

Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church (USA)



Three Wise Men, Robert A. Tino, contemporary

January 3, 2021

9:30AM

Epiphany Sunday

PRELUDES

O Come All Ye Faithful
Alec Green, guitar

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds

INTROIT

Ding Dong Merrily On High
Brass Quintet

CALL TO WORSHIP Micah 5:1-2, 4-5

Elder Ed Lambert

**But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
One who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days. ...
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. ...
And he shall be the One of peace.**

HYMN

Joy To The World

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds

Darkness descends early these days, Lord. Wind rattles bare trees. It's easy for us to feel alone. We are tempted to turn inward, to insulate ourselves and ignore the needs of our neighbors and our world. Forgive our lethargy. When we let our light grow dim puncture the present darkness with the brilliance of your Christ Light. Tune our ears to hear your voice of hope both in the winter of our waiting and in the magnificent springtime to come. (Quiet music for personal prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

My friends, Epiphany is good news!
The Light of the World has come not to blind us but to save us.
Christ Jesus came into this world to rescue sinners.
In his name I declare to you: our sins are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Susan DeWyngaert

ANTHEM

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Elder Ed Lambert

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

SERMON

"The Alien in the Manger Scene"
Matthew 2:1-12

Pastor Susan DeWyngaert

HYMN

Good Christian Friends Rejoice

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND OFFERING

Elder Ed Lambert

Today's offering empowers Woods Church to be the hands and feet of Christ through our involvement with over 25 mission partnerships as builders, partners, and servants.

OFFERTORY

Light of the Stable –Selah
Praise Band

Text **Woods** to GIVE **73256**

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

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen/We Three Kings
Praise Band

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

We Three Kings
Community Christmas Concert - 2019

M. Riley



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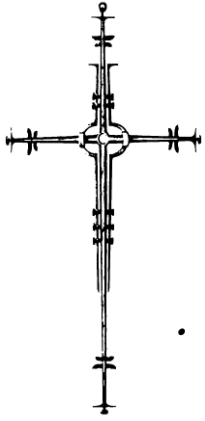
The Rev. Corinne Baker
The Rev. Marie Sheldon

Pastor Emeritus

The Rev. Dr. W. Terry Schoener

Custodians

Jeffrey Pack
Jerome Keemer
David Hoggard



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** we would love to speak with you. Please contact [**Rachel Lunde**](#)

Thank you to the cast, crew and all the participants who made Amahl and the Night Visitors a huge success. The movie is available to watch anytime on the Woods Youtube Page, or by going to wmpcshows.com. David Merrill, Director of Music and the Arts Ministry.

Winter Relief Help - Starting January 1, Winter Relief would like to extend an invitation to our hosting sites to provide 55 bagged lunches each day. We will continue to cater dinners through the Light House Shelter Bistro. With over 70 hosting sites and many additional places of worship assisting with various aspects of Winter Relief, we are hopeful that we can cover lunches every day through the end of March.

Below is a SignUp Genius link page set up specifically for lunch donations. A typical bagged lunch would contain a sandwich, chips, fruit drink (or water), and a sweet snack (cookies). All lunches should be dropped off by 11am on your donation day – we do not have refrigerator capability to have drop offs ahead of time. For the trial run, we are going to see how it goes for the month of January. [**SignUp Genius link.**](#)

Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church cordially invites you to join a service of worship for the Installation of Pastor Jacob Snowden as Associate Pastor. On Sunday, January 10 at 4pm via [**zoom.**](#)

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Faith and Film is a new series presented by Adult Education and Pastor Jacob Snowden. For the month of January, watch a new film each week and join a discussion about how these films reflect and inform faith. This class begins on Thursday, January 7, to discuss *A River Runs Through It*. Join the class at either 10am or 6pm. Watch the film in advance if you can! Other films include *A Man For All Seasons* (Jan. 14), *Life of Pi* (Jan. 21), and *Coco* (Jan 28). [**Register Here!**](#)

Robert Downey Jr. asked David Letterman if he was ambidextrous. Letterman replied, "I'm Presbyterian." For those fuzzy about the history or meaning of Presbyterianism, consider joining **How to Spell Presbyterian**, a five week class about how Presbyterians have worshiped, worked, and believed. Classes run from January 17 - February 14 at 11am. [**Register Here!**](#)

Woods Reading group is a book club format focusing on books on the intersection of faith and culture. We will meet Monday, January 25 at 7pm, with a discussion of David Brooks' "**The Second Mountain.**" A new book will be selected each month. Led by Pastor Susan DeWyngaert. Registration is required each month. [Register Here!](#)

New Adult Education Class - We live in a skeptical age. People - especially young people - express doubts about Christian faith. In this thoughtful six-week study Bishop Scott J. Jones, pastor and author, partners with his son, Rev. Arthur Jones, to address hard questions that many of us hear regarding faith, religion, and the church. The questions include:

Can only one religion be true?
Why is there suffering and evil?
How can I believe in science and creation?
Can I trust the Old Testament?
Are marriage, sex, and family life religious issues?
Why do Christians disagree about so many things?

Sundays January 10 – February 14 at 11am via Zoom, Led by Adult Education. The book ***Ask: Faith Questions in a Skeptical Age*** is recommended and can be found at [Cokesbury.com](#). [Zoom Link Here!](#)

The Children's Ministry Invites you to bring your remote control car or use one of ours for **The Woods Church Grand Prix!** Sunday, January 10, 11-12:30pm, Wood's parking lot. Rain/Snow Date January 21. Bring Your Family & Wear a Mask.

Visit the [Woods Families with Children Facebook page](#) for Bible Bedtime Stories, and Sunday school lessons. We miss you!

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 Tom Lerario](#). May God bless you for your faithfulness.

Woods Church Prayer List January 3, 2021

Prayer Request for Woods Members

Sher Atkinson	Dave Bremer	Donna Brown
Bruce Burns	Jeanne Campbell	Peter Cooper
Carolyn Councill	Carolyn Decker	Carly Dent
Bob Downey	Mike Dudeck	Jeanne Fogle
Chuck Gosnell	Zelma Gossard	Shirley and Griff Hall
Margaret Huddleston	Art Johnson	Pat Johnson
Ted Lewis	Alan Lupfer	Ada Martin
Grant Matta	Marion and Stu Miller	Coryne Minton
Jeff and Linda Norris	Tom Page	Bea Parry
Joan Rohrback	Gretchen Roy	Edie Segree
Marie Sheldon	Marilyn Sickels	Suzonne Taylor
Don Van Hassant	Charlene VanMeter	Janet Wallace
Robin Williams	Geoff Wood	

New Born

Kevin and Carol Burke, on the birth of their grandchildren:
Riley Jane, parents are Lauren and Scott Meyer and
Curran Miles, parents are Joe and Kata Burke

Bereaved

Peggy Newman, on the death of her brother, Richard Means

Mission Partners and Co-Workers

Leslie Voge, Guatemala and Mexico
Jo Ella Holman, Cuba
Julio Rene' Villacampa
Ministry of Hope Malawi
Jacqueline Valdes
Betsey Moe, Guatemala

Healthcare Workers

Beth Bender, niece of Karen Mack
Jennifer Campbell, niece of Mary Ann Kaucher
Cindy Howard, sister of Barb Aycock
Lindsay Jones, niece of Karen Mack
Beth Kupfer, niece of Karen Mack
Stephanie Lewis, daughter of Nancy Gontkof
Karen Mack, Woods member
Kendall Marone Parrott, granddaughter of Vic and Carolann Marone
Tabitha Walton, sister-in-law of Rachel Lunde
Jim and Molly Weaver, nephew and wife of Linda Weaver

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

Lt.Col Judy Boyd LTJG Christine Chhor Lt.Col. Chad De Rosa

Olivia Fava	Zack Fisher	Capt. Chris Hayes
Sgt. Joseph Jacob	Capt. Ryan Jan	Stanton Johnson
Lt. Reis Korstjens	Briana Linberg	2nd Lt. Matthew Lohff
Augie Milewski	Lt. Josh Preston	Will Sapp
2nd Lt Jimmy Shipley	Lt. Jeb Smith	Gavin Snyder
LCDR Ian Starr	LTJG Kori Van Heest	LTJG Drew Van Heest
Danny Wegner	Aaron Welborn	

Prayer Requests for Woods Family and Friends

Faye Bauman, friend of Woods
 Albert Blackwell, husband of Lucia Robinson-Blackwell
 Andy and Trudi Bodi, relatives of Nancy Lincoln Reynolds
 David Braun, brother of Karen Strange
 Erundina Brenet, friend of mission partner Cuba, Mary Clayton

Prayer Requests for Woods Family and Friends, Cont'd

Katherine Bueller, friend of Andy and Katie Borland
 Kathie and Theo Burney, daughter and son-in-law of Mary Ann Kaucher
 Dave Cirillo, husband of Ann Cirillo
 John Cleland, friend of Sharon Moore
 Strohm Evans, brother of Linda Weaver
 Kimberlee Fenn, on the death of her father
 Katie Forester, sister of the Rev. Dr. Susan Dewyngaert
 Meri Gathman, wife of Frank Gathman
 Amy Gebhard, daughter of Frank and Meri Gathman
 Tim Gosnell, nephew of Barb and Chuck Gosnell
 Steve Grames, friend of Andy Borland
 Mary Ann Hagerty mother of Maureen Adams
 Patrick Hagerty, brother of Maureen Adams
 Jake Harrell, grandson of Patricia Rogers
 Blair Harrison, niece of Polly Wilson, cousin to Sarah Wilson
 Linda Hastings, friend of Nancy Lincoln Reynolds
 Bob Howell, brother of Julie Gallimore
 Lori and Earl Jansen, friends of Woods
 Justin Gontkof and Katie Kidwell, family and friend of Nancy Gontkof
 Kathy Khristie, friend of Nancy Lincoln Reynolds
 Frank and Cathy Kravitz, friends of the Borland's
 Stacey Locke, daughter of Marilyn Sickles
 Peter and Carol Lum, relatives of Janet Lindsay
 Lynn Tiernan Lynch, on the death of her husband, Buck Lynch
 Jim Madison, brother of Dave Madison
 Dave Mank, friend of Rick and June Hutchinson
 Maria Marchisello, friend of Susan DeWyngaert
 Brian Mayers, friend of Jacquelynne Shade
 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
Family of Robert Rex, CDC family, on the death of father and husband
Patricia Roach, mother of Angela Janas
Dereck, Mary Lynn, Will and Ben Roberts, cousins of Holly Albrecht
Lou Rudinski, friend of Andy Borland
Nick Sabo, friend of Woods
Jean Salter, mother-in-law of Jay Garvin
Daylan Sample, friend of Keisha Gill
Craig Segree, son of Edie Segree
Anthony Senneca, family of Doug and Michelle Segree
Debbie Snyder, friend of Frank and Meri Gathman
Michael Spradlin, brother of Teri Spradlin
Dan Summerville, son-in-law of Linda Cramblett
Don Sweeney, friend of the Shades
John and Karen Tiseo, son-in-law and daughter of Mary Ann Kaucher
Adam Walton, brother of Rachel Lunde
Carolyn Watkins, Woods Employee
Rob Werlwas, son of Rick Hutchinson
Maceo Williams, brother of Jim Williams
Mike and Amy Wright, son-in-law and daughter of Sharon Walk