

PINES Order of Worship Presbyterian Church

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As you enter the sanctuary, please be mindful of those who are quietly preparing their hearts and minds for worship.

Prelude

"Bring A Torch"
L. Smith

Mira Jun, Organ
Annie Jun, Piano

Gathering for Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: As we begin the Christian Year, we also celebrate the Holy Season known as Advent. It is a time when we prepare ourselves for the coming of our Messiah. Advent means "Coming."

People: We celebrate these days of Advent in expectation and preparation for Christ's arrival.

Leader: Through the centuries, Christians have observed a time of waiting and expectation before celebrating the birth of the Savior at Christmas. The Advent season is a time for reflection and preparation, but its mood is joyful. Advent has been enriched by Christian tradition to reflect its distinctive Christian meaning. It proclaims the revelation of God's love as expressed in Christ's birth in a humble stable, His sacrificial death on the cross, and His victorious resurrection! It points to the hope of Christ's coming again as the King of kings and Lord of Lords.

People: Advent makes innkeepers out of all of us, asking each of us to make room for the arrival of Christ The King.

All: Let us, today, prepare Him room in our hearts, our lives, and our homes!

*Hymn

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

#2

*Prayer of Confession

We bring You our gratitude for every token of Your love, for all the ways You have heaped blessings upon us during the years that have gone. And we do pray, Lord Jesus, that as we begin this four-week journey of expectation and hope, we may do it in a manner well pleasing to You. May all we do and say, every tribute of our hearts, bring honor to Your name, that we, Your people, may remember Your birth and feel Your presence among us even yet. May the loving kindness of this Advent Season and the true Spirit of Christmas not only creep into our hearts this season, but there abide, so that not even the return to earthly cares and responsibilities, not all the festivities of our own devising may cause it to creep away weeping. May the joy and spirit of Christmas remain with us now and forever. In the name of Jesus, who came to save His people from their sins, even in that lovely name we pray. Amen.

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

TODAY IN WORSHIP

November 27, 2016

Welcome to Pines

A church that celebrates and believes in the transforming love of Jesus Christ; a love that gives a new beginning and fills a person's life with purpose.

Helpful devices:

Auditory assistance receivers are available with the Ushers

Today's Acolyte: McKenzie Master

Liturgist: Hanging of the Greens

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by ...

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

Narthex - Phil and Linda Johnson in celebration of their 38th wedding anniversary

Coffee Fellowship Table - Rion and Susan Cascaden in joyful celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary

The rose in the Sanctuary celebrates the birth of Arlo Baxter Wagman, born on November 20 to Ross and Meg Wagman in Manchester, England. Grandparents are Mike and Mary Marcotte

* All who are able may stand
+11:00 service only



**A Stephen Ministry
Congregation**

*Gloria Patri

#579

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.

Special Music "O Christmas Tree" The Joyful Noise Choir

A Reading The Lessons of Christmas

Hymn "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" #31

A Reading The Paraments and Advent Colors

A Reading The Advent Wreath

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath Pastor Nominating Committee

All Sing: O Come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Leader: (Reflections on Hope) The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light: on those who live in a land of very deep shadows, a light has shown.

All: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Leader: The first candle of the Advent wreath is the candle of hope. We light this candle as a symbol of expectations. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way to salvation. Let us pray.

All: O God of hope, as the light of the candle burns before us, so come and burn a fire within us that we may live with hope as Your faithful people; through Jesus Christ, the hope of the world. Amen.

All Sing: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Scripture Reading Isaiah 60:13

A Reading The Sanctuary Greens

A Reading The Christmas Tree

A Reading The Christmas Poinsettia

Special Music "An Advent Prayer" The Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading Luke 2:4-7

A Reading The Nativity

*Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #44

A Reading The Gifts of Christmas

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Music "We Three Kings" The Men's Chorale

Sermon Notes

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

Find us on Facebook

You can access our website by scanning below.



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9: 6-7

A Reading

The Christ of Christmas

*Hymn

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

#41

Closing Prayer

*Benediction

+*Taking Christ’s Light into the World

*Congregational Response

“Angels We Have Heard on High”
(refrain)

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
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*Postlude

“In Dulci Jubilo”
P. Laubengayer

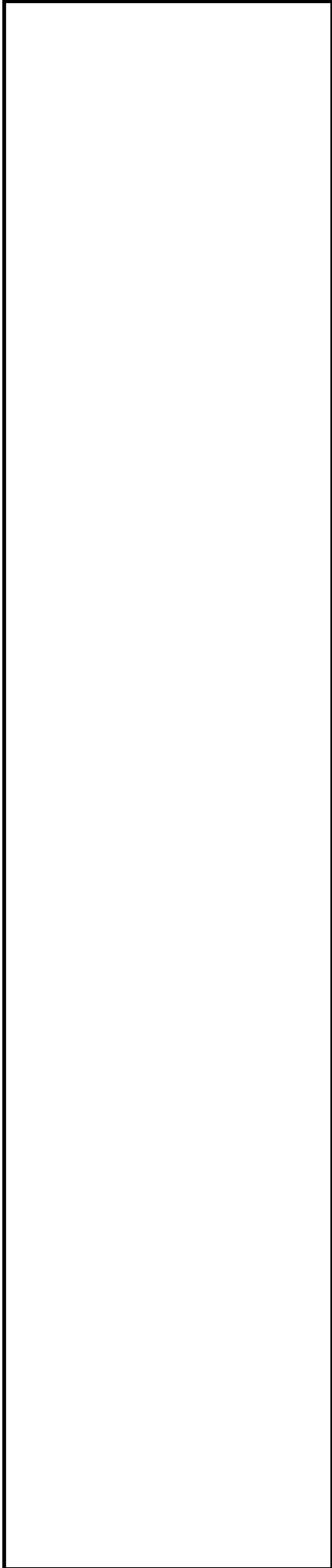
Mira Jun, Organ

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Invitation to Receive Prayer - - After our worship service, Prayer Ministers will be at the front of the Sanctuary to pray with you. You are invited to come and receive prayer for your needs, concerns, hopes and thanksgivings.

Calendar for the Week of November 27, 2016

Today	p.m.	5:30	Advent Dinner / Play “A Mouse’s Tale”.....	Fellowship Hall / Sanctuary
Monday	p.m.	5:30	Coordinating Meeting.....	C-3
		6:30	Session Meeting.....	Fellowship Hall / C-3
Tuesday	a.m.	7:00	Men’s Morning Group.....	Parlor
		7:00	Prayer Group.....	C-10
		10:00	Art Workshop.....	C-5
		10:30	Office Staff Meeting.....	C-10
		6:30	PNC.....	C-5
Wednesday	a.m..	10:00	Bible Study.....	Parlor
	p.m.	6:00	Bells Rehearsal.....	C-12
		7:00	Chancel Choir Rehearsal.....	Choir Room
		8:00	Alcoholics Anonymous.....	C-3
Thursday	a.m./p.m.		
Friday	a.m./p.m.		
Saturday	a.m.	8:00	Sherwood Christmas Store.....	Sherwood Elementary
		8:30	Orchestra Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
		9:00	Choir Rehearsal.....	Choir Room /Sanctuary
	p.m.	6:00	Pines Adult Christmas Progressive Dinner.....	Fellowship Hall
Sunday	a.m.	8:00	Christmas Gift Workshop for Children.....	Family Life Center
		9:00	Books Between Kids for Middle School Sunday School.....	
		9:30	Sunday School.....	
		9:30	Worship Service.....	Sanctuary
		10:30	Coffee Fellowship.....	Fellowship Hall
		9:00	Choir Rehearsal.....	Choir Room
		10:30	Joyful Noise Children’s Choir Rehearsal.....	C-6
		11:00	Worship Service.....	Sanctuary



Church Staff

The Reverend Lucia Oerter
Transitional Senior Pastor
The Reverend Sam Jun
Associate Pastor of
Youth and Family
The Reverend Barbara Retzloff
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Joel Wiens
Audiovisual Technician
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Dorothy Hobbs
Director, Preschool
Karen Cooper
Administrative Assistant

Session

Class of 2017

Adrienne Buscher
Conley Juban
Michael Marcotte
Roger Mowell
Zafni Sharples
Bob Smith
Ronald Stenzel

Class of 2018

James Allison
Marsha Deison
Becky Neisig
Doug Rodenberger
Larry Shamp
Craig Walker
Diane Wright

Class of 2019

Melissa Gravett
Luis Guerra
Kezzie Kamp
Kathy Ropshaw
Margaret Schafer
Tim Timmons
Julia Wiens
Kari Work

ACTIVITIES *Announcements* AT PINES

Newsletter: Input must be in the office by **December 23** 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.
Today's Duty Elders: Becky Neisig and Conley Juban

~ The Clara Gay Circle is responsible for Communion Clean-Up next Sunday, December 4 ~

Welcome, Guests! Your presence in Worship is a blessing. Please stop by our Welcome Table in the Narthex. If you would like to discuss church membership, please speak to a pastor.

Stephen Ministers are available today to hear your concerns. Look for anyone wearing a blue name badge.

Sign-ups for the 2017 Flower Ministry Calendar will take place in the Fellowship Hall, on November 27 and December 4. The cost to provide flowers for the Sanctuary is \$75 and for the Narthex \$50. The flowers you provide may be taken home for your personal enjoyment following the 11:00 worship service.

Once again this year Pines will be ordering Poinsettias from the Brookwood Community to decorate our Sanctuary for the Christmas Season. If you would like to provide a Poinsettia, sign-ups will be held November 27 and December 4 in the Fellowship Hall hallway. The cost of each Poinsettia is \$10 and you may take them home following the Sunday Service on December 25.

Come volunteer at Books Between Kids (booksbetweenkids.org) with the Middle School youth on Sunday, December 4 from 10 a.m. -12 noon. This organization provides free books to HISD elementary children that do not have books in their homes. Donate children's books (toddler board books to 5th grade chapter books) on Sunday, December 4, between 9-9:30 a.m. in the back church parking lot; the youth will take them when they go volunteer. To sign up, or for questions, contact Ann Guerra.

Family Advent Devotionals are here! All children's ministry families are invited to pick up their gift-wrapped book under the lavender Christmas Tree in the Narthex. The book is called "The Jesse Tree: A Family Craft for Advent" and you will find your family name on it and can open it together to enjoy the nightly ritual beginning November 27th and going through Christmas Day.

The next series in Pines-U begins December 4! Kevin Pennell will lead a discussion titled, "Hard Sayings in Scripture". All are welcome!

The Annual Surprise Gift Workshop for the children to make gifts for their parents is coming up on Sunday, December 4th. Please mark your calendars and drop your children off at 9 a.m. in the gym that morning; they will need to be picked up by 10:45 a.m. Please be on the lookout for an evite coming soon from Valerie Mowell so that we can plan for the right amount of crafts and supplies.

Advent Devotionals are available in the education hallway and the Narthex. For use at home, "*Peace, Hope, Light: Reflections on the Writings of C.S. Lewis*", will guide our prayer and worship time during Advent as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Christ.

Sign-ups continue today for the Small Groups that will meet in January as part of New Beginnings. Stop by the tables in the Fellowship Hall hallway, or visit the Pines website, www.pinespc.org for more information and a link to sign up online.

Advent coloring posters are here! There are 5 of them total and when they are all put together, they make a beautiful Advent mural that is 6 feet tall and 10 feet wide. They will be displayed for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. The posters will be located in the Fellowship Hall and in the Narthex. We want lots of people to help us complete them – children, youth and adults – so have fun coloring!