

December 23, 2018 – 10:00a.

Prelude

GATHERING AND PRAISE

* *Welcome / Mutual Greeting*

* *Call to Worship*

Leader: Christ Jesus, being in very nature God did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

People: Hail the incarnate Deity, Jesus, our Immanuel.

Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given... He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

People: Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Leader: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.

People: Glory to the newborn King.

* **"Angels We Have Heard on High"** CH #278

* **"Angels from the Realms of Glory"** CH #259

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting

* **"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"** CH #277

* **"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blomming"** CH #255

Ministry of Children

THANKFULNESS

Congregational Prayer

Morning Offerings to Benefit Pine Grove General Fund

"Love Has Come" CH #256

GOD'S WORD

* *Scripture:* John 1:1-14 Pew Bible Page: 1645-1646

Message: **The Light Is Come**

Prayer of Application

Song of Response

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" CH #279

SENDING

* *Blessing*

* *Doxology*

* *Postlude*

* If you are able, please stand

Guest Information

Welcome! You're among friends at Pine Grove Community Church. Wherever you've come from, and wherever you are, you are welcome to Pine Grove! Please stay for a cup of coffee or lemonade following the worship service in the Family Life Center

Guests can stop by the Welcome Center to pick up an information packet about the church. Please fill out the information slip in the pew pocket - we want to know who you are.

A T-Coil in your hearing aid enables you to use the hearing loop in the sanctuary. A headset is also available at the sound table to help with hearing the service.

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Parents

- **Nursery is available** in the basement during the service for infants to age two.
- **If your children** wish to remain with us for worship, relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it. They are welcome here.
- **If you need to leave** the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. Jesus said: "Let the children come to me."
- **On the Resource Table** there is a box that has "Fidget Tools" to help keep little (and big) hands busy. Please feel free to take one, but remember to put it back after the service, so it's available next week.
- **Worship note sheets** are available to help you and your child engage with the service or just to draw and doodle on.

For Your Information

Offering Totals for December 16: General Fund, \$4,012.00; Debt Retirement, \$1,271.00; Benevolence, \$10.00; GEMS, \$70.00; Denominational Shares, \$100.00; Classical Shares, \$100.00; Tables & Chairs, \$300.00; Microphone Update, \$200.00. If you would like to participate in electronic giving, please contact Mary Bailey at ronaldbailey@msn.com. Thank you for your generosity.

Next Sunday's Offerings will benefit:

Pine Grove General Fund

Attendance for December 16: 164

Prayer Time

Come near to God and He will come near to you. James 4:8. Come experience the power we have in prayer and the hope we share in prayer time in the Council Room in the church basement every Sunday morning at 9:00. Come when you can, and leave when you need to. If you have a prayer request, please call Cheryl Hubers, 231-937-4895, or Joyce Pierce, 231-652-2643. Everyone is welcome!

Upcoming Events

Church Renewal Lab, January 3
 Volleyball Begins, January 4
 GEMS Movie Night, January 11
 Cadets Sunday, January 27

Serving This Week: **December 23**

Ministry of the Word: Dan Wolters

Scripture: John 1:1-14

Worship Leaders: Bob Winkel, Kelly Guiles,
& Arlene Nesselroad

Pine Groovy Kids:

Nursery: Amy Platt & Alyssa Drent

Sensory: Julie Hackbardt & Angelina Drent

PGK: **NO PINE GROOVY KIDS**

Coffee Servers: Clare & Linda Klamer

Student Ministry Meal: NO STUDENT MINISTRIES

Our General Fund balance for 2018 remains positive.

God is good – ALL THE TIME.

Council will continue to monitor our expenses and keep you updated. Please continue to be diligent in your giving and pray for your church as we work to share Christ's love with our community and grow lives in Christ.

Year to date as of: 11/30/18

Actual Collections \$253,096.61

Actual Expenses (251,897.37)

Actual difference \$ 1,199.24

Balance of debt at 11/30/18 is \$101,969.00
(not part of the General Fund).

Carols of Christmas

December 24, 7:00p.

Prelude

* *Call to Worship*

Leader: But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

People: Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah.

Leader: Come, let us adore him.

People: He is Christ the Lord.

* "O Come, All Ye Faithful" CH #249

* "Joy to the World" CH #270

* *Scripture*

Luke 2:8-12 Pew Bible Page: 1591

Video

He Came to Get Messy - Skit Guys

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting

* "Away in a Manger" CH #262

Message - An Offer of Newness

* *Passing the Light*

- **All Is Well**

* *Blessing*

* Candles Extinguished

* Doxology

"O Come All Ye Faithful" CH #249

"Let's Worship and Adore Him" CH #247

*"For unto you is born ...a Saviour,
which is Christ the Lord."*

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

Luke 2:11

Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30a. – 2:30p.

The Church office will be closed from 9-10a. Mondays for staff meeting.

Contact Us: 231-937-5250 or PineGroveOffice@gmail.com

Pastor Dan's Office Hours: Tues., Wed., and Fri. 8:30a. - Noon

Pastor Dan Wolters: 509-572-0589 or pastordanno@gmail.com

Pastor Jeremy Scripps: 231-301-2823 or jscripps83@gmail.com

On the Web: www.pinegrovechurch.net

Pine Grove Community Church

Our Covenant Together

Having been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and give up ourselves to him, and having been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we do again, relying on his gracious aid, solemnly and joyfully renew our covenant with each other.

We will pray and work for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

We will walk together in love, exercise an affectionate care and watchfulness over each other and humbly admonish and encourage one another as occasion may require.

We will not forsake assembling together, nor neglect to pray for ourselves and others.

We will endeavor to bring up any who may be under our care, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and by loving example and speech, to seek the salvation of our family and friends.

We will rejoice at each other's happiness and seek with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrows.

We will seek, with God's help, to live carefully in the world, denying ungodliness and unholy desires, remembering we are empowered to lead a new, God glorifying life because of our union with Christ.

We will work together for ongoing, faithful ministry in this church as we uphold its worship, organization, discipline, and doctrines. We will contribute cheerfully and regularly to support the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We will, when we move from this place, as soon as possible, unite with another church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.