

Welcome to Worship!  
Pine City Evangelical Free Church– Lighthouse  
Sunday, December 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

*If you are visiting today, we welcome you! If there is any way that our staff or church family can be of assistance to you today or throughout the week, please call the office at 629.2584. We invite you to sign our guest register at the Welcome Desk or use the communication card located at the bottom right of your bulletin as an avenue to communicate with staff or elders.*

**Call to Worship**  
**Advent Candle Lighting– Revelation & Peace**  
*Vern & Sheryl Craven*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Praise & Worship**

**Offering**

**Message–** Pastor Joel Preston  
*The Songs of Christmas*  
*Simeon’s Song - the Nunc Dimittis*  
Luke 2:22-35

**Closing Song**  
**& Benediction**

**Sunday Morning**  
**Ministry Team**  
**{Next Sunday, Dec 29}**  
**Greeters–** Paul & Ashley Mead  
**Host/Hostess–**Jim & Kim Aleckson  
**Welcome Desk–** Donna H/LaVona B  
**Ushers–** Dan M/Joe G/Dillon L  
**Nursery–** Kelly A/Peyton A/Carter A/Jocelyn J  
**Sunday Morning Coffee–** Caleb & Melissa N

**This Week**  
**at Pine City EFC**  
**(today) Dec 22**

No Sunday School  
Worship 10:00 am

**(mon) Dec 23**

**(tues) Dec 24**  
Christmas Eve Service 4:00 pm

**(wed) Dec 25**  
**Merry Christmas!**

**(thurs) Dec 26**  
Men’s Bible Study & Prayer 8:30 am

**(fri) Dec 27**  
Bulletin Announcement Deadline 9:00 am

Something for Everyone

**MEN**  
[pcefc.com/men/](http://pcefc.com/men/)  
**MEN’S PRAYER & STUDY**  
Thursdays/8:30 am  
South Campus, Library

**MEN’S FELLOWSHIP**  
2nd Monday/6:30 pm  
South Campus, Main Level

**WOMEN**  
[pcefc.com/women/](http://pcefc.com/women/)  
**JOY LADIES**  
Meeting occasionally throughout the year. Dates and times will be announced

**WOMEN’S PRAYER**  
Wednesdays/1:00 pm  
South Campus, Library

**WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP**  
3rd Thursday/6:30 pm **(Fall-Spring)**  
South Campus, Main Level

**YOUNG ADULTS**  
[pcefc.com/college-career/](http://pcefc.com/college-career/)  
If you are in college, in a career or anything in between, this is for you!

Special Events  
(Please note to text 320.438.4209 for next special event and the location)

**FRONTLINE (FOR TEENS)**  
[pcefc.com/students/](http://pcefc.com/students/)  
**6:00 PM JR HIGH STUDENTS**  
**7:00 PM SR HIGH STUDENTS**  
Wednesdays  
South Campus, Lower Level

**AWANA (FOR KIDS)**  
[pcefc.com/children/](http://pcefc.com/children/)  
**CUBBIES** (PRESCHOOL)  
**SPARKS** (K-2ND GRADE)  
**T&T** (3RD-6TH GRADE)  
Wednesdays/6:00-7:30 pm **(Fall-Spring)**  
South Campus, Main Level


**SUNDAY SCHOOL (ALL AGES)**  
**ADULTS** (LOWER LEVEL)  
**JR HIGH** (LOWER LEVEL)  
**SR HIGH** (LOWER LEVEL)  
**ELEMENTARY** (UPPER LEVEL)  
**NURSERY** (MAIN LEVEL)  
Sundays/9:00-9:45 am **(Fall-Spring)**  
South Campus

**Christmas Devotionals, Bookmarks and Family Christmas Ideas at the Welcome Desk!**  
Stop by the Welcome Desk and pick up a Christmas devotional booklet entitled, *Joy to the World*, reflections and highlights about what God has done for us in sending His Son, Jesus, into the world so that we may have eternal life with Him in heaven. Pick up a bookmark for all your Christmas reading and some ideas for your family!

**Music Benefit-** for *A Place For You* our local transitional shelter for those in need of a home... “We are THRILLED to let you know that we have a great fundraiser coming up to support the shelter! The groups of the "Deacon Brothers & Sister Carol" and the "Holy Hootenanners" volunteered to present a concert on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 19 at 3:00 PM** at the Pine City High School auditorium. It will be a free will offering. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** It's going to be here before you know it! Please SHARE this news with your friends and neighbors!

**Meal Train** for December 29 and December 31 is still available for this month to make a meal for the residents at A Place For You, Transitional Shelter. <https://www.mealtrain.com/?id=m9rpb6f6x7rt>

**Swedish Meatballs**  
*for your Christmas Gathering!*  
**Taken from our II Edition PCEFC Cookbook Recipe by Helen Foster**



2lbs ground beef  
1lb Jimmy Dean sausage  
2 eggs  
1 cup bread crumbs  
2 tsp salt  
1/2 tsp pepper  
1 tsp ground cloves  
1 tsp accent  
1 cup finely chopped onions  
1 1/4 cup evaporated milk  
1 can au jus with 2 cans of water

Mix all the above except the au jus. Brown meatballs in oil and place in a baking dish. Mix one can of au jus and 2 cans of water and pour over meatballs and bake for one hour at 325 degrees.

**Do You Need?** Mary Simonson has a couple of walkers and a cane available to give to anyone who would need them at this time. Give her a call if you are in need or know of anyone in need of these items. 320.620.7044

Christmas Eve Service

*“Today in the town of David  
a Savior has been born to you;  
He is the Messiah, the Lord.”*

**You are invited! Please Come!**  
**December 24 • 4:00 p.m.**  
**Pine City EFC, North Campus**  
**Lighthouse**

*This is a great time to gather  
and remember the wonderful story  
of God’s amazing gift of love,  
the birth of Emmanuel, God with us.*



In the New Year

The Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 26. Ministry team reports are due for the written annual report by Wednesday, January 15. Please email your report to: [pinecitye-free@gmail.com](mailto:pinecitye-free@gmail.com) Thank you! *Jeanne*

**“The Word became flesh** and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” -John 1:14

**“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.” -Galatians 4:4-5



December Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 12 Jesse Johnson      | 21 Caleb Hogberg   | 27 Kelly Allen      |
| 14 Deb Harer          | 22 John Vandenberg | Annette Lindstrom   |
| Howard Schuetz        | Asher Workman      | Reid & Jessie Ovick |
| 18 Grant Crider       | 23 Isaiah Bavier   | Jim & Ellie White   |
| 19 Tim & Miriam Paver | 26 Sue Kline       | 28 Ken Kalikow      |
| 20 Millie Johnson     | J.J. Preston       | 30 Sally Engstrom   |
| Dave & Joanne Shuey   |                    | 31 Kylie Harer      |

PRAYER and PRAISE!

*“Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.” —Matthew 18:19-20*

**Focus on our PCEFC Family:** Ben & Jennifer Neel, William, Gabriel, Hunter & Owen

**Ben Neel** was moved to a new room in the Neuroscience Unit ICU this past week. They also weaned him off the ventilator on Thursday. As of Friday, he hadn’t opened his eyes yet, but he was following commands. Please continue to pray for Ben to fully wake up and for Jen and the boys.

**Jeff Titus** had lower back surgery on a few vertebrae that is pressing on the nerve on Friday. Please be in prayer for Jeff as he is in this time of recovery. **Please be in prayer** for Jeff and Ruth Titus’ home to sell.

**Sara Helseth-** is scheduled for Treatment #2, tomorrow, December 23. Please be in prayer for her as she goes through this second treatment. Pray for minimal side effects.

**Pray for Dennis Errington’s** dialysis treatment that he has 3 times per week. Pray for a quick recovery and a strengthening each time he has the treatment. Pray for a new kidney for Dennis when he gets back on the transplant list after having heart surgery.

**Mike Long is gaining some strength and mobility.** He has a Mayo appointment/referral coming up. "Thank you church family for cards, food and gifts. Psalm 18:2, ‘The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer.’ "

**Continued prayer for Ina France** at Lakeside as she continues to be at Lakeside. Pray for health and healing for both Ina and Marv throughout the winter months.

**Don’t forget to send Christmas Cards to some special church family members:**  
**Ina France–** Lakeside Medical Center Rm# 222, 129 6th Ave SE, Pine City, MN 55063  
**Marv France–** 835 8th Street SW, Pine City, MN 55063  
**Shirley Johnson–** Ecumen #115, 5379 383rd Street, North Branch, MN 55056  
**Wayne Smith–** Northern Pines, 1305 8th Street SW, Pine City, MN 55063  
**Helen Foster-** Northern Pines, 1305 8th Street SW, Pine City, MN 55063

| Pine City EFC Giving           |               | Lighthouse Parking Lot Fundraiser Update   |  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--|--|
| Dec 15 Giving                  | \$ 4,898.29   | The Lighthouse parking lot reconstruction has been re-engineered, and the new estimate for both Phase 3a (excavation, gravel) and Phase 3b (blacktop) now totals \$ 45,950.00 for the entire job. Money raised so far toward this goal: \$16,195.00. |  |
| YTD Avg                        | \$ 4,940.76   |  |  |
| Wkly Bdg Amt Needed            | \$ 4,924.17   |  |  |
| Fiscal YTD Giving              | \$ 118,578.18 |  |  |
| Parking Lot                    | \$ 200.00     |  |  |
| Thank you for your generosity! |               |  |  |

Prayer Requests & Comment Card

Please use this card to communicate a prayer need or comment you have.  
Please place the card in the offering basket.

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| <b>Prayer Request</b>                  | <b>Please sign me up for</b>                |
| _____Share with Prayer Team            | _____Email (Announcements/Events Reminders) |
| _____Share only with Pastor and Elders | _____Prayer Team (email)                    |

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Request/Comment \_\_\_\_\_

Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Luke 2:22-35***

## I. What Led to Simeon's Song? Vs. 22-29

- ## II. What Does Simeon's Song Tell Us About Jesus? Vs. 27-35

- Application -**
1. Have you recognized Jesus?
  2. Are you eagerly awaiting the return of Jesus?

Between card and place in offering plate. Thank you.

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| Date_____ , 2019   | Children               |
| _____First Time Guest _____Returning Guest _____Regular Attender | Name_____              |
|  | Birthday____/____/____ |
| Name_____  | Name_____              |
|  | Birthday____/____/____ |
| Address_____   | Name_____              |
|  | Birthday____/____/____ |
| City_____ State_____ Zip_____                                    | Name_____              |
|  | Birthday____/____/____ |
| Phone_____/_____   | Name_____              |
|  | Birthday____/____/____ |
| Email_____   | Name_____              |
|  | Birthday____/____/____ |

We hope you enjoy being with us today. Our desire is that you come to know more about Christ at Pine City EFC. Whether you are just starting your search for God or want to grow in your relationship with Him, we are delighted you are here! If you are searching for a church home, we would like you to know that there is a special place for you here. We hope you find us warm and welcoming as well as providing you with Christ-centered teaching, God-exalting worship and fellowship.

**We invite you to the following  
get-acquainted opportunities**

**The Welcome Desk** is provided for you to ask questions, get answer to those questions and provide you with information about our ministries and opportunities. If visiting, please sign the Guest Register!

**Communication Cards** are inside your bulletin. Please use this card to communicate with any ministry team leaders, staff persons or pastor. There is also a place on the back of the card for prayer requests and comments. Please place the card in the offering plate. Thank you!

**Introduce Yourself to Someone**, they might be new, too! Take a moment to stop and get to know that individual who sat next to you!

**Sunday Morning Christian Education Classes** for all ages at 9:00 a.m.  
(Fall through Spring) All classes are located at our South Campus Building.

## PCEFC Mission Statement

“Driven by the gospel and supported with prayer,  
we exist to worship God authentically,  
enjoy Christ’s supremacy,  
treasure Scripture mightily,  
care for each other passionately,  
and reach out to others tenderly  
with the saving message of Jesus Christ.”

## Pine City EFC Elders

Jon Cruz • Andrew DeVall • Jim France • Michael Joneson • Dan Pulju • Jim White

## Pine City EFC Pastoral Ministry Staff

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## Pine City EFC Operational Ministry Staff

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Ashley Erickson, Treasurer • Lisa Johnson, Financial Secretary



**Wifi** To use our Wi-fi look for pcefc-guest Password: lighthouse

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