

#### **Growing Inward**

Prelude

**Gathering for Worship** 

Introit

\*Call to Worship

Brad Hofstetter

One Voice: Come, let us put God in the center of our lives!

All Voices: We rejoice in God's steadfast love!
One Voice: Rejoice in Christ's enduring grace.
All Voices: Rejoice in God's saving word.
One Voice: Rejoice in the Spirit's gentle guidance.
All Voices: Rejoice in God's healing presence.
One Voice: Rejoice in God always! Again I say rejoice!

\*Hymn "Rejoice, the Lord is King" See Screen

**Prayer of Confession** 

Most Holy God,

we have made gods out of gold and clay; we have allowed worries and doubts to cloud our vision and faith.

Do not think on these things, gracious God.

Find in us all that is honorable and true,

commendable and excellent.

Shine in our lives,

that we may reflect the just and righteous parts of ourselves.

Forgive us when we reflect false gods or sinful values.

Guide us back into your holy presence and transform us with your grace, that we may be the gentle and just people you would have us be and become.

Silent Confession

**Confessional Response** 

"Healer of Our Every III" See Screen

**Assurance of Grace** 

One Voice: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,

is ours through Christ Jesus.

All Voices: In Christ, we rest secure.

#### **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.

October 8, 2023

#### Helpful devices:

Auditory assistance receivers are available from the Ushers.

Liturgist: Brad Hofstetter

Sound: Dan Schafer

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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**

**Anthem** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

**Chancel Choir** 

Scripture Reading

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-22, 44-48

Sermon

"The Pleasure of God"

Rev. Andy Gans

\*Hymn

"Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"

See Screen

#### Serving Outward

\*Saying What We Believe (Apostles' Creed)

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 Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*Gloria Patri

Offering and Offertory

\*Doxology

Preparation for Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Consecration of Our Gifts — Amanda and Brad Hofstetter

\*Hymn "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" 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, 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 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 October 8, 2023

<u>Sunday</u>		
8:00 am	Blood Drive	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Prostate Cancer Talk	Parlor
12:00 pm	Second Sunday Lunch	Café Express
<u>Monday</u>	•	
12:00 pm	This Week at Pines due to Dan	
12:00 pm	Worship Committee	C3
1:00 pm	Stephen Minister Leaders	C7
6:00 pm	Property Committee	C7
7:00 pm	Tending to Grief meeting	Parlor
7:30 pm	Al Anon Group	Fellowship Hall
<u>Tuesday</u>		
7:00 am	Men's Bible Study	Zoom
11:30 am	Clara Gay Circle	C3
6:30 pm	Missions Committee	C3
7:00 pm	Space City Singers	Fellowship Hall
<u>Wednesday</u>		
9:00 am	Bulletin articles due to Laurie	
1:30 pm	Weekly Prayer Team	Prayer Room
5:45 pm	Pines Pealers	C12
6:00 pm	Youth Group	Youth Rooms
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
8:00 pm	Westside AA	C3
<u>Thursday</u>		
7:00 pm	Space City Singers	Fellowship Hall
8:00 pm	AA Group	C3
<u>Friday</u>		
Greece Trip leaves today through 10/24		
6:00 am	BSF	Fellowship Hall
<u>Saturday</u>		
6:00 pm	AA Group	C3



Giving rewards us
when we enjoy
the <u>Pleasure</u> derived
from giving fully of ourselves
and for reasons of
our own determination.

"Each person should give what they have decided in their heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Next Newsletter articles due October 20. Today's Duty Elder: Judy Shamp

#### **SERMON NOTES**

## online Giving





Instagram.com/ pineshouston

Get the latest announcements and reminders right before events happen. Find us here: https://twitter.com/HoustonPines.

Find us on Facebook www.facebook.com PinesPresbyterianChurch

The newsletter is available in the Narthex for those unable to access it online.

Our Worship services are recorded and livestreamed.

#### **Church Staff**

The Reverend Andy Gans Pastor Kristin Beall

Director of Family Ministries

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Office Manager

Alexis Graham

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Custodian/Maintenance

#### Preschool

Connie Pike
Director, Preschool
Karen Cooper
Administrative Assistant

#### Session

#### Class of 2024

Bob Barr Leslie Friedrich Judy Shamp Connie Sipp Phil Wetz

#### Class of 2025

Susan Babineck Sharon Dotson Linda Johnson Walter Penberthy Chris Wolfe

#### 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.

**MALE OVER 50?** Questions or concerns about PROSTATE CANCER? Hear the experiences of two Pines members who had prostate cancer. From their awareness of cancer through radiation treatment, and afterwards. Today, join the 30-minute candid discussion in the Parlor, after church service. There will be time for questions.

**Blood Drive Details** <u>TODAY.</u> Time: 8:30 AM- 1:00 PM. Location: Fellowship Hall. **DONOR SIGNUP LINK**: <u>https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/</u>drive\_schedule/362141. **PROMOTION**: Donors will receive a "Space City" shirt + voucher for

FREE pint of beer at St. Arnold's Brewing Company!





**Trunk or Treat!** Sunday Oct 29<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm, Pines parking lot. Costumes encouraged! Bounce houses, games, face paint, balloons and of course Trunk or Treating! Help Pines love on our community by donating candy to give out, being present that day to run an activity, or decorate and man your car for all our treaters! Sign up with Kristin or online. Pines Kids: Trunk or Treat (signupgenius.com)

**Prayers for Pines Travelers** — Please be in prayer for the group that Andy is leading to Greece, leaving on 10/13 and arriving home on 10/24. Also, please include Phil and Linda Johnson and David Sibley, who are on a mission trip to Guatemala with Faith in Practice from 10/7 through the 14th.

