



Advent

PINES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Growing Inward

Prelude

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus ”
Rowland H. Prichard

Tim Holder

Gathering for Worship

Introit

“Emmanuel”
Bob McGee

*Call to Worship

One Voice: O that God would tear open the heavens and come down!

All Voices: Of that day or hour, no one knows, only God.

One Voice: Be alert!

All Voices: Keep awake!

One Voice: The time is drawing near:

All Voices: The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

*Hymn

“Prepare the Way, O Zion”

See Screen

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Hope

Babineck Family

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

See Screen

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
we confess that we become distracted,
even weary, in our discipleship.
We keep busy schedules; we rush about.
Captivated by technology,
seduced by the lure of consumer goods,
we do not remain alert to your divine presence
in our lives, in the church, in the world.
Make us better doorkeepers of our lives,
watching for you attentively.
Awaken us to your surprising power and glory
and peace,
so we do not miss how near you are to our
very own gates.
Be gracious toward us, we pray,
until we are gathered, from the ends of earth
to the ends of heaven,
into your embrace.
We pray in the name of Christ,
who was, and is, and is to come. Amen.

Silent Confession

Confessional Response "O Little Town of Bethlehem" See Screen

Assurance of Grace

One Voice: The grace of God, given to us in Christ Jesus, strengthens us to the end so that we may be blameless when Christ comes again.

All Voices: **Thanks be to God, who is faithful and has called us into the fellowship of the Son, Jesus Christ our Lord!**

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 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Anthem "Of the Father's Love Begotten"
13th Century Plainsong

Second Reading Mark 13:24-37

Sermon "Keep Awake" Rev. Cindy Mood

*Hymn "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" See Screen

Serving Outward

*Saying What We Believe (adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.18)
God expressed love for all humankind through Israel, whom God chose to be a covenant people to serve him in love and faithfulness. When Israel was unfaithful, God disciplined the nation with judgment and maintained the covenant through prophets, priests, teachers, and true believers. These witnesses called all Israelites to a destiny in which they would serve God faithfully and become a light to the nations. The same witness proclaimed the coming of a new age, and a true servant of God in whom God's purpose would be realized.

TODAY November 29, 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: John Work

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 **“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”** See Screen

Charge and Benediction

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

***Sending Out The Light of Christ**

***Postlude** **“Prepare the Way”**
Then Svenska Psalmbroken

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Calendar for the Week of November 29, 2020

Today	p.m. 4:30	Advent Family Night.....Back Parking Lot
	8:00	AA.....C3
Monday	a.m. 10:00	Office Staff Meeting.....C3
	p.m. 6:30	Session Meeting.....Fellowship Hall
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
Thursday	p.m. 5:00	Vespers Service.....(Meet by Zoom)
Friday	a.m. 6:30	TAAP.....Fellowship Hall Kitchen
Saturday	a.m./p.m.
Sunday	a.m. 9:00	Agape Offering.....
	9:00	Nursery open until noon.....
	9:15	Adult Sunday SchoolFellowship 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

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

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.

Annual Advent Family Night is tonight, 4:30 to 6:00pm .

It's time for our annual Sign-ups for Poinsettias that we will be ordering from Brookwood Community to decorate our Sanctuary for the Christmas Season. The cost is \$11.00. You can either sign up in the hallway outside of Fellowship Hall before the service on Sunday mornings November 15 through December 6th OR you can email or call Linda or Melissa with your information. Please designate whether the Poinsettias are "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of" when you make your selection and you may order as many as you like. The Poinsettias may be taken home after the last service on Christmas Eve, December 24th.

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. LET US HEAR FROM YOU BY NOVEMBER 30th!"