PINES
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Looking Upward + Growing Inward + Serving Outward

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

***Call to Worship** Valerie Harelson – CanCare

One Voice: We gather here to worship God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.
**All Voices: We gather surrounded by God's Holy Spirit,
who encourages us to walk faithfully with Christ.**
One Voice: Praise be to God, whose goodness and mercy fill our days.
**All Voices: Praise be to God,
whose ways lead to peace and justice.**

***Hymn** "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" See Screen

Prayer of Confession Bethel Strawser – PCHAS See Screen

**God of us all, your grace and mercy fill our lives every day.
We give you our thanks and praise.
Too often, we forget or ignore your presence in our lives.
Too often, we treat your children unequally,
deeming some more important than others.
Too often, we forget that our daily actions
need to reflect our faith.
Forgive us, and lead us to embrace abundant life
for all of your children.
In the name of Christ, we pray.**

Silent Confession

Confessional Response "Healer of Our Every Ill" See Screen

Assurance of Grace Tony & Stephanie Samper – FMSC See Screen

One Voice: Whisper it. Say it. Shout it. Sing it! Our God comes with
justice, not judgment; with hope, not a heavy hand;
with grace, not grudges. This is the good news for us.
**All Voices: We will not be scared to tell anyone, and everyone,
of our God who overflows with mercy, who sets us free,
who watches over us. Thanks be to God,
we are forgiven! Amen.**

today in
November 8, 2026
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
Serving Outward

**Sunday School: 9:15 am
Coffee Fellowship: 10:15 am
Worship Service: 10:45 am**

Assisting with Today's Worship

Sound: Dan Schafer

Duty Elder: David Youngflesh

Welcome, Guests!

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

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

Our services are recorded and livestreamed at www.pinespc.org

Children's Message Ann Guerra – Books Between Kids

Looking Upward

First Scripture Reading James 2:1-18
John & Kari Work – Raise Up Families, The Restoration Team, Mission of Yahweh

Anthem "O Jesus, I Have Promised" Chancel Choir
John Carter

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:31-46
Craig Walker – Brookwood, Center Ministries

Sermon

Memorial Assistance Ministries		Bill Ogden
Sherwood Elementary School		Paul Wallace
Faith in Practice		Ben Adesope

Serving Outward

***Hymn** "Together We Serve" See Screen

***Saying What We Believe** Kathy Ropshaw Montrose Street Reach

One Voice: In forming his people and sending them into the world
Jesus called infdividuals to be disciples.
They were to share the joy of his companionship,
to understand and obey his teachings,
and to follow him in life and death.

All Voices: We believe Jesus calls people today
to be his disciples,
putting life in the presence of God
above the interests of self, family, race, or nation.

One Voice: Life in God's presence must issue in life for others.

All Voices: As a community of disciples,
God calls the church
to proclaim the good news of the kingdom,
to strive for justice,
to exercise compassion,
and to work for peace.

***Gloria Patri** See Screen

Offering and Offertory

***Doxology** See Screen

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer
Phil Wetz – Prayer of the People

***Hymn** "Go to the World" See Screen

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response** "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth" See Screen

Postlude

Sermon Notes

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.

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opportunities *to grow*
UPWARD + INWARD + OUTWARD

Pledge cards - Thank you to all who have made your 2027 financial commitment to Pines! Your commitment will help the Session prepare a budget for 2027. It's not too late to send in your card by placing it in the offering plate or sending it to Alexis Graham in the church office.

Food Donations - In the season and spirit of Thanksgiving, we are collecting non-perishable food items for the Mission of Yahweh. Beginning **November 2**, items can be placed under the communion table in the Sanctuary.

Property Workday - Saturday, November 14, 9:00am– 12pm. We need your helping hands! Join us as we care for our church home! We'll work together on property projects and spruce up the spaces we share. Whether you can lend a hand for a little while or stay the whole morning, every helping hand makes a difference. Come enjoy some fellowship while helping keep Pines looking its best!

Advent Devotional – Believe it or not Advent is around the corner, which means we will soon be producing our own Advent Devotional guide. This year's theme is Seeking Faith, and we need your story and your reflection (up to 250 words) on a verse of scripture to make this devotional come to life. If you'd like to write a brief devotional to be included in this year's guide, please let Pastor Andy know, and he will help guide you to a scripture if needed.
The deadline for submission is **November 11th.**

Decorating Pines for Advent - It's that wonderful time of the year again: hanging of the greens! Please join us as we decorate the church for Christmas, immediately following the **November 22** service. Many hands make this fun and quick!

Family Advent Night – Join us for a festive evening as we kick off the Advent season together! Enjoy a chili dinner, dessert, and a fun Advent craft for the whole family. We'll gather **November 29** from 5:00–6:00 PM, followed by our Christmas Tree Lighting. All ages are welcome!

Blue Christmas – A Service of Wholeness and Healing is scheduled for Thursday, **December 3**, 11:30am-12:30pm in the Sanctuary. Lunch to follow at Cafe Express in City Center. The service is designed to honor the array of emotions during Advent and remind us there is Light, even if we feel we are walking in darkness. Questions? Reach out to Ann Guerra or Phil Wetz.



Pray for the People of Pines

Sara Anderson
Barbara Caffall
Sydney DeLaSalle
Elizabeth Deraps
Sharon Dotson
Angie Mills
Becky Neisig
John Plush
Bethel Strawser
Sharon Timmons
Yohanna Tirayoh
Juanita Vislocky
Nancy Watler
Danny Williams

Pray for Friends Experiencing Loss

The families of
Tim Timmons
Patrik Workman

Pray for Friends in Mission

Joy Kreider

Pray for Pines Members and their family in the Military

Olivia Williams (Army)
Jackie Hayre (Navy)

CONNECT WITH US

Keep up with what's happening at Pines throughout the month

THIS WEEK @ PINES
Get our weekly email with upcoming events, reminders, and everything happening at Pines.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
Look for our monthly newsletter for church news, events, ministry updates, and more. Printed copies are available in the Narthex for those unable to access it online.

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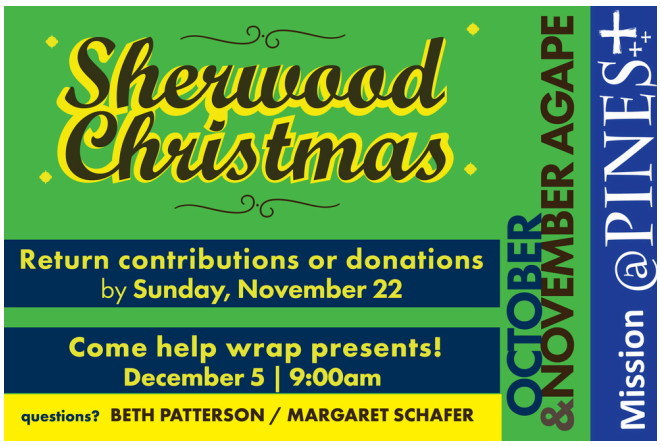
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Pines Family Survey

We want to hear from YOU! Our goal is to create opportunities for children, youth, and families to connect, have fun, grow in faith, and serve our community together. Please scan the QR Code to complete the survey and let us know how we can serve you better!

THIS WEEK @ PINES

SUN 8	12:00pm 2:30 pm	Thankfulness Luncheon NAMI	Fellowship Hall C3
MON 9	12:00 pm 1:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Worship Committee meeting Congregational Fellowship meeting Preschool Committee meeting Tending to Grief meeting Al Anon Group	C10 C7 C3 Parlor Fellowship Hall
TUE 10	11:30 am 5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Clara Gay Circle Missions Committee meeting Miriam Circle	C3 C8 C3
WED 11	1:30 pm 3:00 pm 5:45 pm 7:00 pm	Weekly Prayer Team meeting Tim Timmons' Memorial Service Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal	Prayer Room Sanctuary C12 Choir Room
THU 12	8:00 pm	AA Group	C3
FRI 13			
SAT 14	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Property Work Day	
SUN 15	9:15 am 10:45 am 12:00 pm 12:00 pm	Sunday School Worship Caring Ministries meeting Trustee's meeting	Sanctuary C7 C10

This Week @ Pines articles due to Dan on Monday by 12 pm.
Bulletin articles are due to Laurie on Tuesday by 9 am.
Newsletter articles are due to Theresa by November 20.