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OPPORTUNITIES UPWARD, INWARD AND OUTWARD

To Grow

Newsletter: Input must be in the office by November 19 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 Monday to micah@pinespc.org

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

In need of someone to talk to? If you want to know more about getting a Stephen Minister, please contact Bill Willis or call the church office: 713.467.2234.

Flowers: Don't forget to honor with flowers. The cost is \$75.00 for the Sanctuary and \$50.00 for the Narthex. We will continue to offer the option to give to a benevolence or order a real arrangement. Please call the church office: 713.467.2234.

We thank you for sharing your treasures in the spirit and practice of stewardship. Please continue to mail your checks to the church office, put your checks in the offering basket in the rear of the sanctuary on Sundays or visit our website for online giving. VISIT pinespc.org for more information.

Please join us in providing Christmas joy to our extended family at Sherwood Elementary. As with previous years, we need and appreciate your help in filling the Missions Room with wonderful gifts that bring so much excitement to Sherwood families on Christmas morning. An Angel tree will adorn the Fellowship Hallway decorated with angel ornaments with the age and gender of a child who will benefit from the love you show. There are several ways you can support Sherwood! Questions - Contact Kari Work at the church office: 713.467.2234.

Please join your fellow church members on November 13th at 9 AM to spruce up your church home. There will be jobs for everyone of all ages. We will hold sign ups on October 31st and November 7th. Please stop by the Fellowship Hallway to put your name on the list! We will serve lunch at noon. Congregational Fellowship has offered to provide a Sandwich Bar in thanks for the work you will do on that day! This is a great family activity and a wonderful opportunity to show your kids how to care for their church home. We look forward to working alongside each of you! Your Property Committee

At Pines we keep moving Forward. Together. In Faith. We follow God's lead and find the good in the world, that which binds us as a church family. And part of that is our fiscal stewardship, where we pledge to help our congregation continue its mission of "looking upward, growing inward and serving outward." Pledge cards have been sent via mail and can be returned via mail to the church office, or delivered in person during drive-by collection or in worship on November 14.

NEW MISSION DONATION OPPORTUNITY with Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM): Please drop off un-bagged items in the Missions Bin or in the Missions Room. List of items for sack lunches: Easy To Open Canned Meat/ Meals -To- Go, Vienna Sausages, Trail Mix, Individually Wrapped Salted Crackers, Individually Wrapped Cheese or Peanut Butter Crackers, Package of 16.9 oz Water Bottles, Fruit Strips, Standard Size Paper Bags and Protein Bars/Granola Bars. Thank you for your donations!

"IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN!" December 5 Presentation by Cindy Houlihan and Carol Greene about preparation for end of life issues. This information will cover Planning, costs, and organization for your family or friends. Copies will be handed out for you to take home to start your planning. This presentation will be directly after church on December 5th. Sign ups for this presentation will start on Sunday, Nov 14 and Nov. 21 This is a two hour session so please bring a sack lunch. We will provide the water.

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Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

*Call to Worship

One Voice: You are welcome in this place,
where God meets us in love.

**All Voices: Why are we here?
We are here to love God
with all that we have and all that we are.**

One Voice: You are welcome in this place,
where God loves us as children.

**All Voices: Why are we here?
We are here to love ourselves
as deeply as God loves us.**

One Voice: Welcome to this place,
where God serves us at the
Table of love and grace.

**All Voices: Why are we here?
We are here to be sent forth to love others as deeply
as we love God and ourselves.**

***Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" see screen**

Prayer of Confession

**Helper God,
be the hope that overcomes our despair;
be the love that overcomes our hatred;
be the mercy that overcomes our sin.
Set us free from the prisons of our own making,
and release us from the bonds that bind us.
Forgive us and watch over us.
Welcome us home
into the loving arms of your mercy.
In Christ's name, we pray.**

Silent Confession

Confessional Response "Healer of Our Every Ill" See Screen

Assurance of Grace

One Voice: You are not far from the kingdom of God,
**All Voices: for in Christ, we are given grace and forgiveness.
Praise God for this marvelous gift!**

TODAY October 31, 2021 IN WORSHIP

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 with the Ushers.

Sound: Dan Schafer

Liturgist: Beth Patterson

Flowers: A floral arrangement was given to the glory of God by Carol and Scott Greene in thankfulness for all of the blessings Pines provides and our Pines family.

*All who are able may stand

A Stephen Ministry



Congregation

A congregation of the



Children's Message

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 Ruth 1:1-18

Anthem

Gospel Reading Mark 12:28-34

Sermon "What's Love Got to Do With It?" Rev. Andy Gans

***Hymn** "Be Thou My Vision" See Screen

Serving Outward

***Saying What We Believe** (The Confession of Belhar)

We believe in God--the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church.
We believe the church is one worldwide communion of saints, called from the entire human family.
We believe the church is the single community of believers, reconciled with God and with one another.
We believe that through the working of God's Spirit, unity is a binding force and also that we must seek this unity, which must become visible to the world.
We believe that the sin of division, separation and hatred between people and groups has been conquered by Christ.
We commit ourselves to protecting the unity of the church universal.
We pledge to make this unity active in all of our words, thoughts and deeds.

***Gloria Patri**

**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.**

Prayer of the People and The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn** "Take My Life" See Screen

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response "Go Ye Believers into the World"** See Screen

***Sending Out The Light of Christ**

***Postlude**

Pray for the People of Pines

Norma Bender Nancy Watler
Jean Breitenwischer Morriss Partee
Barbara Caffall Darlene Wendt
Virginia Smith Barbara Youngflesh
Carolyn Craig Larry Greenlee
Bob Symon Barbara Greenlee
Liz Buelow Linda Carlson
Karen MacAllister

Pray for Friends in Mission

Joy Kreider
Ken and Judy McDyer

Pray for Pines Members in the Military

Olivia Williams (Army)
Noah Youngflesh (Air Force)

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.

Calendar for the Week of October 31, 2021

Today	p.m.	5:00	Incarnation Worship Service - Gym Mosaic Crafts for the children - W12
Monday	a.m.	10:00	Office staff meeting - C3
	p.m.	4:00	This Week at Pines articles due
		7:30	ALANON Group - Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	a.m.	7:00	Men's Bible Study - Parlor and/or Zoom
	p.m.	2:30	Weekly Prayer Team
		6:30	Missions Committee Meeting - C3
Wednesday	a.m.	9:00	Bulletin Articles Due
	p.m.	5:45	Pines Pealers (Bell Practice) - C12
		7:00	Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
		7:00	Incarnation practice - Sanctuary
		8:00	Westside AA - Fellowship Hall
Thursday	p.m.	1:00	Lectionary Bible study - by Zoom
		7:00	Space City Singers - Fellowship Hall
		8:00	AA - C3
Friday	a.m.	5:00	BSF - Fellowship Hall
		7:00	TAAP - Front Parking Lot
Saturday	p.m.	6:00	AA - C3
		6:30	Mosaic Youth - Fellowship Hall
Sunday	a.m.	9:00	Nursery open
		9:15	Foundations SS - Fellowship Hall
		9:30	Alpha SS - C3
		10:45	Worship Service - Sanctuary
	p.m.	12:00	Thankfulness Lunch and reception for Kristin Beall - FH
		5:00	Incarnation Worship Service - Gym Mosaic Crafts for the children - W12

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6th....be sure to change your clocks back so that you make it to church at the correct time! See you on November 7th!

SERMON NOTES



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