



Advent

PINES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Growing Inward

Prelude

“Some Children See Him ”
Alfred S. Burt

Tim Holder

Gathering for Worship

Introit

“Emmanuel”
Bob McGee

***Call to Worship**

One Voice: Come! Rejoice in our God.
Let us give thanks, whatever life brings.

**All Voices: May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.**

One Voice: Let us prepare our hearts and our world
for the Prince of Peace, who is coming.

All Voices: May all who weep come home with shouts of joy.

One Voice: Prepare the way of the Lord,
and make straight the path for God’s arrival.

**All Voices: In prayer, song, and service,
let us prepare for the birth of love.**

***Hymn**

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

See Screen

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Joy

Davis-Owen Family

SUNG RESPONSE BY CONGREGATION: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

See Screen

Prayer of Confession

God of the prophets,
we give thanks for the voices that cry out
and demand our attention.
They call us to put our trust and hope in you.
Forgive us when we close our eyes to your vision,
and when we stop our ears to your promise.
Heal our weakness when we give up on ourselves,
on one another, and on you.
Free us from hopeless living,
that we may joyfully love and serve others
in your holy name.

Silent Confession

Confessional Response "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

See Screen

Assurance of Grace

One Voice: Know that we are forgiven in Christ's name.
All Voices: **May Love live in us and through us,
that all may know God's peace.**

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.**

The Music Department presents "Christmas Memories."

Serving Outward

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

Leader: In Advent, we renew our trust in God.
People: **We believe in God,
who came to us as one of us,
who bends and kneels toward our world,
drenching it with love.**

Leader: In Advent, we renew our trust in Jesus.
People: **We believe in Jesus,
who came to us as in the fragile promise of a baby
and emerged as a herald of hope.**

Leader: In Advent, we renew our trust in the Holy Spirit.
People: **We believe in the Spirit,
hovering God, present among us,
abiding, upholding,
awaking all things to her grace.**

Leader: In Advent we renew our commitment to the community
around us.
People: **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**

Leader: In Advent we renew our trust that Jesus is still with us.
People: **Come, Lord, Jesus, Come!**

TODAY December 13, 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: Craig Walker

Sanctuary:

The Becky O'Connor Memorial Advent Candelabra was given in loving memory by the O'Connor Family.

*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 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” See Screen

Charge and Benediction

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

***Sending Out The Light of Christ**

***Postlude “Angels from the Realms of Glory”
*Henry T. Smart***

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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 pow-
er and the glory, forever. Amen.

Calendar for the Week of December 13, 2020

Today	p.m. 5:00	In-Car-Nation Worship.....	Back Parking Lot
	8:00	AA.....	C3
Monday	a.m. 10:00	Office Staff Meeting.....	C3
	10:00	Bible Study (Vislocky).....	Fellowship Hall
	p.m. 12:00	Worship Committee Meeting.....	Fellowship Hall
	1:00	Stephen Leaders.....	(Meet by Zoom)
	6:00	Preschool Committee Meeting.....	C3
	6:30	Christian Ed Committee Meeting.....	C8
Tuesday	a.m. 7:00	Men’s Bible Study.....	(Meet by Zoom)
	p.m. 7:00	Miriam Circle Meeting.....	(Meet by Zoom)
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./p.m.
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. 5:00	In-Car-Nation Worship.....	Back Parking Lot
	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
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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 December 18 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.

Time for Evening Prayer: Join fellow Pines family members as we gather for an evening Vespers Service each Thursday from 5:00-5:30 P.M. via Zoom. This is a wonderful opportunity for community prayer and reflection as we seek God's wisdom and peace during these unsettling days. Remember, prayer changes things! To join the service, click on the following Zoom video link: <https://zoom.us/j/93550776312> or call 346-248-7799 and enter 935 5077 6312 when prompted for a meeting ID. You will enter a "waiting room" as you enter the study.

Drive In Worship... In an effort to provide worship for those who don't feel comfortable being in crowds we are offering this parking lot service at 5:00p.m. All you will have to do is pull in, park and tune your car radio to FM 107.1. It's as simple and safe as that. This service will have a message similar to the morning worship, but the format of the service will be a little different, including Bobby Bang leading us in contemporary music. So pull-in, park and praise the Lord at 5:00 p.m.



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. Please return as soon as possible. Your prompt reply will allow the V&P committee to focus on moving forward with the feedback.