

# EASTER



## PINES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### Sunrise Service

#### Growing Inward

Prelude

"Christ Arose"  
*Robert Lowry*

Tim Holder

Gathering for Worship

#### \*Call to Worship

One Voice: Jesus Christ is risen today! Hallelujah!

**All Voices: We know that our Redeemer lives. Praise the Lord!**

One Voice: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

**All Voices: Christ has conquered death. The sting of death is gone.**

One Voice: Jesus Christ, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, lives now and forevermore.

**All Voices: He is our Savior, friend, and living Lord. Let us lift our voices in praise to his holy name.**

\*Hymn

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**\*Confession of Faith (From Ephesians 1 & 2)**

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding. God saved us by his grace when we believed. And we can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

**\*Gloria Patri**

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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.

**Looking Upward**

**First Reading**

John 20:1-10

**Second Reading**

John 20:11-18

**Sermon**

"Empty Tomb"

Rev. Barbara Retzliff

**\*Hymn**

**"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"**

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the King of creation.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and has risen.

We have been crucified with Christ.  
Now we shall live forever.

Come let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Savior.

**Offering** (At this time, you are invited to come forward and put your gift of flowers on the cross)

**Serving Outward**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

# TODAY IN WORSHIP

April 4, 2021

**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.

\*All who are able may stand

**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  
Congregation**

**\*Hymn**

**“Because He Lives”**

**God sent His Son They called Him Jesus;  
He came to love, heal and forgive. He bled and died to buy my pardon;  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.**

**How sweet to hold our newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he  
gives;**

**But greater still the calm assurance;  
This child can face uncertain days because Christ lives.**

**And then one day I'll cross that river, I'll fight life's final war with pain.**

**And then, as death gives way to vict'ry,  
I'll see the lights of glory, and I'll know He reigns.**

**(Refrain) Because He lives I can face tomorrow;  
Because He lives, all fear is gone.  
Because I know He holds the future,  
and life is worth the living just because he lives.**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response “Blessed Assurance”**

**This is my story; this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story; this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.**

**\*Postlude**

**“He Lives”  
*Alfred H. Ackley***

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

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## Church Staff

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Bob Miller  
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Emily Gairo  
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### Class of 2024

Bob Barr  
Leslie Friedrich  
Judy Shamp  
Connie Sipp  
Phil Wetz

# OPPORTUNITIES *To Grow* UPWARD, INWARD AND OUTWARD

**Newsletter:** Input must be in the office by April 23 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

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

**Pastoral Care...**We've entered a time of new experience as a Pines family. Rev. Barbara Retzloff is back temporarily to preach and to provide spiritual guidance for the strengthening of the church. Barbara's position is intended to be part time and she will be available for pastoral care in crisis situations. To protect her time it has been decided that day-to-day pastoral concerns and questions will be handled by Rev. Bill Willis, who leads our Stephen Ministry at Pines. We hope that everyone will cooperate in making Barbara's time with us as productive as possible. If you have concerns or questions, or would like to have a Stephen Minister to walk with you, please call Bill, or call the church office.

**Flowers provide such beauty and ways to remember our loved ones.** We continue to offer live arrangements for the service or the option to donate to a preferred benevolence as a way to honor a loved one or special occasion. The cost of the Sanctuary arrangement is \$75 and the Narthex is \$50.

**Youth Sunday School!** While the youth room doors are once again open, we are still keeping an online option for those that are staying home and wish to join us! Sunday School from 9:30am – 10:30am can be accessed here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83682869768> every week.

**Volunteer needed to head up the Children's Prayer Pal team!** The CE committee would love your help to organize our Prayer Pals for the children. The Pals and children have already been partnered up. All you have to do is send a few emails to help the committee get them connected and started. This is a job that can be done at home and will have a very small time commitment. If the Spirit is leading you, reach out to Phil Buelow.

**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](http://pinespc.org) for more information.