

LOOKING UPWARD - GROWING INWARD - SERVING OUTWARD

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

*Call to Worship Karen Davis

One Voice: We gather together to celebrate the joy in our lives.

All Voices: God's love fills our hearts to overflowing with laughter. One Voice: We gather, in God's presence, to find comfort and hope for

our pain.

All Voices: God's grace wipes away our tears and knits us together

as one people.

One Voice: We gather together, in God's presence, to worship God in

faith and truth.

All Voices: Alleluia! Amen!

*Hymn "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" See Screen

Prayer of Confession

See Screen

First of all, Everlasting God, we must confess how we have not lived as your people, nor been faithful stewards of your gifts. We serve many masters - work, wealth, power, addictions - yet find no hope in them. We hear the cries of the poor, and shut the doors of our hearts to them. We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us.

Forgive us, Compassion's Heart, and heal us of our brokenness.

Make us well, so that by our healing, we might be the hope and love others need in their lives, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, brought these gifts to us, calling us to be faithful with the grace, peace, and joy entrusted to us.

Silent Confession

Confessional Response "Healer of Our Every III" See Screen

Assurance of Grace

One Voice: Now that we have let go of the pain, the bitterness, the anger

of our lives, let us be kind, tender-hearted, and gentle towards

each other, forgiving as God has forgiven us.

All Voices: We are God's beloved children, and will model God's

grace and love in our hearts. Thanks be to God! We are

forgiven! Amen.

September 21, 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: Karen Davis

Sound: Dan Schafer

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A Congregation of the



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 Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Anthem "A Merry Heart" The Pines Pealers

by Cynthia Dobrinski

Second Reading Luke 16:1-13

Sermon "What Do You Love" Rev. Andy Gans

Serving Outward

*Hymn "I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me" See Screen

*Saying What We Believe See Screen

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust.

Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible;

one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible.

to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

*Gloria Patri "We Are One in the Spirit" v. 4 See Screen

Moment for Stewardship Suzy Wolfe

Offering and Offertory

*Doxology

Preparation for Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn "We Give Thee but Thine Own" See Screen

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response "We Are One in the Spirit" v. 1 See Screen

Postlude

Pray for the People of Pines

Linda Aldred Sh Sara Anderson Le Bob Barr Ar Jean Breitenwischer Barbara Caffall Ju Marsha Deison Na Sydney DeLaSalle Da Elizabeth Deraps

Sharon Dotson Leanne Messer Angie Mills 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, 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.

Pray for the family of Cheryl Gans on the loss of her father.

A Stephen Ministry



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Calendar for the Week of September 21, 2025

Sunday

12:00 pm Hot Dog Luncheon and Celebrate Kristin FH

<u>Monday</u>

12:00 pm This Week at Pines to Dan

6:30 pm Session meeting C3
7:00 pm Tending to Grief meeting Parlor

7:30 pm Al Anon Group Fellowship Hall

<u>Tuesday</u>

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 C

Thursday

6:15 pm All Church Study Zoom 7:00 pm Stephen Ministers Parlor 8:00 pm AA Group C3

Sunday

9:15 am Sunday School

10:45 am Worship Sanctuary
12:00 pm Youth—create Pavers Youth Rooms

2:30 pm NAMI C3

September Agape RAISEUP Collecting items for FAMILIES New Home Kits

Bring any size:

Paper Towels, Toilet Paper,
Window Cleaner, Sponges,
Toilet Brushes, Bathroom Cleaner,
Dish Soap, Garbage Bags,
Dishwasher Detergent,
Laundry Detergent,
Laundry Baskets



Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate, made online (pinespc.org/giving or Zelle), or sent to the church office. Include "September Agape" with your donation.

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SERMON NOTES

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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.

Next Newsletter articles due October 24. Today's Duty Elder: Mark Babineck

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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

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

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.

TODAY, Sunday, September 21, we will have a picnic lunch in the fellowship hall with hot dogs, chili, chips, watermelon, and ice cream. Celebrate the end of the summer and Kristin Beall's ministry at Pines! Everyone is welcome!!

In memory of Melissa Sandstrom, who led the Youth for many years, the Pines Youth will be sharing lunch and making pavers to go around our building. Melissa's ministry included many craft projects like this one! Anyone else who would like to participate on Sunday, Sept. 28, right after church from noon til 1:30pm, please RSVP by Sunday, 9/21 for food and supply count. Kristin@pinespc.org



Join Suzy Wolfe during Worship this Sunday as she speaks to why stewardship is important to her family. Pledge cards will be available for all as we contemplate giving and being one in the Spirit.