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Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

***Call to Worship**

Laurie Conner (5:00pm),
Allie Guerra (7:00pm)

One Voice: Sing, choirs of angels.

All Voices: Sing in exaltation.

One Voice: Let the shepherds in the fields rejoice.

All Voices: Let the stars in the sky worship the newborn king.

One Voice: For heaven has come down to earth.

All Voices: Salvation has come to our homes this day.

One Voice: Sing, choirs of angels.

All Voices: Sing in exaltation.

***Hymn**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

See Screen

Advent Candle Lighting

The Singer Family (5:00pm),
The Guerra Family (7:00pm)

Prayer after Candle Lighting

See Screen

Advent Response "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel", v. 1

See Screen

Prayer of Confession

See Screen

Source of joy, you are the author of everlasting life. Touch us with the wonder of that holy night when your Son came into the world. For we yearn to leave the shadows behind to walk in darkness no more. We long to behold your light shining in our lives, as it shined in the stars above on the night love came down at Christmas. Guide our steps to the manger, and make us instruments of your justice and peace, that the gift of your salvation may reside in every corner of the globe. Oh Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, hear our prayers.

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2025

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 from the Ushers.

Liturgist: Laurie Conner (5:00pm),
Allie Guerra (7:00pm)

Sound: Dan Schafer (5:00pm),
Ron Strawser (7:00pm)

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A Congregation of the



Silent Confession

Confessional Response "O Little Town of Bethlehem", v. 4 See Screen

Assurance of Grace

One Voice: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
All Voices: those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined."
One Voice: Receive forgiveness. Receive light.
All Voices: We walk in God's light. Forgiven.

Children's Message 5:00pm

**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.**

Litany Prayer for Illumination

One Voice: Silent and still, we wait for God.
All Voices: Still, still, still. . .
One Voice: Silent and still, we listen for God.
All Voices: On this silent, holy night. . .
One Voice: Silent and still, we wait with hope.
All Voices: Still, still, still. . .
One Voice: Silent and still, we pray for peace.
All Voices: On this silent, holy night. . .
One Voice: Silent and still, we wait for God.
All Voices: Still, still, still. . .
One Voice: Silent and still, listen for God's love for us.

Looking Upward

First Gospel Reading Luke 2:1-7

***Hymn** "Still, Still, Still" See Screen

Second Gospel Reading Luke 2:8-14

Anthem "Go, Tell It on the Mountain", African-American Spiritual
Bel Canto Choir
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel", arr. Karen Ally
Bethel Strawser, handbells and Valerie Harelson, hammer dulcimer

Third Gospel Reading Luke 2:15-20

Sermon "The Gift" Rev. Andy Gans

***Hymn** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" See Screen

Serving Outward

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

One Voice: This Christmas night, we reclaim our trust in God.
**Many Voices: We believe in God,
who came to us as one of us,
who bends and kneels toward our world,
drenching it with love.**
One Voice: This Christmas night, we reclaim our trust in Jesus.
**Many Voices: We believe in Jesus,
who came to us as in the fragile promise of a baby
and emerged as a herald of hope.**

Pray for the People of Pines

Sara Anderson	Angie Mills
Jean Breitenwischer	Donna Partee
Barbara Caffall	Herb Schulze
Marsha Deison	Tim Timmons
Sydney DeLaSalle	Juanita Vislocky
Elizabeth Deraps	Nancy Watler
Sharon Dotson	Danny Williams
Cheryl Gans	Bill Willis

Pray for Friends in Mission

Joy Kreider

Pray for Pines Members and their family in the Military:

Olivia Williams (Army)
Jackie Hayre (Navy)

The Lord's Prayer

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.

A Stephen Ministry



Congregation

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One Voice: This Christmas night, we reclaim our trust in the Holy Spirit.

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

One Voice: This Christmas night, we reclaim our commitment to the community around us.

**Many Voices: 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.**

One Voice: This Christmas night, we reclaim our trust that Jesus is still with us.

Many Voices: Welcome, Emmanuel, welcome!

***Gloria Patri**

Offering and Offertory

***Doxology**

Communion of the People and The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn** "Silent Night, Holy Night" See Screen

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response** "Joy to the World", v. 1 & 4 See Screen

Postlude

Calendar for the Week of December 28, 2025

Sunday

9:15 am	Sunday School	
10:45am	Worship	
2:30 pm	NAMI	C3

Monday

12:00 pm	This Week at Pines to Dan	
7:00 pm	ending to Grief meeting	Parlor
7:30 pm	Al Anon Group	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday

7:00 am	Men's Bible Study	Zoom
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Wednesday

1:30 pm	Weekly Prayer Team	Prayer Room
7:30 pm	Westside AA	C3

Thursday — church offices closed

8:00 pm	AA Group	C3
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Friday — church offices closed

7:00 am	TAAP	Fellowship Hall
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Sunday

9:15 am	Sunday School	
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Trustee's meeting	C10

Next Newsletter articles due January 23
Today's Duty Elder: Patsy Jackson

SERMON NOTES



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The newsletter is available in the Narthex for those unable to access it online.

Our Worship services are recorded and livestreamed.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW UPWARD, INWARD AND OUTWARD

Church Staff

The Reverend Andy Gans
Pastor
Laurie Conner
Director of Music Ministries
Shawn Heller
Church Musician
Cindy Houlihan
Office Manager
Alexis Graham
Accounting Manager
Adrian Roman, Selena Jimenez
Custodian/Maintenance



Connie Pike
Director, Preschool
Alicia Flick
Administrative Assistant

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Session

Class of 2026

Linda Aldred
Shirley Bollich
Emily Gairo
Donna Partee
Tim Timmons

Class of 2027

Brad Hofstetter
Patsy Jackson
Ron Langston
Beth Patterson
Phil Wetz

Class of 2028

Mark Babineck
Steve Ballard
Terrie Cardwell
Fred Ellis
Roger Mowell

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

Joy Gift Christmas Offering will be collected during the month of December. This gift supports current and retired church leaders and the future leaders studying at Presbyterian-related colleges.

Our final results this year depend on each of us! In order to be recorded on your charitable giving report from Pines for 2025, gifts (including stock donations) must be postmarked or received via Zelle by December 31, or received in the church office no later than noon on Wednesday, December 31. If you have questions, please contact Alexis Graham at alexis@pinespc.org.

You're invited to join us on our **Footsteps of Faith through Scotland and the Reformation**, September 1-11, 2026. Our trip won't just be admiring Scotland's rugged landscapes and ancient castles, but we'll also be delving into a pivotal period of its past: the Scottish Reformation and the history of the Presbyterian Church. For a brochure and application go to pinespc.org/Scotland or talk to Pastor Andy.

Lighting of the Candles: The pastor or an usher will light the candle of the first worshiper in each pew. That person in turn will light the candle of the next person and so on until all the candles in the pew are lit. For safety's sake, please tip only the unlit candles and please supervise young children.

Communion will be celebrated tonight using gluten-friendly elements. When invited to partake, the center sections will come forward down the center aisle to receive the bread and cup, and the outer two sections will go to the rear of the Sanctuary via the outer aisles to receive the elements. We will hold the elements until we can all partake together. Following worship, we ask that you place your used cup into the waste baskets located in the lobby.

Poinsettias: If you purchased a poinsettia, please take it home after the 7:00 pm service tonight.

Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack is coming February 21 and 22. Online sign-ups will begin 12/21. Go to www.pinespc/FMSC to volunteer for a 2 hour shift.

Christmas Day Worship and Breakfast! Join us for a casual music-filled worship service as we gather around tables in Fellowship Hall to enjoy your favorite hymns and breakfast items. Breakfast begins at 10:30 and worship begins at 10:45. Bring your favorite gift to be blessed and feel free to wear your pajamas.