

PINES Order of Worship Presbyterian Church

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

Looking Upward

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "We Bring The Sacrifice of Praise" Tim Holder, Piano
Kirk Dearman

Bringing the Light of Christ

Gathering for Worship

Introit "For The Beauty of The Earth" Pines Singers, 9:30
Conrad Kocher Chancel Choir, 11:00

*Call to Worship

One Voice: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into His presence with singing!

Many Voices: Know that the Lord is God. It is He that made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

One Voice: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name.

Many Voices: For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

All: Let us worship the Lord with joyful hearts!

***Hymn** "Come, Christians Join to Sing" #150

Prayer of Confession

How easy it is for us to get discouraged, Lord, and forget that You are Sovereign over all. Our vision is narrow, our hopes are small, and our trust is so often based on the fleeting things of this life instead of the eternal promises of Your Word. Forgive us for living such shallow lives. Change our selfish ways and expand our capacity to love. We want to be Your thankful people, we seek to be Your faithful followers, we long to be Your loving disciples. Forgive us, heal us, renew us we pray.

Silent Confession

Congregational Response (Tune of "Come Thou Fount")

All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring. I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing:
Jesus Christ, How much I love You! Jesus Christ, You save from sin!
How I love You! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

November 26, 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: Morriss Partee

Sound: Mark Wilkinson

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

Sanctuary - Phil & Linda Johnson In Celebration of the gift of marriage and their 39 years together

Narthex - Craig & Lisa Walker in celebration of Erick's 31st birthday, and in loving memory of Elaine Walker on her birthday

*All who are able may stand



A Stephen Ministry
Congregation

Assurance of Grace

One Voice: Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, forgives us, heals us,
and renews us by the power of His love and grace.

Many Voices: **Thanks be to God for the incredible gift of Jesus Christ
in our lives!**

*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.**

Growing Inward

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.**

Anthem

"Praise God Medley"

Arr. Fettke/Holder

Chad, Doug, Walter,
Rodenberger, 9:30

"My Tribute"

Andrae Crouch

Chancel Choir, 11:00

Reading of God's Word

Ephesians 1: 1-2, 15-23

Sermon

"To The Saints Who Are At Pines"

Rev. Barbara Retzlöff

*Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

#339

Serving Outward

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Music

"Oh The Glory of Your Presence" Tim Holder, Organ, 9:30

"Praise God Medley"

Arr. Fettke/Holder

Chad, Doug, Walter,
Rodenberger, 9:30

*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 All Things Now Living"

#554

*Charge and Benediction

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.

***Sending Out The Light of Christ**

Congregational Response

See Screens

***Postlude**

“Take The Name of Jesus With You”

William H. Doan

Tim Holder,
Organ

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Calendar for the Week of November 26, 2017

Today	p.m.	12:30	Grief Group Meeting.....	Parlor
		5:30	Family Advent Night & Tree Lighting.....	Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary,Front Lawn
Monday	p.m.	5:30	Coordinating Meeting.....	C-3
		6:30	Session Meeting.....	Fellowship Hall /C-3
Tuesday	a.m.	7:00	Men's Morning Group.....	Parlor
		9:00	Prayer Group.....	Prayer Room
		9:30	Helen Haynes Circle	Parlor
		10:00	Art Workshop	C-5
	p.m.	10:00	Office Staff Meeting.....	C-8
		1:00	Pines Needles Knitting Group	Prayer Room
		5:00	Center Ministries	Fellowship Hall
		5:30	Women's Retreat Planning Team Meeting.....	C-10
6:00	Men's Chorale Rehearsal.....	Choir Room		
Wednesday	p.m.	7:00	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
		8:00	Westside AA.....	C-3
Thursday	a.m./p.m.		
Friday	a.m./p.m.		
Saturday	a.m.	8:00	Sherwood Christmas Store	Sherwood Gymnasium
	p.m.	5:30	Christmas Dinner	Pines
Sunday		First Sunday of Advent	
	a.m.	9:30	Agape Offering	
		9:30	Sunday School	
		9:30	Worship Service	Sanctuary
		10:30	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
		10:30	Coffee Fellowship.....	Fellowship Hall
		11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary
p.m.	12:30	Grief Group Meeting.....	Parlor	

SERMON NOTES

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

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You can access our website by scanning below.



ACTIVITIES *Announcements* AT PINES

Church Staff

The Reverend Andy Gans
Pastor
The Reverend Barbara Retzlaff
Associate Pastor
Tim Holder
Director, Music Ministry
Valerie Mowell
Director, Children's Ministry
Cindy Houlihan
Office Manager
Alexis Graham
Accounting Manager
Genny Bogue
Receptionist
Pedro Nada
Custodian

Preschool

Connie Pike
Director, Preschool
Karen Cooper
Administrative Assistant

Session

Class of 2018

James Allison
Marsha Deison
Becky Neisig
Doug Rodenberger
Larry Shamp
Craig Walker
Diane Wright

Class of 2019

Melissa Gravett
Kezzie Kamp
Kathy Ropshaw
Margaret Schafer
Tim Timmons
Julia James
Kari Work

Class of 2020

Katherine Allison
Elizabeth Buelow
Rick Denham
Larry Greenlee
Inkyu Han
Walter Penberthy
Melissa Sandstrom

Newsletter: Input must be in the office by **December 15** 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: Kezzie Kamp

~ ~ The Clara Gay Circle is responsible for Communion Clean-Up next Sunday ~ ~

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.

Advent Devotionals are available to pickup today and use throughout the season of Advent as you prepare to celebrate the birth of the Christ child. Look for them in the Narthex and the Adult Education wing.

Poinsettia Signups have begun and will run through December 3rd. Please stop by the Fellowship Hall to sign up for a Poinsettia to help decorate our sanctuary during this Christmas Season. The cost of each Poinsettia is \$10 and they may be taken home after the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service on December 24th.

Please mark your calendars for a joyous night of celebrating The Reason For The Season with Family Advent Night, tonight at 5:30 pm. We'll have a chili hot dog dinner in the Fellowship Hall and then begin the play "Operation Baby King!" at 6:15 in the Sanctuary and finish with our outdoor Christmas Tree lighting with cookies and carol singing. Please email Valerie Mowell at valerie@pinespc.org with any question. Hope to see you there!

Sherwood Christmas Store – Saturday, Dec. 2 - Volunteers needed! We will meet at Pines at 8am to pray, load gifts and caravan to Sherwood. The store is open from 9am – 1pm in the Sherwood gymnasium. Lots of elf minded volunteers needed to help set up the store, assist shoppers, gift wrap and clean up. Come for the entire time or come for an hour. All are welcome. For additional information contact Kari Work or Lesa Smith.

The Agape Communion Offering for December 3rd will benefit Westside Homeless Partnership. Please see the poster in the Fellowship Hall with pull-off notes listing the items needed. Take one or more from there OR simply purchase any of the following items: 2 cake mixes and 2 cans of frosting, 3 bags of sugar cookie mix, 2 boxes of deluxe Mac & Cheese, 2lb bag of rice & 2lb bag of beans, 2 boxes of stuffing, 2 jars of gravy, 4 cans of green beans or 4 cans of corn. Please bring the items on Sunday, December 3rd. Thank you!

Pines-U will begin a new series at the beginning of December led by Andy Dearman. All are welcome to join us for an engaging and informative class.

- ◇ December 3 Reading the Psalms with Athanasius and Luther
- ◇ December 10 Isaac Watts, the "Father" of English Hymnody

The Music Department will present the Christmas Cantata "Then Came the Light" by Derric Johnson in the 9:30 and 11:00 o'clock services on December 17. Please mark your calendar to come and hear wonderful, heartwarming readings and old and new Christmas carols combined in this touching Christmas musical.

Covenant Bible Study has been a great and meaningful experience for all involved this fall! If you weren't able to join us, it is not too late! We will be signing up for the winter term beginning December 3 and all are welcome to jump in for the next one or two sessions. It will be held on Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30 beginning January 7 and Thursday mornings from 9:15-11:00 beginning January 11. Hope you can join us!

Save the Date! The next Women's Retreat will be on Saturday, January 27th. The Rev. Anne Beall will be our speaker. Registration begins in January but mark your calendars now to be part of this wonderful event!