



# Pine Grove

United Methodist Church  
Winston-Salem, NC

At Worship

## Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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August 25, 2013

Eleven O'clock

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**“Lord, help me to be part of  
whatever you are doing in this community.”**

Please prepare your hearts for  
connecting with God during this time of worship.  
*“Come into my heart, Lord Jesus....”*

### THE GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Beverly Myers

WELCOME AND PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Robin

### THE CENTERING

CENTERING PRAYER

Pastor Robin

Listen! For this is Good News!  
God's Grace is wider than our wildest imaginings.  
God's Grace embraces us as we are and where we are  
and draws us out to be the people we were created to be.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.

~ posted by Rev. Gord on his blog, Worship Offerings.

<http://worshipofferings.blogspot.ca/>

Pray after me...

**Lord, I offer myself up to you.**

**Open my ears to hear and my heart to receive  
all that you have for me today.  
In Jesus name.**

**Prepare us now for worship...**

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES Acolytes  
PRELUDE Beverly Myers  
"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (arr. Peterson)  
CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Bind Us Together" Chancel Choir  
\*HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" 89  
\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Unison, 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven  
and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who  
was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin  
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,  
and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he  
ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to  
judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the  
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Robin

*BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS liturgy composed by Reverend  
Doctor [Clint Schnekloth](http://lutheranconfessions.blogspot.com), <http://lutheranconfessions.blogspot.com>*

Some of us gathered here today find the following wisdom far too true:

[Eccl. 12:12](#) Of anything beyond these, my child, beware.  
Of making many books there is no end, and much study  
is a weariness of the flesh.

Others of us are excited for another year of studies the way Ezra set his heart to the study of the law:

[Ezra 7:10](#) For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach the statutes and ordinances in Israel.

In our weariness and in our excitement, for those of us beyond school age years and those of us just beginning, for all those who prepare for another school year, let us abide by these words especially:

Deut. 6:4-9 Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone.

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.

Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, [iron them or clip them to your backpacks, write them on the covers of your binder], [or] write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Now raise your hands, palms up, towards the ceiling, and praying with me:

**Almighty God, fountain of all wisdom,  
You have blessed us with the joy  
and care of children: give us and teachers  
everywhere calm strength and patient  
wisdom to bring them up, teaching them  
to love whatever is just and true and good.**

Now turn your hands down and hold them over your bags or backpacks. Congregation, raise your hands to bestow a blessing on the children gathered here:

**Bless now these backpacks and the children  
who carry them: That with hearts enlightened  
by your Holy Spirit they may grow in knowledge  
and piety, to worship and serve you  
from generation to generation  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The children will leave for children's church with Pastor Robin and the adult leaders of Children's Church to see their brand new room. At the close of worship, the congregation is invited to "come and see" and to open the room with a blessing.

\*SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

All

Please turn to your neighbors and say:

*"The Peace of Christ be with you,"* responding with *"And also with you."*

\*CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE

"Open Our Eyes, Lord"

Unison

***Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus.***

***To reach out and touch him and say that we love him.***

***Open our ears Lord, and help us to listen.***

***Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus.***

ANTHEM

"What a Friend" (Price/Besig)

Chancel Choir

PARISH CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Robin

*Our 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 4:5-42

Pastor Robin

SERMON

Pastor Robin

Sermon Series: Fearless--The Courage to Question

Not a \_\_\_\_\_, but a \_\_\_\_\_! What about \_\_\_\_\_? Who are they?

## THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

GIVING OUR PRAISE TO GOD THROUGH GOD MOMENTS

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

All

OFFERTORY

Beverly Myers

"Praise You, I Will Praise You" (arr. Doran)

\*DOXOLOGY

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*OFFERTORY DEDICATION

Pastor Robin

**BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

- \*BENEDICTION      Pastor Robin  
\*CHORAL BENEDICTION      Chancel Choir  
    "Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace" (arr. Bristol)  
\*CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY      Beverly Myers  
\*POSTLUDE      "Through Christ" (L. Smith)      Beverly Myers

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*\*Please Stand As You Are Able*

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**WORSHIP ASSOCIATES**

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**TODAY August 25, 2013**

- Head Usher: Tom Mahannah  
Ushers: John Fonda, Scott Pugh,  
Eddie Scott, Calvin Tanner  
Greeters: Willing Workers Class  
Next Month: Wesley Patchwork Class  
Children's Church: Sally Scott  
Next Sunday: Linda Houle  
Furnish Bread for New Visitors: Lisa Hale  
Next Week: Peggy Sizemore  
Sanctuary: Peggy Sizemore  
Next Month: Sandra Bailey  
Collect Pew Pads: Small Group 8  
Next Month: Small Group 9  
Crisis Control Ministry Gift: Grits and Oatmeal

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**THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

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**SUNDAY 25**

11:00 Worship Service -  
Blessing of the Backpacks

**MONDAY 26**

7:00 Boy Scouts

**TUESDAY 27**

6:30 Youth

**WEDNESDAY 28**

No Choir practice

**SUNDAY 1**

11:00 Worship Service -  
Communion, Children's  
Reading Program  
Recognitions

Our Hope House Resident is Mary Philbin. To learn more about Mary's story and to make a donation, please go to: <http://www.maryphilbin.com>. Donations can also be made to Pine Grove United Methodist Church. Please note on your check "Mary Philbin Fund."

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## OUR PRAYER LIST

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The Mercer Family, Lisa Oland (Chemo), Roy Spach, Janet McCoy, Brenda Hogue, Whitney Ladd (starting radiation soon), Mary Philbin (Hope House guest, surgery soon), Ellie Houle (finished chemo), Donna Schroyer (cardiac rehabilitation), Bun Pugh, (home), John Mangum, Connie Helm's friend, (heart transplant soon, Carolina Medical Center), Karen Jones (home, hip replacement), Julie McCombs, Katie Buchanan (knee surgery), Sylvia Chenault (tests), Greg Carnes (cancer), Kris Abshire (cancer), Bill Burton (back surgery), Louise Southern (improved health), Mildred Holder (home), Mary Council (cataract surgery), Esther Williams (home), Orville Cox (Forsyth), Martha Thomas (recovering at home), Debbie Campbell (Martha Thomas' caregiver, mastectomy), Christina (studying in Peru), Beanie Rankin (diastolic congestive heart failure), Chris Council (cancer) Kathleen Greenwood (Forsyth), Family of James McMurray (former scout)

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** is extended to the family and friends of Mr. Paul Schneeloch, who stepped through heaven's gate Monday, August 12, 2013. The family requests that memorials are made to:

VFW Memorial Honor Guard, care of Cliff Harris,  
4433 Bashavia Dr, Pfafftown, NC 27040.

Please remember his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

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## Cards for Shut-Ins



Bags will be in the Narthex **August 18<sup>th</sup> through September 8<sup>th</sup>** to collect your donations of "Thinking of you" cards or simple greeting cards. You may put cards in the bags or put them in the basket and I will be happy to address them. Please sign up to deliver a bag or two. Thank you!

## What's coming? Homecoming!

**September 15th** during 11:00 worship, we will remember our past and look to the future. Following worship, **bring your favorite dish** or goodie to share for a meal together. This would be a great time to **invite a friend or neighbor!**

There are more **items in the Fellowship Hall** from the Weekday School for you to take home. Items will be there until Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Donations will be accepted for the Children's Council.

## Christmas Shoeboxes for Armenian Children

It seems early to be thinking about Christmas but, these gifts for Armenian children must be packed, collected, sorted and shipped by the end of October. There are **plastic boxes and lids** of the right size **in the narthex** for you to take and fill. **Please take one**, or more, along with a packing list, and **bring the filled box back by September 15th**. We ask that a **\$5 donation be included** in each box to **help with shipping costs**. Checks should be made out to Pine Grove UMC and earmarked "**Project Agape**". All the donations will be collected prior to pickup and one check issued from the church. **Please help spread the love of Christ to these children.** <http://www.wnccumc.org/sites/default/files/files/ChristmasBoxesforArmenia9Apr13.pdf>

Please come out for a **Corn Hole/Bingo game night September 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm**. A baked potato and salad bar supper will be provided as well as babysitting! Prizes include gift cards, Thirty One gifts, and more. **All proceeds will benefit the Children's Council**. Game night will be **\$10/person or \$25/family** and donations will be accepted for supper. Please include the number of people that will be coming to the event so we can get a headcount. Can't wait to see you there and **BRING** a friend!

Tear lower portion off and put in the offering plate or call Jordan Harrold at 336-816-1987.

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\_\_\_\_\_ will be playing BINGO

\_\_\_\_\_ will be playing CORNHOLE

From the Communication Committee

**Attention all Groups:** The **Pumpkin Patch** is fast approaching. Please submit your group information in flyer or brochure form of 500 copies and put in the Communication Committee box. This information will be distributed in packets at the Pumpkin Patch. This is a valuable way to get your info out into the community. The **deadline for information is September 15<sup>th</sup>**.

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You are making a difference!!!

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### **OUR PURPOSE**

**TO CONNECT PEOPLE TO GOD THROUGH THE HEART,  
MIND AND MISSION OF JESUS CHRIST.**

