

## Church Staff

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### Class of 2022

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### Class of 2023

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Bob Barr  
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# OPPORTUNITIES

*To Grow*

## UPWARD, INWARD AND OUTWARD

**Newsletter:** Input must be in the office by January 21st 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 Monday to micah@pinespc.org

**Today's Duty Elder(s):** John Work

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

**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: 713.467.2234.

**Flowers:** Don't forget to honor with flowers. The cost is \$75.00 for the Sanctuary and \$50.00 for the Narthex. We will continue to offer the option to give to a benevolence or order a real arrangement. Please call Melissa Gravett or Linda Aldred at the church office: 713.467.2234.

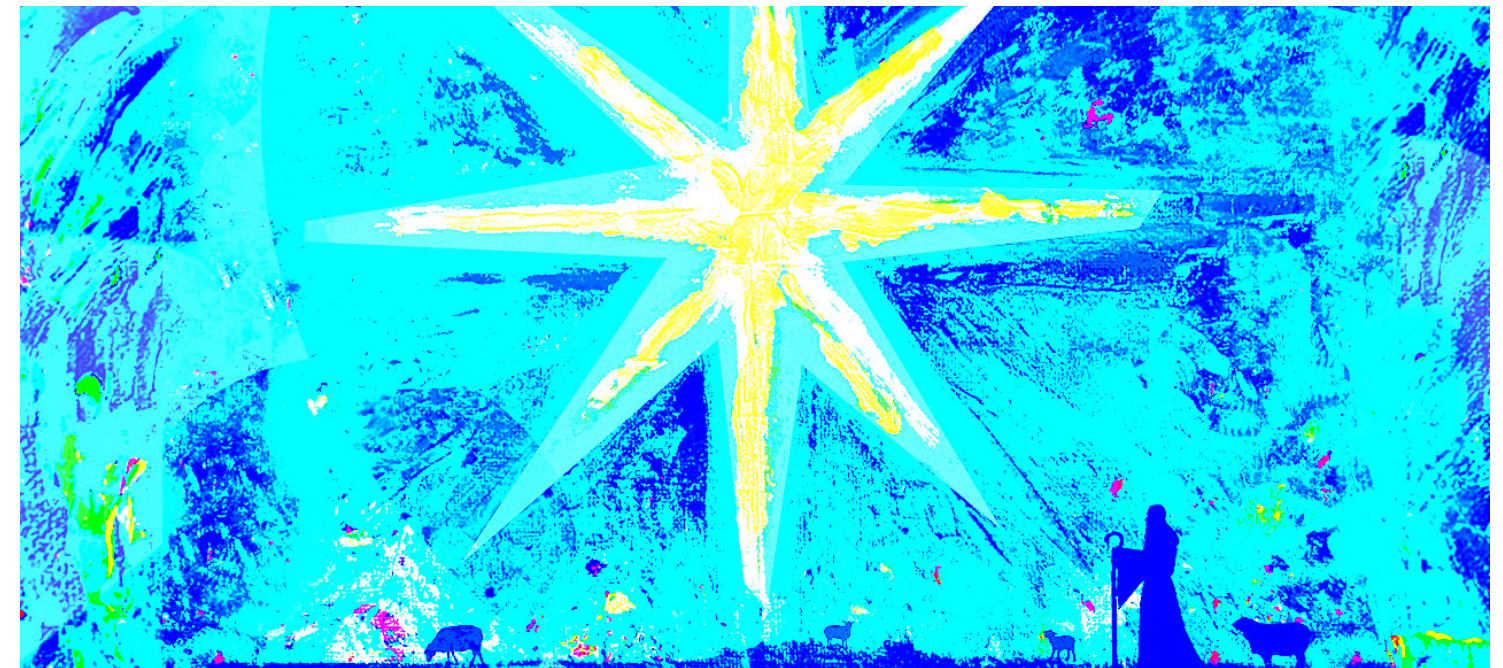
**The 2021 Christmas Joy Special Offering:** In addition to our regular offering tonight we will be collecting The Christmas Joy Offering in specially marked envelopes located in the pew back pockets. The Christmas Joy Offering provides equal support to retired church workers and their families who have 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.

**The end of the year is a great time to reflect on and share your blessings. Year end giving** must be received or postmarked by December 31 in order to be included on your 2021 donation statement from Pines. The church office will close at noon on December 31.

**Communion** will be celebrated tonight by using the pre-packaged Communion Elements you picked up in the Narthex/lobby. If you wish to partake you will be directed at a specific time to open the end with the wafer and partake. You will then be directed when to open the juice end and partake. Following worship, we ask that you place your used cup into the waste baskets located in the hallway.

**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.

**The church office will be closed** Monday, Jan. 3rd.



## CHRISTMAS AT PINES PRESBYTERIAN

### Growing Inward

#### Gathering for Worship

##### Introit

##### \*Call to Worship

One Voice: Arise, shine! Your light has come!  
**All Voices: Glory to God in the highest.**  
One Voice: Darkness covers the earth,  
**All Voices: but God's glory shines brightly.**  
One Voice: Lift up your eyes. Look around.  
**All Voices: The light of God's love shines radiantly.**  
One Voice: Arise, shine! Your light has come!  
**All Voices: Our hearts thrill and rejoice!**

##### \*Hymn

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

See Screen

##### Prayer of Confession

**The presents have been opened. The cookies have been eaten. The celebrations have left us exhausted. Yet your Spirit comes again, guiding us toward true joy. In all of our busy celebrations, remind us that you desire righteousness and justice for a world in need of generous hearts. May the light of Jesus Christ, the world's true light, live among us and turn our lives from oppressive power toward liberation and hope. Hear our prayers O' Lord.**

##### Silent Confession

**Confessional Response "O Little Town of Bethlehem V. 4"**

See Screen

## TODAY IN WORSHIP

January 2, 2022

#### 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:** Kristen Davis-Owen

\*All who are able may stand

**A Stephen Ministry**



**Congregation**

**Assurance of Grace**

One Voice: Like rain that falls upon the grass, like showers that water the earth,

All Voices: **may righteousness and peace abound in our lives and in our world.**

**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**

**Anthem**

**Gospel Reading**

**Sermon** “What’d ?” Rev. Shawn Kang

**\*Hymn** “We Three Kings” See Screen

**Serving Outward**

**\*Saying What We Believe**

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation;  
in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,  
things visible and invisible.  
All things have been created through him and for him.  
He himself is before all things,  
and in him all things hold together.  
He is head of the body, the church;  
he is the beginning,  
the firstborn of the dead,  
so that he might come to have first place in everything.  
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.**

**\*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.**

**\*Hymn** “O Come, All Ye Faithful” See Screen

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response** “Joy to The World v.1 & 4” See Screen

**Postlude and Depart to Serve**

**Pray for the People of Pines**

Norma Bender Darlene Wendt  
Jean Breitenwischer Barbara Youngflesh  
Barbara Caffall Larry Greenlee  
Virginia Smith Barbara Greenlee  
Carolyn Craig Linda Carlson  
Bob Symon Melissa Sandstrom  
Liz Buelow Bob Barr  
Karen MacAllister Nancy Watler

**Pray for Friends in Mission**

Joy Kreider  
Ken and Judy McDyer

**Pray for Pines Members  
in the Military**

Olivia Williams (Army)  
Noah Youngflesh (Air Force)

**A congregation of the**



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**Calendar for the Week of January 2, 2022**

Today	p.m.	5:00	Incarnation Worship Service - Fellowship Hall
Monday			<b>Church Office Closed</b> This Week at Pines articles due ALANON Group - Fellowship Hall
Tuesday			<b>Church Office Closed</b> Men’s Bible Study - Zoom Pines Needles Knitting Group - Prayer Room Weekly Prayer Team - Prayer Room
Wednesday	a.m.	9:00	Bulletin Articles Due
	p.m.	5:45	Pines Pealers (Bell Practice) - C12
		7:00	Choir Rehearsal & Choir Birthday Celebration- Choir Room
		7:00	Incarnation practice - Sanctuary
		8:00	Westside AA - Fellowship Hall
Thursday	p.m.	6:00	SCS - Fellowship Hall
		8:00	AA - C3
Friday	a.m.	5:00	BSF - Fellowship Hall
Saturday	p.m.	6:00	The Solution AA - C3
Sunday	a.m.	9:00	Nursery open
		10:00	Choir rehearsal - Choir Room
		10:15	Coffee - Fellowship Hall
		10:45	Worship Service - Sanctuary
	p.m.	5:00	Incarnation Worship Service - Fellowship Hall

**SERMON NOTES**

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

Please know this worship service is  
being recorded and livestreamed.