

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

*Call to Worship

Kristen Davis-Owen

One Voice: When we stand at the edge of fear and worry,

All Voices: God invites us to step into the waters of faith and trust,

and to abound in hope.

One Voice: When we stand at the edge of the world's pain and need, All Voices: Jesus invites us to step into the land of humble service,

with abounding hope.

One Voice: When we stand at the edge of our hunger and thirst, All Voices: the Spirit invites us to sit at the Table of grace,

which abounds in hope.

*Hymn "Come! Live in the Light!"

Prayer of Confession

When we come to the edge of your holiness, Constant Love, we know how we have not lived as your children. We dam up for ourselves your rivers of love, while the lives around us turn into deserts of loneliness. All too quickly, we place our feet on the quicksand of fear, not wanting to step across to your faith. We tie up our angers and worries and burden our families and friends with them.

Forgive us, Listener to our hearts. By your patient grace, give us more time to practice our calling to discipleship, so we might learn all we need to live as sisters and brothers of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Silent Confession

Confessional Response "Healer of Our Every III" See Screen

See Screen **Assurance of Grace**

One Voice: This is the good news: God hears you, God forgives you,

God is with you as you journey into that land called Promise.

All Voices: Let the redeemed of God say: this is indeed great news!

Accepting God's word of joy and grace,

we will live as God's children in all the days to come.

Amen.

November 5, 2023

Welcome to Pines

Pines is a joyful Christian community that welcomes all. Our Mission is to make disciples who know, love, and trust in Jesus Christ. We live into our Mission by Looking Upward, Growing Inward, and Serving Outward.

Helpful devices:

Auditory assistance receivers are available from the Ushers.

See Screen Liturgists: Kristen Davis-Owen

See Screen | Sound: Dan Schafer

Flowers: In lieu of flowers. Amanda and Brad Hofstetter have made a donation to the Pines Youth in honor of the birthday of their son, William.

Pines Presbyterian Church

is located at 12751 Kimberley Lane. Houston, Texas 77024 ~ 713-467-2234 ~ pinespc.org

A Congregation of the



Children's Message

Kristin Beall

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Looking Upward

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 23:1-12

Anthem

"Let Us Break Bread Together"
Traditional Spiritual, arr. By Walter Ehret

Chancel Choir

Second Scripture Reading

Joshua 3:7-17

Sermon

"Sure Footing"

Rev. Andy Gans

*Hymn

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

See Screen

Serving Outward

*Saying What We Believe

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence.

to love and serve others.

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Offering and Offertory

Remembering Our Saints

Doreen Boyd
Liz Buelow
Janet Calhoun
Carol Greene

Jerry Mowell
Lou Master
Alice Parsons
Ben Langston

Tony Rexrode

*Doxology

Communion of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" See Screen

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response "He Has Made Me Glad" See Screen

Postlude

Pray for the People of Pines

Sara Anderson Bob Barr Norma Bender Jean Breitenwischer Barbara Caffall Carolyn Craig

Carol Schneider Lynn Stauffacher Ray Stauffacher Nancy Watler Darlene Wendt Danny Williams

Pray for Friends in Mission
Joy Kreider

Pray for Pines Members and their family in the Military:

Olivia Williams (Army) Jackie Hayre (Navy)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.

A Stephen Ministry



Congregation

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Calendar for the Week of November 5, 2023

Sunday12:00 pmCongregational MeetingSanctuary6:00 pmYouth GroupYouth Rooms

Monday 12:00 pm This Week at Pines to Dan

1:00 pmCongregational FellowshipC76:00 pmStaff CommitteeZoom7:00 pmTending to Grief meetingParlor

7:30 pm Al Anon Group Fellowship Hall

<u>Tuesday</u>

7:00 am Men's Bible Study Zoom 7:00 am Voting Fellow

7:00 am Voting Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm Space City Sound Sanctuary

Wednesday

9:00 am Bulletin articles due to Laurie
1:30 pm Weekly Prayer Team Prayer Room
5:45 pm Pines Pealers C12
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Choir Room
8:00 pm Westside AA C3

Thursday

8:00 pm AA Group C3

<u>Saturday</u>

6:00 pm AA Group C3

Sunday

Youth Rally Offsite

9:15 am Sunday School for all

10:45 am Worship

12:00 pm Thankfulness Lunch Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm Youth Group Youth Rooms



Next Newsletter articles due November 17. Today's Duty Elder: Susan Babineck

SERMON NOTES

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Our Worship services are recorded and livestreamed.

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Class of 2026

Linda Aldred Shirley Bollich Emily Gairo Donna Partee Tim Timmons

OPPORTUNITIES UPWARD, INWARD AND OUTWARD

Welcome, Guests! If you have questions about our church, or would like to discuss church membership, please speak with Pastor Andy.

In need of someone to talk to? If you want to know more about getting a Stephen Minister, please contact Phil Wetz or Ann Guerra.

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting following worship today for the purpose of electing elders to the class of 2027, and electing a Treasurer. The class of nominated elders are: Phil Wetz, Patsy Jackson, Ron Langston, Brad Hofstetter and Beth Patterson. The nominee for Treasurer is Kari Work.

Thanksgiving Cornucopia We are once again collecting non-perishable food for The Mission of Yahweh. This year the mission informed us they could also use the following: toothpaste, toothbrushes, baby wipes and diapers (all sizes). Collection has started and the items will be collected and taken to the mission after the Sunday, November 19, church service. Monetary donations are also acceptable, just state Mission of Yahweh on your check or electronic donation.

Thankfulness Luncheon Join us for our annual Thankfulness Luncheon on Sunday, November 12th, following worship. We will have an assortment of delicious home-made soups and fellowship to enjoy. Many of our mission partners will share their stories and the impact your contributions make to their service to God.



Everyone is invited for homemade soups & to meet our MISSION PARTNERS.



Come Join Us November 16 at 6:30pm Fellowship Hall! Food! Fellowship! BINGO! RSVP to Linda Aldred or the Church Office