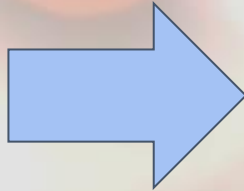


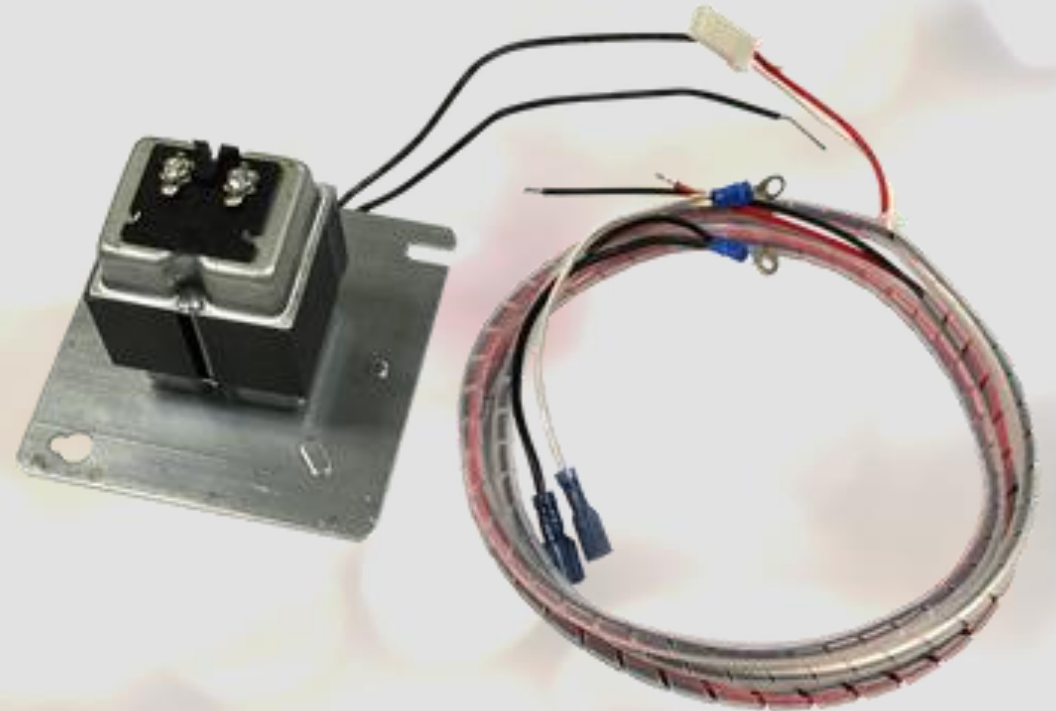
A rustic holiday-themed background featuring a wooden surface. The scene is decorated with several pinecones, some of which are dusted with white powder, and clusters of bright red berries on dark stems. A central, light brown rectangular card is positioned in the middle of the frame. The text "Holy Holidays" is written on the card in a red, elegant cursive font.

*Holy
Holidays*

THE HOPE



THE REALITY



Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon Him. And it was revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

Luke 2:25-26

**Comfort, comfort my people says your
God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem that
her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is
pardoned.**

Isaiah 40:1-2a

**Behold your God! Behold, your God
comes with might, and his arm rules for
him.**

Isaiah 40:9b-10a

He will tend his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom and gently lead those that are young.

Isaiah 40:11

Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

Luke 2:29-32