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Pine Grove United Methodist Church

Together In Worship

First Sunday of Christmas

December 29, 2013

Eleven O'clock

"Lord, help me to be part of what you are doing in this community."

You are invited to prepare your heart for
connecting with God during this time of worship
by focusing on these words or your own:
"Come into my heart, Lord Jesus."

WE GATHER

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Robin

WE CENTER OURSELVES

CENTERING PRAYER

Pastor Robin

*And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.*

Isaiah 11:2

Lord Jesus, you come like a genius far ahead of his time.
You come as a miracle, not breaking the laws of nature
but fulfilling them.

You are the future towards which the Spirit draws us,
the salvation offered to all humanity,
the joy exceeding all exciting pleasures,
the destiny which was prepared for us
before the foundation of the world.

You come as the humble Perfection outside our grasp
yet graciously within our reach.
You are the Beauty that is to come;
the Beauty that calls us into that most natural
of all miracles: the ministry of love!

O God's unique Genius, we welcome you
as Saviour, Friend and Lord.

Amen!

~ written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on **Bruce Prewer's**
Homepage.<http://www.bruceprewer.com/DocA/02advent2.htm>

You are invited to pray with me the words in bold
God of old, daily you are new to us.
Enliven our heavy hearts; refresh us in your spirit.
Fill us again in newness of mind.
Prepare us now for worship.

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

Acolytes

PRELUDE

"All Is Well" (M. Smith)

Chancel Choir

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Chancel Choir

"O Holy Child of Bethlehem"

*WE SING OUR PRAISE

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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*WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

Unison, 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven
and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the
Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from
the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he
shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in
the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

A note on these words: "Sitteth," "thence," and "quick"
are words we don't use very often. We'd rather say "sit,"
"that day," and "alive" instead. The catholic church with
a "c" means the universal church, the church as a whole,
all churches everywhere. Now that we've had a
vocabulary lesson in Old English, you are welcome to say
these words loudly and with gusto.

*WE SHARE OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

All

Please turn to your neighbors and say:

"The Peace of Christ be with you." responding with ***"And also with you."***

*WE SING OUR PRAYER

"Open Our Eyes, Lord"

Unison

Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus.

To reach out and touch him and say that we love him.

Open our ears Lord, and help us to listen.

Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus.

WE RECEIVE THE WORD

WE LIGHT THE ADVENT WREATH Pastor Robin
THE CHILDREN AND PASTOR LEARN TOGETHER Pastor Robin
*Children, ages 3 through 3rd grade,
please meet your teacher in the narthex at this time.*

WE PRAY Our Lord's Prayer Pastor Robin
**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass
against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and
the glory, forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM "The Wonder of Christmas" (Martin) Chancel Choir
WE HEAR THE WORD READ Matthew 2:13-23 Pastor Robin
WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED Pastor Robin
"Joy to the world"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

WE GIVE OUR PRAISE TO GOD THROUGH GOD MOMENTS
WE RECEIVE AND PRAY BLESSINGS OVER THE SPARKLE BOXES
WE GIVE GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS All
OFFERTORY "Once In Royal David's City" (C. Berry) Chancel Choir
*DOXOLOGY 95

**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.**

*WE ASK GOD'S BLESSING OF THE GIFTS Pastor Robin
*WE SING AND RESPOND "Joy to the World" 246

WE ENTER THE MISSION FIELD

*WORDS FOR GOING OUT Pastor Robin
*CHORAL BENECTION Chancel Choir
"Pacem Blessing" (Liebergen)
*CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY Beverly Myers
*POSTLUDE Beverly Myers
"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" (C. Berry)
**Please Stand As You Are Able*

The flowers are given in honor of Andy and Katie Buchanan's 50th anniversary by Kerry, Todd, Susan, Katie and Abby Buchanan.



THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

SUNDAY 29th 11:00 Worship Service	SATURDAY 4th 9:30 Manna Meals Fellowship Hall reserved – Sizemore Family
TUESDAY 31st <i>*The office is closed</i>	SUNDAY 5th 11:00 Worship Service – Installation of Church Officers
WEDNESDAY 1st <i>*The office is closed</i> Fellowship Hall reserved – Buchanan Family	4:30 Youth Fellowship

We will have the **installation of all 2014 church officials next Sunday**. Please do all you can to be present for this special time of worship and commitment.

Please remember that the **IRS requires all 2013 donations be received or postmarked by Tuesday, December 31, 2013**. All contributions received January 1, 2014 and after or placed in the offering plate Sunday, January 6, 2014 must be counted as 2014 contributions regardless of the date on the check. Thank you for helping us adhere to these IRS regulations

The office will be closed Tuesday, December 31st and Wednesday, January 1st for the holidays.

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