

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

Looking Upward

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" Tim Holder, Organ
Johann Christoph Bach

Bringing the Light of Christ

Gathering for Worship

Introit "Emmanuel" Pines Singers, 9:30
Bob McGee Chancel Choir, 11:00

*Call to Worship

One Voice: In this season of anticipation, our hearts are filled with hope.

All Voices: We await God's Promised One the One who will make all things new.

One Voice: We await the One who was, who is, and who shall come again.

All Voices: The babe in Bethlehem's manger is the One with us now.

One Voice: Jesus Christ: the Word made flesh, the Word that abides in Spirit.

All Voices: Our hope is built on nothing less than God's only Son.

One Voice: Come, let us welcome the Living Christ into our midst.

All Voices: Come, O long expected Jesus!

***Hymn** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #2

Prayer of Confession

**When we turn away from You or neglect your presence,
O God, don't rage against us or turn away in silent wrath.**

**When we sin and fall short of the people You would have us be,
don't hide Your loving presence from us.**

**Speak to us anew, that we may hear Your voice and notice Your
presence in our lives.**

**Shine upon us with Your grace and mercy, that we may return to You
and return to love. In Your mercy and grace, we pray.**

Silent Confession

Congregational Response See Screens

Words of Assurance

One Voice: In Christ, we are made new and rich in every grace needed to restore us and make us whole.

All Voices: In Christ, we are forgiven and made blameless before God. Praise God for this glorious gift!

TODAY IN WORSHIP

December 3, 2017

Welcome to Pines

We are a joyful Christian community that welcomes all to know, love, and trust in Jesus Christ by Looking Upward, Growing Inward, and Serving Outward.

Helpful devices:

Auditory assistance receivers are available with the Ushers

Today's Acolyte: McKenzie Master

Liturgist: Beth Patterson

Sound: Ron Strawser

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

The rose in the Sanctuary celebrates the birth of Robert Scott Davis-Owen born on October 4, 2017. He is the grandson of Karen Davis and the son of Kristen and Greg Davis-Owen.

*All who are able may stand



**A Stephen Ministry
Congregation**

Growing Inward

Lighting of the Advent Candle

“Hope”

9:30 The Billioni Family
11:00 Zack & Shana Saucier

(Children are invited to come forward for the lighting of the Advent Candle)

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

Leader: 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.

Anthem “Cherish That Name” Mixed Trio, 9:30
Lanny Wolfe
“Come To The Table” Chancel Choir, 11:00
Allen Pote

Gospel Lesson Mark 13:24-37

Sermon “Hurry Up Offense” Rev. Andy Gans

***Hymn** “Prepare the Way O Zion” #13

Serving Outward

Call to Discipleship Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism (9:30) Bennett Owen Drumm
Son of Alissa Prestridge and Christopher Drumm
Grandson of Tracy and Gordon Coe, Randall and Jenean Prestridge, David and Marian Drumm

***Saying What We Believe**

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!

***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.**

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Music “Comfort, Comfort You My People” Tim Holder, Organ,
Genevan Psalter 9:30

“Cherish That Name” Mixed Trio, 11:00
Lanny Wolfe #592

*Doxology

**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

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

The Lord’s Prayer

**All Sing: 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.**

***Hymn** “All Hail to God’s Anointed” See Screens

*Charge and Benediction

*Sending Out The Light of Christ

Benediction Response See Screens

***Postlude** “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” Tim Holder,
Musikalisches Handbuch Organ

Calendar for the Week of December 3, 2017

Today	p.m.	12:00	Center for Youth Ministry Training.....	C-3	
		12:30	Grief Group Meeting.....	Parlor	
Monday	p.m.	6:00	Property Committee Meeting.....	C-3	
		6:30	Staff Committee Meeting	C-10	
Tuesday	a.m.	7:00	Men’s Morning Group.....	Parlor	
		9:00	Prayer Group.....	Prayer Room	
	10:00	Art Workshop.....	C-5		
	p.m.	5:00	Center Ministries	Offsite	
		7:00	Missions Committee Meeting	C-5	
Wednesday	a.m.	7:00	Orchestra Rehearsal	Sanctuary	
		10:00	Bible Study	Parlor	
	p.m.	6:00	Montrose Street Reach Ministry	Offsite	
		7:00	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	
Thursday	p.m.	8:00	Westside AA.....	C-3	
		6:30	Visioning and Planning Committee Meeting.....	C-3	
Friday	a.m.	6:30	TAAP.....	Fellowship Hall Kitchen	
Saturday	a.m.	6:00	Rudolph Fun Run		
		9:00	Cantata Rehearsal	Choir Room	
Sunday	p.m.	9:00	Westside Homeless Basket Assembly	Fellowship Hall	
			Second Sunday of Advent.....	
		a.m.	9:15	Christmas Gift Workshop	W-12, W-13, W-14
		9:30	Sunday School		
		9:30	Worship Service	Sanctuary	
		10:30	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	
		10:30	Coffee Fellowship.....	Fellowship Hall	
		11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary	
		p.m.	12:00	Stewardship Committee Meeting	C-10
			12:00	Westside Homeless Basket Assembly	Fellowship Hall
	12:30		Grief Group Meeting.....	Parlor	
		3:00	Choir at Buckingham.....	The Buckingham	

SERMON NOTES

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

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You can access our website by
scanning below.



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Class of 2018

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Katherine Allison
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Rick Denham
Larry Greenlee
Inkyu Han
Walter Penberthy
Melissa Sandstrom

ACTIVITIES *Announcements* AT PINES

Newsletter: Input must be in the office by **December 15** 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

Today's Duty Elder: Kathy Ropshaw

~ ~ The Clara Gay Circle is responsible for Communion Clean-Up Today ~ ~

Welcome, Guests! Your presence with us today is a blessing. Please stop by the Welcome Table in the Narthex to receive our special welcome gift for you. If you would like to discuss church membership, please speak with one of our pastors.

Advent Devotionals are available to pickup today and use throughout the season of Advent as you prepare to celebrate the birth of the Christ child. Look for them in the Narthex and the Adult Education wing.

Poinsettia Signups - Please stop by the Fellowship Hall to sign up for a Poinsettia to help decorate our sanctuary during this Christmas Season. The cost of each Poinsettia is \$10 and they may be taken home after the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service on December 24th.

Volunteers are needed to assemble and deliver food baskets for Westside Homeless Partnership. Please meet in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, Dec 10 following the 11am service. We will assemble and deliver to MDUMC. The baskets will be presented to the WHP clients during their annual Christmas Party. If you need additional information contact Kari Work.

Pines-U has begun a new series at the beginning of December led by Andy Dearman. All are welcome to join us for an engaging and informative class on December 10 ~ Isaac Watts, the "Father" of English Hymnody

The Children's Annual Christmas Gift Workshop is fast approaching! Parents, please RSVP by December 5th for your children ages 3 ½ through 5th grade who will be participating in this fun craft-making, gift-giving event! We look forward to seeing the children on December 10th from 9:15 to 10:45am in Rooms W12,13 and 14. Please contact Valerie Mowell with any questions.

The Music Ministry will present the Christmas Cantata "Then Came the Light" by Derric Johnson in the 9:30 and 11:00 o'clock services on December 17. Please mark your calendar to come and hear wonderful, heartwarming readings and old and new Christmas carols combined in this touching Christmas musical.

Pines Youth Christmas Bake Sale: All are invited to a Bake Sale Supporting the Pines Youth Group. Proceeds from the Bake Sale support the Summer 2018 Youth Missions Trips. Bake Sale is December 17th from 10:30am to 12:30pm. Any questions contact Violet O'Brien or Robin Brady. Thank you for your support.

Covenant Bible Study has been a great and meaningful experience for all involved this fall! If you weren't able to join us, it is not too late! We will be signing up for the winter term beginning today and all are welcome to jump in for the next one or two sessions. It will be held on Sunday evenings from 6-7:30 beginning January 7 and Thursday mornings from 9:15-11:00 beginning January 11. Hope you can join us!

Save the Date! The next Women's Retreat will be on Saturday, January 27th. The Rev. Anne Beall will be our speaker. Registration begins in January but mark your calendars now to be part of this wonderful event!

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing elders to the class of 2021 following the 11:00 am worship service on December 10th.

Nominees for a three year term are: Jim Patterson, Cameron Moran,
Robin Brady, Linda Carlson, Zack Saucier and Karen Davis