

September 9, 2018 – 10:00a.

*Prelude*

CELEBRATE AS WE GATHER

\* *Welcome/Mutual Greeting*

\* *Call to Worship: Psalm 96:1-3*

\* **“Everlasting God”**

**“Open the Eyes of My Heart”**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

\* *Responsive Reading*

Leader: Jesus said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore...

**People: go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.**

Leader: Let’s pray: Lord, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel.

**People: I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father’s family, have committed against you. We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses.**

\* **“Softly and Tenderly”** CH 479

*Fall Ministries Commissioning*

Leader: Our faith is nurtured in community as we learn and worship together. Today we celebrate a new season of growing in God’s grace as children, youth, and adults begin attending Pine Groovy Kids, 45ers, Cadets, GEMS, small groups, Focus, and Cornerstone. We ask God to prepare young hearts to study His Word throughout this year. We commission our teachers and leaders for their ministry. Please stand as we invite God’s Spirit to lead us forward on this journey of faith—transforming each of us into the likeness of Christ.

**“Open Our Eyes, Lord”** CH #633

Leader: As we begin this new season of learning and growth together, we turn our hearts to you, Lord.

**People: Lead us to explore the depths of your love, to stand in awe of your wonders, to delight in your promises, to experience your forgiveness, to grow in love for one another, to discover our gifts, and to serve you faithfully.**

Leader: Open our eyes, Lord. We want to see Jesus.

**People: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.**

Leader: We want to reach out and touch him and say that we love him.

**People: In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands.**

Leader: Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.

**People: For Jesus said, “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.”**

Leader: Open our eyes, Lord. We want to see Jesus.

**People: No one’s ears have ever heard of a God like you. No one’s eyes have ever seen a God who is greater than you. No God but you acts for the good of those who trust in him.**

Leader: Lead us this year to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

**“Open Our Eyes, Lord”** CH #633

Leader: At this time, we would like to ask all those who are teachers, leaders, or counselors in the following ministries to please stand: Pine Groovy Kids, 45ers, Cadets, GEMS, and youth group. Would you remain standing as the Body of Christ commissions you for this special work?

Leader: As followers of Christ we are lifelong learners called to make disciples. Some are gifted by the Spirit to serve as teachers and leaders, nurturing the faith of others. We now commission you for the ministry of faith nurture. Do you believe that God has called you to teach or lead, and do you trust God to equip you for this task?

**Teachers/leaders: I do.**

Leader: Will you seek to remain in Christ by depending on his grace alone for strength and encouragement, seeking His will and direction in all you do through prayer and His Word?

**Teachers/leaders: I will.**

Leader: Will you entrust yourselves to the Holy Spirit’s work in your own lives, opening your heart to His voice and letting Him teach you as you, in turn, teach others?

**Teachers/leaders: I will.**

Pastor Dan: Congregation of God, will you commit yourselves to encourage, pray for, bless and support those who are standing among you in all they do this year to show Christ’s love to our young ones?

**People: We will by the grace of God.**

Leader: Let us pray together for the teachers and leaders we have commissioned.

**People: Gracious God, you are the source of life and the giver of faith. Thank you for calling these servants of yours to strengthen the faith of others. Please lead them to depend on your grace, to walk in step with your Spirit, and to seek wisdom for the journey. Through Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.**

**“Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit”**

#### THANKFULNESS

*Congregational Prayer*

*Morning Offerings to Benefit Pine Grove General Fund & Classical Ministry Shares*

*Ministry of Music: Build Your Kingdom Here*

#### CELEBRATE WITH GOD’S WORD

*Sermon Series: Essentials of Renewal - Leadership*

\* *Scripture: Nehemiah 2:1-18* Pew Bible Page: 751-752

*Message: See with Honesty*

#### RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

*Prayer of Application*

\* *Song of Response*

**“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”**

#### SENDING

\* *Blessing*

\* *Doxology “O God, You Are My God”*

\* *Postlude*

\* If you are able, please stand

### Guest Information

**Welcome!** You're among friends at Pine Grove Community Church. Wherever you've come from, and wherever you are, you are welcome to Pine Grove! Please stay for a cup of coffee or lemonade following the worship service in the Family Life Center

**Guests** can stop by the Welcome Center to pick up an information packet about the church. Please fill out the information slip in the pew pocket - we want to know who you are.

**A T-Coil** in your hearing aid enables you to use the hearing loop in the sanctuary. A headset is also available at the sound table to help with hearing the service.

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### Parents

- **Nursery is available** in the basement during the service for infants to age two.
- **If your children** wish to remain with us for worship, relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it. They are welcome here.
- **If you need to leave** the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. Jesus said: "Let the children come to me."
- **Worship note sheets** are available to help you child engage with the service or just to draw and doodle on.

### For Your Information

**Offering Totals for September 2:** General Fund, \$7,437.00; Debt Retirement, \$450.00; Benevolence, \$55.00; Summer Worship, \$500.00. If you would like to participate in electronic giving, please contact Mary Bailey at ronaldlbailey@msn.com. Thank you for your generosity.

**Next Sunday's Offerings will benefit:**

Pine Grove General Fund & Debt Retirement Fund

**Attendance for September 2:** 700

### Prayer Time

*Prayer can move mountains. It can change human hearts, families, neighborhoods, cities and nations. It's the ultimate source of power because it is the power of the Almighty God. From Love To Pray by Al Vande Griend. Come experience the power we have in prayer and the hope we share in prayer time in the Council Room downstairs every Sunday morning at 9:00. Come when you can and leave when you need to. If you have a prayer request, please call Cheryl Hubers, 231-937-4895, or Joyce Pierce, 231-652-2643. Everyone is welcome!*

### Upcoming Events

Classis, September 18

Book Club, September 21

Women's Retreat, September 22

Women's Bible Study, September 26

Senior Lunch, September 22

Church Renewal Prayer Event, September 30

# Essentials of Renewal - Leadership

Nehemiah 2:1-18



**Church Office Hours:** Monday-Friday, 8:30a. – 2:30p.

\*The Church office will be closed from 9-10a. Mondays for staff meeting.\*

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## **Pine Grove Community Church**

### **Our Covenant Together**

Having been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and give up ourselves to him, and having been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we do again, relying on his gracious aid, solemnly and joyfully renew our covenant with each other.

We will pray and work for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

We will walk together in love, exercise an affectionate care and watchfulness over each other and humbly admonish and encourage one another as occasion may require.

We will not forsake assembling together, nor neglect to pray for ourselves and others.

We will endeavor to bring up any who may be under our care, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and by loving example and speech, to seek the salvation of our family and friends.

We will rejoice at each other's happiness and seek with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrows.

We will seek, with God's help, to live carefully in the world, denying ungodliness and unholy desires, remembering we are empowered to lead a new, God glorifying life because of our union with Christ.

We will work together for ongoing, faithful ministry in this church as we uphold its worship, organization, discipline, and doctrines. We will contribute cheerfully and regularly to support the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We will, when we move from this place, as soon as possible, unite with another church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.