



Good Tidings of Great Joy!

*For unto you is born this day in the city of David
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord!*

Luke 2:11

PINES *Order of Worship* Presbyterian Church

December 24, 2017
Christmas Eve Services - 5:00, 7:00 and 11:00 PM

Growing Inward

CHRISTMAS EVE MUSIC

"Still, Still, Still"
Arr. Walter Ehret

Tim Holder, Organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One Voice: The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light.

**Many Voices: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness,
on them light has shined.**

One Voice: We are that people.
Christ is that light.

**Many Voices: For a child has been born for us.
God's own Son has been given to us.**

One Voice: He is called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**Many Voices: His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace through His glorious reign.**

One Voice: Let the trees of the forest shout for joy.
Let heaven and nature sing.

*HYMN

"Joy to the World!"

See Screens

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT AND CHRIST CANDLES

(At 5:00 The Children are invited forward for the lighting of the Advent Candle)

The Wood Family (5:00)

The Wright Family (7:00)

The Rodenberger Family (11:00)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Little Drummer Boy"
Katherine Kennicott Davis

Joyful Noise Children's Choir (5:00)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(5:00)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we have rushed through Advent, just to get to this time, the time of the birth of the Christ Child. We have tried to slow down, to wait, to watch, to listen. We have rejoiced at the blessings given and the wonder of this incarnation. But we have to admit that we are still very drawn to our own celebrations and obligations. Free us this night to truly celebrate the wondrous birth of your Son. Give us the light that will warm our lives and illuminate our pathways of service. Forgive us when we stumble and fall. Lift us again and brush us off. Place us on the pathway to your Son.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One Voice: Rejoice! Jesus is born! The darkness is gone! God's Light has overcome it!

Many Voices: We are healed and forgiven, loved and cherished by God. Amen.

Looking Upward

NATIVITY STORY IN LESSON AND SONG

HYMN	“O Little Town Of Bethlehem” (Please remain seated.)	See Screens
SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:1-7	Matt Chanda (5:00) Ashley Gans (7:00) Katherine Allison (11:00)
HYMN	“Away in a Manger” (Please remain seated)	See Screens
SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:8-20	Hannah Han & Margaret Schafer (5:00) Luke & Jill Sherrill (7:00) Brad & John McClintic (11:00)
ANTHEM/SPECIAL MUSIC	“Breath of Heaven” <i>Amy Grant</i>	Terecia Burgess, Soprano (5:00)
	“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” <i>Richard S. Willis</i>	Chancel Choir (7:00)
	“O Holy Night” <i>Adolphe Adam</i>	Walter Rodenberger, Tenor (11:00)
MEDITATION	“Knock, Knock...Who’s There”	Rev. Andy Gans
*HYMN	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”	See Screens

Serving Outward

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE

One Voice:	This Christmas night, we reclaim our trust in God
Many Voices:	We believe in God, who came to us as one of us, who bends and kneels toward our world, drenching it with love.
One Voice:	This Christmas night, we reclaim our trust in Jesus
Many Voices:	We believe in Jesus, who came to us as in the fragile promise of a baby and emerged as a herald of hope.
One Voice:	This Christmas night, we reclaim our trust in the Holy Spirit
Many Voices:	We believe in the Spirit, hovering God, present among us, abiding, upholding, awaking all things to her grace.
One Voice:	This Christmas night, we reclaim our commitment to the community around us
Many Voices:	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
One Voice:	This Christmas night, we reclaim our trust that Jesus is still with us.
Many Voices:	Welcome, Emanuel, Welcome!

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

CHRISTMAS JOY GIFT OFFERING

In Christ we are one family. The Christmas Joy Offering provides an opportunity for giving to those who have faithfully served the church in the past, and for those whose gifts are now being developed through eight racial ethnic schools in covenant with the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Joy Gift contributions are distributed evenly among these educational institutions and the Board of Pensions to help active or retired church workers and their families who have special needs. Our offering will be all cash contributions and those checks with a notation of "Joy Gift" and payable to Pines. Special envelopes are in the pew racks; if you wish, please write your name and the amount on the envelope.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

"O Come, Little Children" Pines Pealers Duo (5:00)
Douglas E. Wagner
"O Holy Night" Walter Rodenberger, Tenor (7:00)
Adolphe Adam
"O Come, Little Children" Pines Pealers Duo (11:00)
Douglas E. Wagner

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (7:00 and 11:00 services)

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

The Elders 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 unlighted candles.

***HYMN**

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

See Screens

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"Angels We Have Heard on High"
French Carol

Tim Holder, Organ

Duty Elders this evening are:
Walter Penberthy 5:00
Katherine Allison 7:00
Liz Buelow 11:00

If you ordered a poinsettia, you may pick it up after tonight's 11:00 o'clock service.