



# Epiphany

PINES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## Growing Inward

**Prelude**

“Bring We the Frankincense of our Love”  
*H. Kenn Carmichael*

Tim Holder

**Gathering for Worship**

**Introit**

“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”  
*Reginald Heber*

**\*Call to Worship**

One Voice: Arise; shine, for your light has come!

**All Voices: We are called out of our darkness into light.**

One Voice: Lift up your eyes and look around.

**All Voices: We rejoice in the gift of light.**

One Voice: Come let us worship the God of light and joy and peace.

**All Voices: We come to kneel at the cradle of the babe,  
the light incarnate.**

**\*Hymn**

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

See Screen

## Prayer of Confession

Ever patient God,  
we are a people who live in thick darkness.  
We stumble around,  
bombarded by news of war and poverty,  
famine and genocide,  
injustice and oppression.

The frenzy of things  
and issues and people of the dark,  
can overwhelm and paralyze us.  
Help us to be people of the light,  
shining your light of righteousness, peace, and joy  
into all the dark places of our lives and world.  
Unlock the mystery and glory  
of the babe born in Bethlehem.  
Turn our aimless wanderings  
into a journey of purpose guided by your star.  
Let the light break into our lives and our world,  
and transform us into people of the light.

## Silent Confession

Confessional Response "O Little Town of Bethlehem" See Screen

## Assurance of Grace

One Voice: Like the Baby of Bethlehem, we are born anew.  
God's forgiveness cradles us; God's love is poured out on us.  
All Voices: **What a marvelous gift - forgiveness! Filled with hope and  
new life, we can sing God's praises forever. 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 Isaiah 60:1-6

Anthem "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"  
*Adger Pace and R. Fisher Boyce*

Second Reading Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon "Bright Lights" Rev. Andy Gans

\*Hymn "We Three Kings of Orient Are" See Screen

### Serving Outward

\*Saying What We Believe (from United Church of Canada)  
We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating ,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen

# TODAY January 3, 2021 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: John Work

\*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**                                   **“As With Gladness Men of Old”**                                   See Screen

**Charge and Benediction**

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

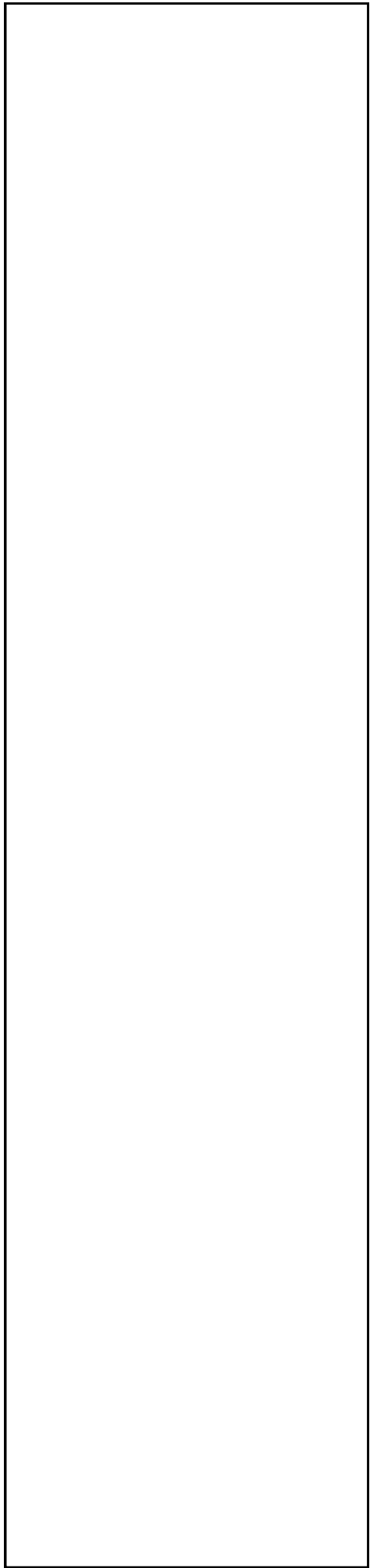
**\*Sending Out The Light of Christ**

**\*Postlude**                           **“What Star is This with Beams So Bright”**  
*George Ratcliffe Woodward*

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***Calendar for the Week of January 3, 2021***

Today	p.m. 12:00	Unhanging of the Greens.....
	8:00	AA.....C3
Monday	a.m. 10:00	Office Staff Meeting.....C3
	p.m. 6:00	Property Committee Meeting.....(Meet by Zoom)
	6:00	Staff Committee Meeting.....C10
Tuesday	a.m. 7:00	Men’s Bible Study.....(Meet by Zoom)
	p.m. 6:30	Missions Committee Meeting..... C5
Wednesday	a.m. 11:00	Bible Study.....(Meet by Zoom)
	p.m. 8:00	Westside AA.....C3/FH
Thursday	p.m. 5:00	Vespers Service.....(Meet by Zoom)
Friday	a.m. 6:30	Taco and A Prayer.....(Fellowship Hall Kitchen)
Saturday	a.m./p.m.	.....
Sunday	a.m. 9:00	Nursery open until noon.....
	9:15	Adult Sunday School .....Fellowship 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. 8:00	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).

**Taco and a Prayer** on Friday, January 8, is reaching out, once again, to our neighbors with a warm taco, a cold drink, and a heartfelt prayer. If you're able to cook some sausage at your home, assemble tacos early on a Friday morning, or help deliver tacos, drinks and prayers, please contact Margaret Schafer.

Join us today, following worship to take down the Christmas decorations.

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for January 10, 2021, following worship, for the purpose of electing five elders to the Class of 2024 and one elder to fill an unexpired term in the Class of 2022.

The nominees for the Class of 2024 are:

Bob Barr, Leslie Friedrich, Judy Shamp, Connie Sipp, Phil Wetz.

The nominee for the Class of 2022 is: Mike Lade.