



The First Sunday

# Christmas

PINES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## Growing Inward

**Prelude**

“It Came Upon A Midnight Clear”  
*Richard Storrs Willis*

Tim Holder

**Gathering for Worship**

**Introit**

“Emmanuel”  
*Bob McGee*

**\*Call to Worship**

One Voice: Praise the Lord from the highest heaven.

**All Voices: The sun and moon,  
and all the stars in the sky,  
sing praises to our God.**

One Voice: Praise the Lord from the deepest valley.

**All Voices: The mountains and hills,  
and all the trees in the forest,  
worship the Lord on high.**

One Voice: Praise the Lord from heart filled with song.

**All Voices: The old and young,  
and all the saints of God,  
sing with songs of joy.**

One Voice: Come! Let us worship the ruler of heaven and earth.

**\*Hymn**

**“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”**

See Screen

## Prayer of Confession

Father of mercy, Mother of holy love,  
we yearn to turn to you,  
as we seek to grow in your wisdom  
and increase in your grace.  
We long to crawl into your loving arms,  
and your never-failing acceptance.  
Strengthen the roots of our hope and faith,  
that we may be heirs of your promise  
all the days of our lives.

## Silent Confession

Confessional Response "O Little Town of Bethlehem" See Screen

## Assurance of Pardon

One Voice: Hear the good news.  
The time is now; the place is here: God has redeemed us  
from sin; God has claimed us as the children of Hope.  
All Voices: **Praise God, all people, for life is given to us anew;  
eternity is our home.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Children's Message Emily Gairo

**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 Isaiah 61:10-11, 62:1-3

Anthem "Cherish That Name"  
*Lanny Wolfe*

Second Reading Psalm 148

Sermon "What, Me Worry?" Rev. Bill Willis

\*Hymn "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" See Screen

### Serving Outward

\*Saying What We Believe (Apostle's Creed)

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 Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on 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 Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

# TODAY December 27, 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: Beth Patterson

\*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.**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn**                      **“The Snow Lay on the Ground”**                      See Screen

**Charge and Benediction**

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

**\*Sending Out The Light of Christ**

**\*Postlude**                      **“Hark, The Herald Angels Sing”**  
*Felix Mendelssohn*

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**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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**Calendar for the Week of December 27, 2020**

Today	p.m. 8:00	AA.....C3
Monday	a.m./p.m.	.....Church Office Closed .....
Tuesday	a.m. 7:00	Men’s Bible Study..... (Meet by Zoom)
Wednesday	a.m. 11:00 p.m. 8:00	Bible Study.....(Meet by Zoom) Westside AA.....C3/FH
Thursday	a.m./p.m.	
Friday	a.m./p.m.	.....Church Office Closed .....
Saturday	a.m./p.m.	.....
Sunday	a.m. 9:00 9:15 9:15 9:15 10:45  12:00 p.m. 8:00	Nursery open until noon..... Adult Sunday School .....Fellowship Hall Children’s Family Style Sunday School.....W12 Youth Sunday School.....High School Room Worship Service.....Sanctuary/Live Streaming on Web and Facebook Unhanging of Christmas Decorations..... AA.....C3

## Church Staff

The Reverend Andy Gans  
Pastor  
The Reverend Cindy Mood  
Interim Associate Pastor  
Tim Holder  
Director, Music Ministry  
Jesse Parker  
Director, Youth Ministry  
Micah Meyers  
Communications Coordinator  
Cindy Houlihan  
Office Manager  
Alexis Graham  
Accounting Manager  
Genny Bogue  
Receptionist  
Patrick Peña  
Custodian

## Preschool

Connie Pike  
Director, Preschool  
Karen Cooper  
Administrative Assistant

## Session

### Class of 2021

Linda Carlson  
Karen Davis  
Jim Patterson  
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 January 24th 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](http://www.pinespc.org).

**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. Let us hear from you by December 31.