

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 "Once in Royal David's City" Pines Orchestra
Henry John Gauntlett

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: Listen to what the Lord our God says to us:

**All Voices: my hope for you is peace;
salvation is my gift in every moment.**

One Voice: See what the Lord our God reveals to us:

**All Voices: righteousness is the path to the kingdom;
faithfulness is the highway being built for us.**

One Voice: Tell what the Lord our God asks us to speak:

**All Voices: prepare God's way!
The Christ is coming to redeem us.**

*Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #376

Prayer of Confession

**We have heard that our penalty has been paid, God of Comfort,
yet we still insist on earning our way into Your heart.**

**We confess that You are patient with us,
but wish You would act quickly against those who hurt us.**

**We confess Your word will stand forever,
but it is our words of pain and anger
that cause long term harm to others.**

**Your Messenger has come, Approaching God,
crying out to us of Your forgiveness and hope.**

**Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, You speak to us:
not of punishment, but of peace;
not of judgment, but of justice;
not of a sentence, but salvation.**

Silent Confession

Congregational Response

See Screens

Assurance of Grace

One: Hear the Good News God speaks to you:
I love you;
I forgive you;
I restore you to new life.

**Many: We will not ignore the fact that God comes:
not to condemn, but to comfort us;
not to scold, but to speak tenderly to us of hope, of love,
of joy. Thanks be to God. Amen**

TODAY IN WORSHIP

December 10, 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: Hannah Han

Liturgist: Allie Liles

Sound: Dan Schafer

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 - John and Kari Work in honor of Chris's 18th birthday.

*All who are able may stand



**A Stephen Ministry
Congregation**

Growing Inward

Lighting of the Advent Candle

"Peace"

The Moran Family

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

All Sing: O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show, and cause us in her ways to go.

Leader: For Christ is our peace, who has made us one.

All: How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace!

Leader: The second candle of Advent wreath is the candle of Peace. We light this candle as a symbol of proclamation. May the Word from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation. Let us pray.

All: O God of hope, and peace, as the light of the candles burn, so let Your light shine through us as a sign of hope and Peace for the world. By Your Holy Spirit, may the fire of faith burn within us, that we may live with courage in the face of the world's darkness. Grant that we may live toward Your promised future; through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace and the Hope of the world. Amen.

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

First Reading

Psalm 85:1-2,8-13

Anthem

"O Come, Little Children"

Pines Pealers, 9:30

Douglas E. Wagner

"I Call Him Lord"

Chancel Choir, 11:00

Dottie Rambo

Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Sermon

"The Waiting Game"

Rev. Andy Gans

*Hymn

"**Lord, Make Us More Holy**" (vs. 1,2 & 4)

#536

Serving Outward

Call to Discipleship

Alternative Gift Program

Liz Schulze

*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 "Still, Still, Still" Pines Orchestra, 9:30
Austrian Melody
"O Come, Little Children" Pines Pealers, 11:00
Douglas E. Wagner

*Doxology #592

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

*Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" #23

*Charge and Benediction

*Sending Out The Light of Christ

Benediction Response See Screens

*Postlude "Rejoice! Rejoice Believers" Pines Orchestra
Welsh Folk Melody

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Calendar for the Week of December 10, 2017

Table with columns for Day, Time, and Event. Includes entries for Today, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday with various meetings and services.

SERMON NOTES

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

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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: Margaret Schafer

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.

Second Sunday Sing-Along... today at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This monthly event is a great time of fellowship and fun as Tim leads us in our favorite hymns and praise songs! We hope you'll join us!

Alternative Gift Program: The Missions Committee is sponsoring the Alternative Gift Program and Brookwood will be the recipient this year. There will be a sign-up table in the Fellowship Hall today where you can make a donation to the Brookwood Community. For your contribution you will receive a donation card (\$10 per card) to send to the person you are honoring saying that a donation has been made in their name.

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 and invite your friends 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 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Any questions contact Violet O'Brien or Robin Brady. Thank you for your support.

On Christmas Eve, child care service will be available in Room W8 from 9:15 to 12 noon and from 7 to 8 p.m. There will be no child care available during the 5pm Family Service, so that all families can enjoy the service together. Contact Valerie Mowell with any questions.

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 p.m. beginning January 7 and Thursday mornings from 9:15-11:00 a.m. 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!

2018 Giving: If you haven't yet filled out a 2018 Stewardship card, please find a card in the pew back, fill it out, and place it in the offering plate. Your commitment is appreciated.

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 today, December 10th.

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