



Advent

PINES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Growing Inward

Prelude "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Tim Holder
French Carol

Gathering for Worship

Introit "Emmanuel"
Bob McGee

*Call to Worship

One Voice: Lift up your voice. Lift it up, do not fear.

**All Voices: Feeding, gathering, carrying, leading:
This is how God will come.**

One Voice: The old will pass away. A new world will dawn.

**All Voices: Love, faithfulness, righteousness, peace:
These will mark God's new day.**

One Voice: Love needs a path. Peace needs a highway.

**All Voices: Even as we wait, let us make a way for God:
In our hearts and in our world.**

One Voice: Let us worship God.

***Hymn** "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" See Screen

Lighting of the Advent Candle Faith Ron and Bethel Strawser

SUNG RESPONSE BY CONGREGATION: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" See Screen

Prayer of Confession

Sometimes, we are not ready
for things to be made new.

Help us, God, to imagine the new earth
that you envision for our world.

Help us see ourselves in it.

Give us wisdom and courage
to hasten the coming of your day.

Silent Confession

Confessional Response "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

See Screen

Assurance of Grace

One Voice: Hear the Good News God speaks to you:
I love you;
I forgive you;
I restore you to new life.

All Voices: **We will not ignore the fact that God comes:
not to condemn, but to comfort us;
not to scold, but to speak tenderly to us
of hope, of love, of joy.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Children's Message

**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

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Anthem

"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"
John Bowring

Second Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

Sermon

"Finding Comfort"

Rev. Andy Gans

*Hymn

"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

See Screen

Serving Outward

*Saying What We Believe (adapted from an Affirmation of Faith by Susan Bock)

Leader: In Advent, we renew our trust in God.

People: **We believe in God, who came to us as one of us,
who bends and kneels toward our world,
drenching it with love.**

Leader: In Advent, we renew our trust in Jesus.

People: **We believe in Jesus,
who came to us as in the fragile promise of a baby
and emerged as a herald of hope.**

Leader: In Advent, we renew our trust in the Holy Spirit.

People: **We believe in the Spirit,
hovering God, present among us, abiding, upholding,
awaking all things to her grace.**

Leader: In Advent we renew our commitment to the community
around us.

People: **We believe we are called to do justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly with God and each other,
ready for God's reign, awake and alert,
as we work to bring it near.**

**We believe we are called,
as Christmas comes close,
to lift up our hearts in hope and in love,
seeking God's advent.**

Leader: In Advent we renew our trust that Jesus is still with us.

People: **Come, Lord, Jesus, Come!**

TODAY December 6, 2020 IN 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, and Serving Outward.

Helpful devices:

Auditory assistance receivers are available with the Ushers.

Sound: Dan Schafer

Liturgist: Sam Singer

Sanctuary:

The Becky O'Connor Memorial Advent Candelabra was given in loving memory by the O'Connor Family.

*All who are able may stand



A Stephen Ministry
Congregation

***Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

The Lord’s Prayer

All Sing:

**Our Father, which 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**

Hymn “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” See Screen

Charge and Benediction

***Benediction Response “Joy to the World” See Screen**

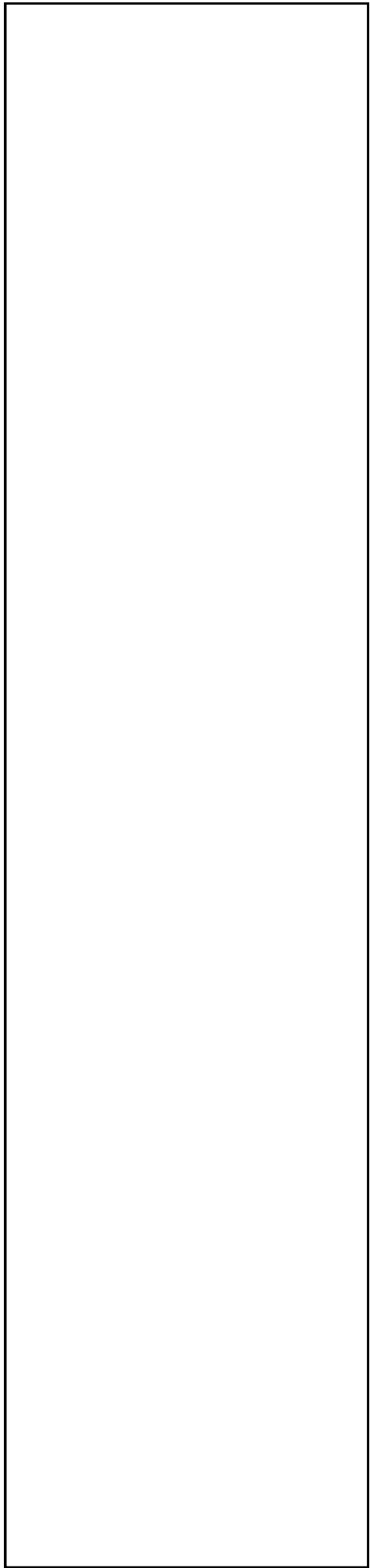
***Sending Out The Light of Christ**

***Postlude “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”
*Psalmody Sacra***

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Calendar for the Week of December 6, 2020

Today	p.m. 5:00	In-Car-Nation Worship.....Back Parking Lot
	8:00	AA.....C3
Monday	a.m. 10:00	Office Staff Meeting.....C3
Tuesday	a.m. 7:00	Men’s Bible Study.....(Meet by Zoom)
Wednesday	a.m. 11:00	Bible Study.....(Meet by Zoom)
	p.m. 8:00	Westside AA..... C3
Thursday	p.m. 5:00	Vespers Service.....(Meet by Zoom)
Friday	a.m./p.m.
Saturday	a.m./p.m.	Raise Up Families Christmas Party Drive Thru.....
Sunday	a.m.	Outdoor Labyrinth.....
	9:00	Nursery open until noon.....
	9:15	Adult Sunday SchoolFellowship Hall
	9:15	Children’s Family Style Sunday School.....W12
	9:15	Youth Sunday School.....High School Room
	10:45	Worship Service.....Sanctuary/Live Streaming on Web and Facebook
	p.m. 5:00	In-Car-Nation Worship.....Back Parking Lot
	8:00	AA.....C3



Church Staff

The Reverend Andy Gans
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The Reverend Cindy Mood
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Session

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Margaret Schafer

Class of 2022

Elizabeth Deraps
Linda Johnson
Karen MacAllister
Bob Miller
Violet O'Brien

Class of 2023

Linda Aldred
Shirley Bollich
Phil Buelow
Emily Gairo
Ray Stauffacher
John Work

OPPORTUNITIES *To Grow* UPWARD, INWARD AND OUTWARD

Newsletter: Input must be in the office by December 18 at 9 a.m.

Next Week's Bulletin: Input must be in the office by Wednesday at 9 a.m.

Calendar Items: Input must be in the office by Thursday at 9 a.m.

This Week at Pines email: Input must be in the office by Friday at Noon

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

In need of someone to talk to? If you want to know more about getting a Stephen Minister, please contact Bill Willis or call the church office.

Sunday School! While the youth room doors are once again open, we are still keeping an online option for those that are staying home and wish to join us! Sunday School from 9:30am – 10:30am can be accessed here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83682869768> every week.

Songs of Encouragement: Each Wednesday, at 2:00 p.m. Tim Holder will host a special time of songs and reflection. This is a great time to sing along and learn. These videos will be posted on the Pines Facebook and Website pages. www.pinespc.org.

Time for Evening Prayer: Join fellow Pines family members as we gather for an evening Vespers Service each Thursday from 5:00-5:30 P.M. via Zoom. This is a wonderful opportunity for community prayer and reflection as we seek God's wisdom and peace during these unsettling days. Remember, prayer changes things! To join the service, click on the following Zoom video link: <https://zoom.us/j/93550776312> or call 346-248-7799 and enter 935 5077 6312 when prompted for a meeting ID. You will enter a "waiting room" as you enter the study.

Drive In Worship... In an effort to provide worship for those who don't feel comfortable being in crowds we are offering this parking lot service at 5:00p.m. All you will have to do is pull in, park and tune your car radio to FM 107.1. It's as simple and safe as that. This service will have a message similar to the morning worship, but the format of the service will be a little different, including Bobby Bang leading us in contemporary music. So pull-in, park and praise the Lord at 5:00 p.m.



Vision and Planning Needs Your Input! Communication Surveys were emailed out November 19th to all Pines members with email addresses on file. Your feedback to this survey will help keep you informed as well as improve our communications process. If you did not receive a copy, hardcopies are available in the Adult Education Hallway and can be returned to the Vision and Planning mailbox behind the front desk. Please return as soon as possible. Your prompt reply will allow the V&P committee to focus on moving forward with the feedback.