and excitement of Christ's birth, Emmanuel, God with us! Woods Church is hosting a **Drive Thru Live Nativity** on **December 10 and 11 from 5:30-7:30PM**. There will be new people of Bethlehem working in their storefronts, more angels, more shepherds sharing the news, and even some Roman soldiers taking census of our visitors as they enter the gates of Bethlehem. So fill up your car with loved ones and friends to hear and see the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ."

If you would like to dedicate a **luminaria at the Drive Thru Live Nativity** in honor or in memory of a loved one please **use this link** to fill out the form. All donations are given to Arundel House of Hope. You will see our path illuminated by the luminarias at the Drive Thru Live Nativity December 10 & 11. Please sign up for a luminaria donation by December 9.

Messiah Sing-A-Long – Come sing Part I of Handel's Messiah on **Saturday, December 18 at 3PM**. The evening will be led by a string quartet, Woods Adult Choir Woods organist Ted Markle and soloists from Woods Church. This is a **Free** event, masks required.

Summer 2022 dates in Youth Ministry

- WoodsWork June 23-July 1
- Middle School Mission Camp July 11-15

- Montreat July 17-23

Registration will begin January 23 for all trips.

The Youth Ministry is looking for volunteers to provide **dinner at Youth Group** again this year! If you are able or interested to provide a meal for 20-30 teens, please sign up with the link below (5PM drop off food, 7PM YG over.) Please find the link on our website, on the youth page.

Exciting Things are Happening at Woods. We launched a **new online community** called **Realm**. It offers more ways for you to support the church as well as connect with each other online. On August 3, we sent out an invitation for you to join Realm. For more information on Realm go to woodschurch.org and click on Realm.

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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
- will lead in the planning and executing of other programs such as VBS
- will take a lead in welcoming and nurturing families, especially families with children
- will serve as a consultant (on a limited basis) to the Child Development Center

For more information email DCM@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](mailto:Elizabeth.Baril@woodschurch.org) for more information.

GIVING

The church accepts online or mobile giving through Realm, there are three ways to give:

1. **ONLINE** - Our online giving portal lets you easily set up a recurring gift via your debit card, credit card, or checking account. It's simple and secure. Click below to give today and/or to setup automated electronic giving. [Sign Up Here](#).

2. **TEXT- Woods to 73256**

3. **CHECK** - USPS delivers weekdays to Woods and checks are deposited by a member of our staff. Checks can be made payable to "Woods Church" and mailed to: Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church, 611 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd., Severna Park, MD 21146

If you need any help with electronic giving please [email Ada Sell](mailto:Ada.Sell@woodschurch.org). May God bless you for your faithfulness.

Woods Church Prayer List

November 28, 2021

Prayer Request for Woods Members

Dan Atkinson	Alan Becknell	Gayle Bremer	Bobbie Burnett
Reinald Carter	Geoff Casey	Pete Cooper	David Corbin
Carolyn Decker	Mike Dudeck	Art Johnson	Ada Martin
Marion and Stu Miller	Coryne Minton	Jeff and Linda Norris	John Officer
Bea Parry	Connie Paul	Tess Richards	Marie Sheldon
Marilyn Sickels	Charlene VanMeter	Nana Whalen	Polly Wilson

Bereaved

Ada Downing, on the death of her mother, Ada Corina Turruellas
Granddaughter is Izzy Downing
Ada Martin, on the death of her brother, Stanley Charles Bigler
Uncle of Jeanne Alexander
Family and Friends of Ronald Sander

Newborn

Justin and LeighAnn Binnix, on the birth of their daughter, Lexi Marie Binnix
Grandparents are Tivy and Mike Binnix

Mission Partners and Co-Workers

Our mission partners from the Good News Jail and Prison Ministry
Mission church in Jatibonico, Sanctus Spiritus
Leslie Vogel, Elaine Menezes, and Betsey Moe, Guatemala and Mexico
Julio Rene' Villacampa
Ministry of Hope Malawi
Jacqueline Valdes

All Healthcare Workers

All Military Personnel and their Families, Volunteers and First Responders to Crisis

Prayer Requests for Woods Family and Friends

Chuck Alexander, brother of Marty Walker
Albert Blackwell, husband of Lucia Robinson-Blackwell
The Bodi Family, Pallo, Ukraine, formerly Hungary
David Braun, brother of Karen Strange
Erundina Brenet, friend of mission partner Cuba, Mary Clayton
Katherine Bueller, friend of Andy and Katie Borland
Kathie and Theo Burney, daughter and son-in-law of Mary Ann Kaucher
Harriette Cahoon, grandmother of Joel Cahoon
Merry Chase, goddaughter of Bruce and Barbara Burns
Dave Cirillo, husband of Ann Cirillo
Emily Copeland, family of Sarah and Polly Wilson
Paul Cormier, friend of Nancy Nolan
Eliza Craven and family, friends of Jacqui Stone
Jeff Eastman, friend of Erin Bohannon and Nancy Nolan
Ann Frye, friend of Mary Ann Kaucher
Meri Gathman, wife of Frank Gathman
Linda Hastings, friend of Nancy Lincoln Reynolds
Debbie Segree Hoggard, daughter of Edie Segree
Cindy Howard, sister of Barbara Aycock

Bob Howell, brother of Julie Gallimore
Lori and Earl Jansen, friends of Woods
Dwayne Jones, David Jones, Michelle Horns, family of Robin Williams
Joanne Kaucher, daughter of Mary Ann Kaucher
Kathy Khristie, friend of Nancy Lincoln Reynolds
Stacey Locke, daughter of Marilyn Sickles
Peter and Carol Lum, relatives of Janet Lindsay
Dave Mank, friend of Rick and June Hutchinson
Maria Marchisello, friend of Susan DeWyngaert
Robert McDowell, brother of Nancy Lincoln Reynolds
Bill Moffitt, husband of Pat Moffitt
Ailani Myers, friend of Kelly Nowattnick
Betty Nauman, mother of Doug Nauman
Conner Nolan, friend of Nancy Lincoln Reynolds
Terri Anne Paguibitan, friend of Nancy Lincoln Reynolds
Dave Parry, son of Bea Parry
Kendall Marone Parrott, granddaughter of Vic and Carolann Marone
Debbie Riley, sister of Marty Walker
Patricia Roach, mother of Angela Janas
Dereck, Will and Ben Roberts, cousins of Holly Albrecht
Craig Segree, son of Edie Segree
Gary Shade, brother of Doug Shade
'John Sheridan, brother of Lillian McGraw
Family of Craig Snoops, friends of Karen and Tom Lerario
Debbie Snyder, friend of Frank and Meri Gathman
Michael Spradlin, brother of Teri Spradlin
Krista and Don Sweeney, friend of the Shades
John and Karen Tiseo, son-in-law and daughter of Mary Ann Kaucher
Adam and Tabatha Walton, family of Rachel Lunde
Rob Werlwas, son of Rick Hutchinson
Maceo Williams, brother of Jim Williams
Jim and Molly Weaver, family of Linda Weaver
Teddy James Weaver, grandson of Lucy Kay Weaver
Russell Wiedemann, nephew of Nancy Nolan
Shelley Wilke, Woods member, healthcare worker
Mike and Amy Wright, son-in-law and daughter of Sharon Walker