



PINES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOOKING UPWARD - GROWING INWARD - SERVING OUTWARD

Growing Inward

Gathering for Worship

*Call to Worship

Allie Guerra

One Voice: Sisters and brothers, why are we here tonight?

All Voices: To tell what Jesus did in the midst of our brokenness.

One Voice: Sisters and brothers, come, behold the man of suffering.

All Voices: We have come.

One Voice: Come, look at his appearance.

All Voices: We have come.

One Voice: Come, gather around the cross to see him.

All Voices: We have come.

One Voice: Come, weep as the curtain falls over the light of the world.

All Voices: We have come.

We see.

We behold

We weep.

*Hymn

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

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Choral Call to Confession

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

Chancel Choir

Prayers of Confession

One Voice: He has borne and carried the evil of our hearts.

All Voices: He has borne my evil.

One Voice: Because of our transgressions, he was wounded.

All Voices: Because of my hate, prejudice, immorality, greed, lying, intolerance, and blasphemy, he was wounded.

One Voice: Our iniquities crushed him and. . .

All Voices: I crushed him! I drove the nails. I wove the thorny crown.

I pierced his side. I shouted, “Crucify him”.

One Voice: The Lord laid it all on him — all our iniquity, punishment, and guilt. He heaped the ugliest part of us onto his amazing beauty.

All Voices: With every puncture, each whip stroke, at every cry of anguish and innumerable flinches of pain, in every wound and bruise, he was healing the brokenness of my sinful soul.

GOOD FRIDAY

April 3, 2026

Welcome to Pines

Pines is a joyful Christian community that welcomes all. Our Mission is to make disciples who know, love, and trust in Jesus Christ. We live into our Mission by Looking Upward, Growing Inward, and Serving Outward.

Helpful devices: Auditory assistance receivers are available from the Ushers.

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A Congregation of the



Time of Silence

Assurance of Grace

One Voice: We are guilty, but God is faithful.
In this faithfulness, God chose to remember our lawlessness
no longer.

**All Voices: Through Christ, our sins — yours and mine —
are not only forgiven, they are forgotten.**

Choral Response “Ah, Holy Jesus” Chancel Choir

Looking Upward

Gospel Reading John 18:1-78

Meditation “Whom Are You Looking For?” Rev. Andy Gans

Litany of Penitence — based on the Seven Last Words of Christ

One Voice: Lord, you said from the cross, “Father, forgive them for they
know not what they do”.

**All Voices: I confess that too often I know exactly the evil I do and I do
it anyway. I hoard rather than share. I look out for
myself and neglect the interest of others. I judge
others harshly and absolve myself undeservedly.
Forgive me for all that I do knowingly, neglect willfully, and
perpetrate indiscriminately. Forgive me for
my culpability in this violent day.**

One Voice: Lord, you said from the cross, “Truly I tell you, today you will be
with me in paradise”.

**All Voices: I confess my resemblance to the one crucified beside you
who derided and chided you. I want your benefits with
none of the responsibilities.
I call to you for rescue even when I fail to
acknowledge my own guilt.
Forgive me for failing to recognize my sin and for my
sense of entitlement to your intervention. Forgive me
for not seeing your innocence and selfless sacrifice.**

One Voice: Lord, you said from the cross, “Woman, here is your son. . .
here is your mother”.

**All Voices: I confess my unwillingness to tend to those for whom I
have been entrusted to care. I resent others’
demands on my time and resources.**

**I desire the gifts of community but act as if my
choices are solely about what is best for me and
me alone.**

**Forgive me for not taking to heart your command to
love one another.**

**Forgive me for not seeing each person I encounter as
a gift from you and someone for whom I am to care.**

One Voice: Lord, you said from the cross, “My God, my God, why
have you forsaken me?”.

**All Voices: I confess that I have forsaken you, time and time
again. I said I would risk my life for you,
but instead denied you. You told me to stay
awake and on watch, but I fell asleep.
I promised I would not abandon you, but I ran
at the first sign of danger.**

**Forgive me for not being there when you most needed
me. Forgive me for fickle faith and a lack of
courage. Forgive me for throwing off the cross
and running away.**

Pray for the People of Pines

Sara Anderson	Angie Mills
Jean Breitenwischer	Juanita Vislocky
Barbara Caffall	Nancy Watler
Mary Catherine Cezeaux	Danny Williams
Marsha Deison	Duane Wood
Sydney DeLaSalle	
Elizabeth Deraps	
Sharon Dotson	

Pray for Friends in Mission

Joy Kreider

Pray for Pines Members and their family in the Military:

Olivia Williams (Army)
Jackie Hayre (Navy)

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.

A Stephen Ministry



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One Voice: Lord, you said from the cross, "I am thirsty".

All Voices: I confess my failure to give a cup of cold water to the little ones desperate for a drink. I confess that my heart has not been a spring of living water, but instead often a desert of deceit. I look away from those crying out for life's basic necessities.

Forgive me for not giving what I have in your name and for your sake.

Forgive me for my lack of compassion and my hard-heartedness. Forgive me for not responding to your cry for help.

One Voice: Lord, you said from the cross, "It is finished".

All Voices: I confess that I left you long before you declared your work complete. I confess that I could not stand to see you suffer. I confess that my fear for myself overtook my love for you.

Forgive me, for not sticking with you. Forgive me for all the times I have not finished the work you gave me to do. Forgive me for giving up when I should have trusted your promises.

One Voice: Lord, you said from the cross, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit".

All Voices: I confess that I was not there when you breathed your last. I confess that I doubted my declaration that you were the Messiah. I confess that there were times I wished I had not left everything to follow you.

Forgive me for allowing you to die alone. Forgive me for my lack of trust.

Forgive me that I could not see past the earthly powers and recognize the kingdom of heaven come near, come to earth, come to me.

Hymn of Remembrance "Go to Dark Gethsemane" #97

The Tenebrae

The Shadow of Betrayal	Matthew 26:20-25
The Shadow of Desertion	Matthew 26:31-35
The Shadow of Violence	Matthew 26:47-52
The Shadow of Denial	Luke 22:54-62
The Shadow of Cynicism	John 18:33-38
The Shadow of Irresponsibility	Matthew 27:20-26
The Shadow of Mockery	Mark 15:16-20
The Shadow of Death	John 19:28-30

Choral Response "Were You There?" Chancel Choir

(As you depart, please do so in reverent silence.)

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

Our Worship services are recorded and livestreamed.

Our hymns tonight will be in the blue hymnal in the pew backs.

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