

#### LOOKING UPWARD - GROWING INWARD - SERVING OUTWARD

#### **Growing Inward**

**Prelude** 

**Gathering for Worship** 

\*Call to Worship Morriss Partee

One Voice: Come into God's presence with thanksgiving and praise.

All Voices: Seeking God, we come to find new life and joy.

One Voice: Come into God's presence with hunger and thirst.

All Voices: Seeking God, we hunger for mercy and love.

One Voice: Come into God's presence with confidence and hope.

All Voices: For in seeking, we will find. In hungering, we will be fed.

In loving, we will be loved.
In treasuring, we will be treasured.

One Voice: Come into God's presence, for you are

God's greatest delight!

All Voices: We come with joy in our hearts

ready to worship our living God!

\*Hymn "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" See Screen

**Prayer of Confession** 

Merciful God,

warm us with your compassion.

Forgive us,

when we turn away from your love.

Gather us closer,

when we pull away from you.

Clothe us with your grace,

when we surround ourselves

with worldly desires and passions.

Renew our zeal to follow you

when you see us pursue values

that destroy our lives

and the lives of others around us.

Roar with mighty love, dear God, that we might hear your voice and heed your call.

Hear our prayers, O God.

**Silent Confession** 

Confessional Response "Cares Chorus" See Screen

Assurance of Grace See Screen

One Voice: Do not be afraid.

More than anything else, God would rather turn putrid swamps into pools of crystal clear water; bonds of sin into

cords of compassion; sinners into servants.

All Voices: God loves us. God forgives us. God lifts us to new life.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

August 3, 2025

**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.

Liturgist: Morriss Partee, Tristan

Hammond

See Screen

Sound: Dan Schafer

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A Congregation of the



Children's Message

Kristin Beall

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

#### Looking Upward

First Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

Anthem "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" William Runyan Valerie Harelson, dulcimer; Bethel Strawser, handbells

Second Reading Luke 12:13-21

Sermon "Youth Mission Sunday" Pines Youth

Serving Outward

\*Hymn "Open the Eyes of My Heart" See Screen

\*Saying What We Believe

See Screen

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God

in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

\*Gloria Patri

Offering and Offertory

\*Doxology

Communion of the People and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" See Screen

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Benediction Response "We Will Go Out with Joy"

**Postlude** 

#### **Pray for the People of Pines**

Sara Anderson Lynda Barr Jean Breitenwischer Barbara Caffall Carolyn Craig Sydney DeLaSalle Elizabeth Deraps

Sharon Dotson Janan Plush Connie Sipp Juanita Vislocky Nancy Watler Danny Williams

## 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, which 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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### Calendar for the Week of August 3, 2025

<u>Sunday</u>

4:00 pmHymn SingFellowship Hall6:25 pmHand on HandYouth Rooms

<u>Monday</u>

12:00 pmThis Week at Pines to Dan6:00 pmProperty Committee meetingC76:00 pmStaff Committee meetingZoom7:00 pmTending to Grief meetingParlor

7:30 pm Al Anon Group Fellowship Hall

Tuesday

7:00 am Men's Bible Study Zoom

9:00 am Bulletin articles due to Laurie

**Wednesday** 

1:30 pm Weekly Prayer Team Prayer Room
7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal Choir Room
7:30 pm Westside AA C3

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<u>Thursday</u>

8:00 pm AA Group C3

Sunday

9:15 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Sanctuary
12:00 pm Children's Worship Training and lunch Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm Second Sunday Lunch Lupe Tortilla's

2:30 pm NAMI C3



**SERMON NOTES** 

Get the latest announcements and reminders right before events happen. Find us here:

Facebook: www.facebook.com PinesPresbyterianChurch

> Instagram: Instagram.com/ Pineshouston

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

Our Worship services are recorded and livestreamed.

Next Newsletter articles due August 22. Today's Duty Elder: Donna Partee

#### **Church Staff**

The Reverend Andy Gans
Pastor
Kristin Beall

Director of Family Ministries

Laurie Conner

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#### Session

Class of 2026

Linda Aldred Shirley Bollich Emily Gairo Donna Partee Tim Timmons

Class of 2027

Brad Hofstetter Patsy Jackson Ron Langston Beth Patterson Phil Wetz

Class of 2028

Mark Babineck Steve Ballard Terrie Cardwell Fred Ellis Roger Mowell

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW UPWARD, INWARD AND OUTWARD

**Welcome, Guests!** If you have questions about our church, or would like to discuss church membership, please speak with Pastor Andy.

Fellowship Hall restroom renovations are nearing completion.

**Come play Pickleball at Pines!** Open play Monday 7-9pm and Thursday 7-9pm and Sunday 4-6pm. Sign up at pickleheads.com You must sign up to play.

**Spanish language classes** will be in W13 and W14 until August 15. If you see the teachers and/or students in the halls, be sure to say "Hola!".

The Explorers Sunday School has started a six session video-based series by John Ortberg: "Soul Keeping: Caring for The Most Important Part of You." Our next study that we will be doing is <a href="Everybody Always">Everybody Always</a>, by Bob Goff. This will be a churchwide study starting August 17. We will have a study guide and DVD, and individual books are available for \$10

Church-wide Study — Starting Aug. 17, Pines is hosting a church-wide study of Bob Goff's book Everybody Always. What if we stopped avoiding the difficult people in our lives and committed to simply loving everybody? Bob teaches that the path toward the outsized, unfettered, liberated existence we all long for is found in one simple truth: love people, even the difficult ones. This study will be offered during all ages of Sunday school beginning August 17. There is also an opportunity on Thursdays at 6:30pm via Zoom. To sign up for the zoom class, email Kristin to receive the link.

**Blessing of the Backpacks** - start your new year off with blessing - can bring a bag on Aug 10 to service. Open to all students and those working with them! Worship training with pizza lunch will take place that day after service - if your child has been or is now interested in acolyting, ushering or reading a scripture please come!

**Church Family Ice Cream Social** - August 17 - 3-5pm - Fellowship Hall - All Pines family invited to come play games inside at table, on playground weather permitting, build an ice cream bowl and celebrate summer - VBC show and stories! ALL new Sunday school begins this morning AND it's Bible Sunday during service! Such an exciting day- hope to see you there!



Our next Hymn Sing is Sunday, August 3 @ 4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall! Got suggestions for a hymn? Email Laurie.

