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Growing Inward

PRELUDE	“Still, Still, Still” <i>Walter Ehret</i>	Tim Holder
WELCOME		
OPENING HYMN	“O Come All Ye Faithful”	See Screen
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
One Voice:	Sing to the Lord a new song;	
All Voices:	sing to the Lord, all the earth!	
One Voice:	Sing to the Lord and bless God’s name;	
All Voices:	tell the good news of salvation from day to day	
One Voice:	Declare God’s glory among the nations, God’s marvelous works among all the peoples.	
All Voices:	For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.	
One Voice:	Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice.	
All Voices:	Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world, and those who live in it	
One Voice:	Let the whole creation sing for joy At the presence of God, who is coming.	
All Voices:	God is coming indeed, To judge the earth with righteousness, And the peoples with equity and truth. Praise the Lord!	
*HYMN	“Once in Royal David’s City”	See Screen
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE		The Gairo Family
HYMN RESPONSE	“Joy to the World”	See Screen

Looking Upward

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Light of life,
shine into the darkest places of our lives,
that we may confess our sins,
those times of disobedience,
and move into the light of your love.
Flow through us,
that your Spirit may rule our hearts
and transform our actions
into justice and righteousness.
Forgive us when we cause weeping and sorrow,
rather than joy and hope.
Transform us to be people of your dream,
children of Christ's promise,
and disciples of hope
for all the world to see.

SILENT CONFESSION

CONFESSONAL RESPONSE "O Little Town of Bethlehem" See Screen

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One Voice: We, who once walked in darkness,
are now children of light,
and no darkness can overcome this light.
All Voices: **We, who once were no people,
are now God's people of love,
and nothing can separate us from this love.**

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

HYMN "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" See Screen

THIRD LESSON Luke 1:26-35,38

HYMN "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" See Screen

FOURTH LESSON Luke 2:1-7

HYMN "Away in the Manger" See Screen

FIFTH LESSON Luke 2:8-16

HYMN "Angels We Have Heard on High" See Screen

SIXTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-11

READING AND REFLECTION The Journey of the Magi" Rev. Andy Gans
by T.S. Eliot

TODAY
December 24, 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

*All who are able may stand



A Stephen Ministry
Congregation

Serving Outward

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**

SEVENTH LESSON

John 1:1-14

***HYMN**

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

See Screen

CHARGE AND BLESSING

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Joy to the World”

See Screen

***POSTLUDE AND DEPARTURE TO SERVE**

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Pray for the People of Pines

Norma Bender	Morriss Partee
Jean Breitenwischer	Georgette Person
Barbara Caffall	Nancy Robinson
Carolyn Craig	Susan Schroeder
Pat Marquis	Virginia Smith
Karen MacAllister	Nancy Watler
Barbara Youngflesh	Darlene Wendt
Gloria Anderson	

Pray for Friends in Mission

The Rundle Family
Joy Kreider
Ken and Judy McDyer

**Pray for Pines Members
in the Military**

Olivia Williams (Army)
Noah Youngflesh (Air Force)

Church Staff

The Reverend Andy Gans
Pastor
The Reverend Cindy Mood
Interim Associate Pastor
Tim Holder
Director, Music Ministry
Jesse Parker
Director, Youth Ministry
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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

We will be collecting The Christmas Joy Offering in specially marked envelopes located on tables in the Narthex. The Christmas Joy Offering provides equal support to retired church workers and their families who have special needs, as well as students needing assistance who are attending one of the eight ethnically diverse schools in covenant with the Presbyterian Church(USA). Please place the special marked envelope, or your check marked "Joy Offering" in the memo line, in the offering plate during worship.

Year end donations for 2020 must be received in the church office by 3:00 PM on Thursday, December 31, postmarked December 31, 2020 or made via credit card on the PinesPC.org website by midnight on 12/31/2020, in order to be recorded on your 2020 tax donation statement from Pines. Donations of stock can also be utilized to fulfill your pledge commitment. For information on how to make that type of transfer of assets, please contact Alexis Graham at alexis@pinespc.org and/or your financial advisor. For all giving, we thank you for your generous sharing of treasures in the spirit and practice of stewardship. Please visit our website for online giving... VISIT pinespc.org

Away after Christmas: Your pastors will be away spending time with family following Christmas. The Rev. Bill Willis will be covering all pastoral needs from the 26th through January 1st. If you need his assistance please call the church office.