

The Pinecrest Precentor

October 2020

From Our Senior Pastor

Dear Pinecrest Family,

It is hard to remember a time where I had to switch from short-sleeves and sandals to coats and wool-socks so quickly. The weather seems to have switched from Summer to Winter over the weekend. But why should we expect anything different in 2020?

2020 has been a year full of drastic changes. In the span of just a few months, there have been drastic changes to how we work, go to school, eat, socialize, and even worship God as a community of believers. 2020 may even hold a few more surprises and drastic changes before the year is over.

As much as things change around us, I would like to remind you of a few things that do not change.

First, our God does not change. God does not change like shifting shadows (James 1:17). From everlasting to everlasting, He is God (Psalm 90:2).

Second, our Hope does not change. Our hope is not found in the things of this world or in ourselves, which is good because these things change. Our hope is found in Jesus Christ who never changes (Hebrews 13:8) and whose victory is already accomplished (John 19:30).

Third, our Purpose does not change. Our purpose is to “glorify God and to enjoy Him forever” (WSC #1). Yes, this world has changed and will continue to do so, but that does not change what we were created to do (Deut 6:5).

Fourth, our Mission does not change. Our mission is to share with others the hope of Jesus Christ by being his witnesses (Acts 1:8). Changes in the world may affect HOW we accomplish our mission, but it does not change our mission.

As we go through changes in this world, be comforted that God and our hope never changes. As we go through changes in this world, also be challenged to re-think how God is calling you to glorify him and reach out to others with gospel in your current circumstances. It might be through a computer, a card, a phone call, or even through a mask right now but God is still worthy of our worship and people still need the hope of Jesus Christ.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Rev. Rhett Carson

Intercessory Prayer

All those affected by the Coronavirus, the Pinecrest Vision Team, All of our schools, teachers, administrators, students, and parents, our Missionaries, and the United States of America.

Book of Remembrance

The following have contributed towards the General Fund or other fund as noted below:

In memory of Mr. James Coad, Jr. from Mr. & Mrs. Bill Stanley

In memory of Mrs. Brenda Hart from Mr. William Fisk, Mr. & Mrs. John Gibson, Mr. William Jones, Mud Creek Baptist Church, NC Farm Bureau Insurance, R Squared Investments LLC, Mr. & Mrs. Seth Swift, and Mr. & Mrs. Reynolds Young

In memory of Mr. Ray Burns from Mr. & Mrs. Seth Swift

Communion Sunday October 4th

For the first time since the coronavirus outbreak, Pinecrest will be observing the sacrament of the Lord's Supper during our morning worship service on Sunday, October 4th. To do so as safely as possible, Pinecrest will be using individual pre-packaged elements which can be picked up on the way into the sanctuary. Please prayerfully consider your participation in this sacrament.

New Sound Booth

The deacons and elders of Pinecrest have given permission, at the sound team's request, to install a new sound booth in the sanctuary which accommodates the additional equipment needed to livestream our worship services. Thank you to Marris Byrd, Kathy Carson, and the Hornby's for building and installing it!

Election of New Church Officers

Officers of the church play a major role in the leadership, life, and health of the church. Please read over the biblical qualifications given in 1st Timothy 3 & Titus 1 then prayerfully consider serving or nominating someone to serve. Nominations for these offices and the offices of Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Congregational Chairman should be submitted no later than November 8th to our pastor, an officer, or turned into the church office. If you have any questions, please speak to Pastor Rhett or one of the current Deacons or Elders.

Anniversary Celebrations

Pinecrest would like to start recognizing and celebrating our members' anniversaries in our church newsletter and Sunday morning slideshow. To have your anniversary included please contact the church office with your wedding date (day, month, year) so that we can celebrate with you.

Public Worship Services

Pinecrest has resumed in person public worship services. Please see below for our updated sickness policy. For our full guidelines please go to the church website www.pinecrestchurch.com. We will continue to broadcast our services online each Sunday from Facebook and our church website for those who need to remain at home.

Sickness Policy for In-Person Worship Attendance during COVID

Anyone (staff, volunteer, or attendee) who themselves or a household member has tested positive for the coronavirus should not attend public worship services until two weeks after the test was administered and any symptoms subside.

Anyone who themselves or a household member has exhibited symptoms of the coronavirus should not attend public worship services until two weeks after symptoms subside.

Anyone who knows they or a household member has been directly exposed to the coronavirus should not attend public worship services until two weeks after exposure and any symptoms subside.

On any given Sunday, anyone who does not feel well for any reason should not attend public worship services that day.

Anyone who tests positive for the coronavirus and has attended a public worship service at Pinecrest in the past two weeks should notify the church office as soon as possible at 828-692-0063.

Wednesday Online Prayer Meetings

Until we are able to meet in person again, Pinecrest will be having an online prayer meeting each week on Wednesdays at 11:00 am using Zoom Cloud Meetings. If you did not receive an email from the church with instructions on joining, please contact the church office. Please email pinecrestarp@gmail.com with any prayer requests and plan to join us online each week as we pray for each other and for the end of the coronavirus.

Inviting Others to Church Online

The coronavirus has changed not only how we worship as a church but it has also changed how we invite others to church. Even while we are worshipping online we need to be inviting others to worship with us so that they can join us in praising God and hearing the gospel message. We can invite others to worship with us online through word of mouth but we can also invite them digitally. We digitally invite people to worship online by pressing the "like" button at the bottom of the video (the more likes, the more "like"-ly it is to pop on in someone's search for a church service). We also invite people to worship with us online by clicking the share button on the video and posting it to others through email or your Facebook page— a few words about what you learned or liked about the service will greatly encourage others to listen. Continue to join us for worship online each week but please also remember to encourage others to join us as well— they need to hear the good news of Jesus Christ too!

Online Giving

During this difficult time, we wanted to make it easy for you to continue your contributions to the church. Please visit our webpage at Pinecrestchurch.com and click on the "Give Online" button in the top right-hand corner. You may use a credit or debit card or opt for direct draft from your bank account. You may also download the Tithe.ly app, create an account, and then search for Pinecrest Presbyterian Church. Or you may opt to mail your check directly to the church at PO Box 421, Flat Rock, NC 28731.

Worship Service Volunteers Needed

Pinecrest is looking for a small group of consistent volunteers to help with the greeting and seating of guests at our worship service each week. The volunteers will be provided with protection equipment and instructions on how to keep themselves and others safe. If you would be willing to volunteer, please contact our pastor or Jim Moore.

Church Office Volunteers Needed

Our church secretary will be away on vacation October 26th-30th and we need volunteers to occupy the church office in her absence on Tuesday-Friday mornings from 9am until noon. If you are interested, please call the church office at 828-692-0063.

Stamps for Children

Anyone who has been saving stamps for Sarah Jacober can send them to her at the following address: Sarah Jacober, 115 Oakwood Place, Hendersonville, NC 28792 PS: Sarah would probably love it if you could enclose a note or card. Thank you - Dan Eichenberger

Missions Support - Fourth Quarter 2020

Missions collections for the fourth quarter will go to World Witness general missionary support to help with their deficit for the year.

October Birthdays

- 1 Ken De Zwaan
- 2 Susan Jones
- 3 Dee Baker
Noelle Swift
- 4 Lucy Blevins
Emily Jane Carson
- 5 Martha Byrd
- 11 Kathy Guerard
Kim Shelton
Wanda Valentine
- 13 Xan Hicks
Don Muller
- 15 Joy McCraw

- 19 Linda Huntsinger
Sharon Mezger
- 20 Stella Blevins
Melody Heltman
- 21 Christy Swift
- 23 Margaret Fenner
- 25 Grayson Harper
Bailey Whitehurst
- 27 Jim Hart
- 29 Bill Warner
- 31 Linda Carpenter

October Anniversaries

- 27 Dan & Judy Fredrick (pianist)

If your name or family members name is missing and you would like to have it included in future publications, please call the church office at 828-692-0063.

High School Youth Group Meetings

During this time of social distancing, the youth group is still meeting online, at a new day and time! We have a virtual youth group for 6th-12th grade each Sunday at 3pm. Please contact Christian for more information, or to sign up to receive the weekly zoom link.

Youth "Drive-In" Movie

Missing the movie theater? Join us Saturday, October 17th at 8 pm for a "drive in" movie in the Pinecrest parking lot! Bring a folding chair and a blanket and enjoy a family friendly movie outside with the youth group. Please contact Christian for more information.

Financial Statement August 2020

*Contributions	Expenses	Surplus
\$37,154	\$32,012	\$5,142

Year to Date

*Contributions	Expenses	Deficit
\$248,264	\$271,311	\$23,047

*Does not include investment income/loss.

Upcoming Events:

In addition to the weekly schedule listed below

October 13th – Presbytery

October 22-23 - Synod

Pinecrest Presbyterian Church *Associate Reformed Synod*

1790 Greenville Highway, Flat Rock, North Carolina

For the Glory of God, Pinecrest Presbyterian Church exists to produce fruit for God's kingdom by rooting people in God's word, growing them in their faith, and helping them branch out with the gospel in their homes, communities, and the world so that all may know that Jesus is Lord.

Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am.

Sunday High School Discipleship Group via Zoom 3:30 pm.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting via Zoom 11:00 am.

Wednesday Youth Group Meeting via Zoom 5:00 pm.

You may visit our webpage at Pinecrestchurch.com, connect with us via Facebook, or YouTube to view our Sunday Sermon.