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As you enter the sanctuary, please be mindful of those who are quietly preparing their hearts and minds for worship

Growing Inward

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "It Is Well With My Soul" Pines Orchestra

Phillip P. Bliss

Bringing the Light of Christ

Gathering for Worship

Introit "Sing! Make a Joyful Sound" Pines Singers, 9:30

Arr. LaForge Chancel Choir, 11:00

*Call to Worship

One Voice: Praise the Lord.

Many Voices: Sing to the Lord a new song.
One Voice: Celebrate God's goodness.
Many Voices: Praise God with music.
One Voice: Rejoice in God's love.

Many Voices: Shout for joy. One Voice: Praise the Lord.

*Hymn "Jesus Christ Has Risen Today" #123

Prayer of Confession

God of freedom, you help us leave behind all that keeps us from being fully human, yet we resist your help and the change you offer.

Clinging to old, familiar patterns, we are reluctant to move on.

When others challenge us, we grow defensive.

Give us open and generous hearts,

that we may hear your call and follow you on new adventures of love and compassion.

Silent Confession

Congregational Response "When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise"

When we are called to sing your praise with hearts so filled with pain that we would rather sit and weep or stand up to complain, remind us, God, you understand the burdens that we bear; you, too, have walked the shadowed way and known our deep despair.

September 10, 2017

Welcome to Pines

We are a joyful Christian community that welcomes all to know, love, and trust in Jesus Christ by Looking Upward, Growing Inward, and Serving Outward.

Helpful devices:

Auditory assistance receivers are available with the Ushers

Today's Acolyte: Bailey Master

Liturgist: Walter Rodenberger

Sound: Ron Strawser

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by ...

Sanctuary - Phil and Linda Johnson in appreciation of the life of Ann Daniel, and her daughter, Linda Johnson, both of whose birthdays we remember this week

Narthex - Larry and Judy Shamp in celebration for 51 years (and counting) of wedded bliss

*All who are able may stand



A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Looking Upward

Children's Message

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song: this is where children belong. This is where children belong.

First Reading Exodus 12:1–14

Anthem "The Lord Is My Light" Doug and Walter

Frances Allitsen Rodenberger, Tenors, 9:30

Tenors, 9.30

Chancel Choir, 11:00

Romans 13:8-14

"In This Very Room"
Ron and Carol Harris

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Sermon "Who Are You Meant To Be" Rev. Andy Gans

*Hymn "Arise, Your Light Has Come!" #411

Serving Outward

Call to Discipleship

Second Reading

Teacher Commissioning

*Saying What We Believe (Iona Community)

One Voice: With the whole church

Many Voices: we affirm that we are made in God's image,

befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit;

One Voice: With people everywhere

Many Voices: we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity,

planted more deeply than all that is wrong;

One Voice: With all creation

Many Voices: we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life,

the unfolding purposes of God,

*Gloria Patri #579

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.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Music "Like a River Glorious" Tim Holder, Organ, 9:30

James Mountain

"The Lord is My Light" Doug and Walter Frances Allitsen Rodenberger,

Tenors, 11:00

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Doxology #592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn "Let Us With Gladsome Mind" #244

*Charge and Benediction

Choral Amen

*Sending Out The Light of Christ

*Congregational Response

"Surely It Is God"

Surely it is God who saves me, I will trust and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my savior.

*Postlude

"Peace Like a River"

Tim Holder, Organ, 9:30 Pines Orchestra, 11:00

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Are you in need of prayer or a listening ear? Our Stephen Ministers are always available if you need someone to talk with or if you have joys or concerns to lift up to God. Just look for anyone wearing a blue Stephen Ministry badge.

Calendar for the Week of September 10, 2017

Today	p.m.	12:00	Sitter TrainingW-8
Monday	p.m.	1:00 5:30	Stephen Leaders Meeting
Tuesday	a.m.	7:00 9:00 9:30 10:00 10:00 6:00	Men's Morning GroupParlorPrayer GroupC-10Helen Haynes CircleParlorArt WorkshopC-5Office Staff MeetingC-8Men's Chorale RehearsalChoir Room
Wednesday	p.m.	12:30 6:00 7:00 8:00	Bible Study
Thursday	a.m./p.m.		
Friday	a.m./ p.m.		
Saturday	a.m./p.m.		
Sunday	a.m.	9:30 9:30 10:30 11:00 12:00 12:00 12:00	Sunday School

The newsletter is available in the Narthex for those unable to access it online.

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Newsletter: Input must be in the office by **September 22** at 9 a.m.

Next Week's Bulletin: Input must be in the office by Wednesday at 9 a.m.

Calendar Items: Input must be in the office by Thursday at 9 a.m.

This Week at Pines email: Input must be in the office by Friday at Noon **Today's Duty Elder: Walter Penberthy**

Welcome, **Guests!** Your presence with us today is a blessing. Please stop by the Welcome Table in the Narthex to receive our special welcome gift for you. If you would like to discuss church membership, please speak with one of our pastors.

Beginning today, all children ages 4 through 4th grade are invited to participate in Kids Worship in Room W14 following the Children's Message time during the 11am worship service. Parents are invited after the service concludes to see the new room!

Sunday School Begins Today! Come and be part of one of the following adult classes:

- Pines-U (a variety of speakers and topics)
- ♦ The Wired Word (the Bible and Current Events)
- ♦ Family Matters (Discussing "Shepherding a Child's Heart)
- Vocation (a gathering of Young Adults)
- ♦ Travelers (The Reformation: 500th Anniversary).

Join us from 9:30-10:30!

Sign up today for one of our four women's circles! Info about each circle of friends is available at the sign-up table in the Fellowship Hall.

Be sure to sign up to have your picture taken to be put in our new Pines pictorial directory.

You may sign up outside the Fellowship Hall or you may also go online at https://

booknowlifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y3rqh5kq/. What a great opportunity to get to know each other better and to be a part of the history of Pines! LifeTouch photographers will be available September 27-30 and October 3-4.

A New Bible Study Coming to Pines this Fall!! "Creating the Covenant" is a 24-week study broken into three 8-episode segments, each exploring a different aspect of Covenant life: Creating the Covenant, Living the Covenant, Trusting the Covenant. Beginning at the end of September, you can be part of a Thursday morning or Sunday evening group that will meet for an hour and a half a week and cover the entire Bible. Plan to be part of this exciting new opportunity to grow in your knowledge of the Bible, deepen your faith, and create special friendships! Watch for more information!! Sign-ups in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Bible Study will begin on September 20 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor with the DVD series. "Dare to Dream".