

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

*Call to Worship John Work

One Voice: All who are thirsty, come!

All Voices: God is the fountain for our lives.

One Voice: All who are hungry, come!

All Voices: Jesus feeds us with goodness and grace.

One Voice: Rich and poor, young and old, neighbor and guest, come! All Voices: The Holy Spirit gathers everyone around the Table.

"How Firm a Foundation" *Hymn See Screen

Prayer of Confession

Come to us, Holy One, even in our times of resistance. Work within and through us, even when we wrestle with doubt and despair. Enlighten and guide us, even in our darkest hours. Bless us and call us by name, even when we reject your presence. Hold us and love us, even when we try to run away. When we feel beat down by the world, and are weary with fatigue and sorrow, nourish us with your mercy and your grace. Fill us with your love,

that we may go forth with confidence and faith. In your mighty name, hear our prayers of yearning. . .

Silent Confession

Confessional Response

"Cares Chorus"

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Assurance of Grace

One Voice: God's strength is enough. Christ's forgiveness is sure.

All Voices: Through God's strength and Christ's grace.

we are blessed, loved, and made whole.

August 6, 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 with the Ushers.

Liturgist: John Work

Sound: Dan Schafer

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 Reading

Matthew 14:13-21

Anthem

"Now Is the Time" Carl J. Nygard **Chancel Choir**

Second Reading

Genesis 32:22-31

Sermon

"Struggling with Faith"

Rev. Andy Gans

*Hymn

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

See Screen

*Saying What We Believe — from a Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy spirit,

we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,

whom alone we worship and serve.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified,

suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,

vindicating his sinless life.

breaking the power of sin and evil,

delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Gloria Patri

Offering and Offertory

*Doxology

Communion of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

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*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response "Go Ye, Go Ye into the World"

See Screen

Postlude

Pray for the People of Pines

Sara Anderson Norma Bender Jean

Jean
Breitenwischer
Barbara Caffall

Carolyn Craig
Pam Ellis
Morriss Partee
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 August 6, 2023

Monday 8:00 am 1:00 pm 12:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Language Kids Congregational Fellowship Committee This Week at Pines due to Dan Staff Committee Tending to Grief meeting Al Anon Group	Library C7 Zoom Parlor Fellowship Hall
Tuesday 7:00 am 8:00 am 6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study Language Kids Missions Committee	Zoom Library C3
Wednesday 8:00 am 9:00 am 1:30 pm 5:45 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Language Kids Bulletin articles due to Laurie Weekly Prayer Team Pines Pealers Choir Rehearsal Westside AA	Library Prayer Room C12 Choir Room C3
Thursday 8:00 am 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Language Kids Space City Sound AA Group	Library Gym C3
<u>Friday</u> 8:00 am	Language Kids	Library
Saturday 6:00 pm	AA Group	C3
9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00 am 10:15 am 10:45 am	Nursery Sunday School Choir Rehearsal Coffee Fellowship Worship Service	Choir Room Fellowship Hallway Sanctuary

A group from First Presbyterian Church in Hastings, Nebraska, will be staying in the Youth area this week. Please extend a big Texas welcome if you see them in the hallway. They are here to work on storm repairs — please tell them "thank you"!

Pines Directory — We are long overdue for a hard copy directory! Please visit the Directory Table and have your photo taken and update any address/email/phone changes on Sunday, August 13. Angie, Dave and Ann will be set up after Sunday School and during the Family Indoor Picnic. SMILE!!!

Next Newsletter articles due August 25. Today's Duty Elder: Judy Shamp

Indoor Potluck Picnic

12:00 pm

SERMON NOTES

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Fellowship Hall

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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

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Session

Class of 2024

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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.

Flowers: Don't forget to honor with flowers. The cost is \$75.00 for the Sanctuary and \$50.00 for the Narthex. We will continue to offer the option to give to a benevolence or order a real arrangement. Please email Melissa Gravett or Linda Aldred.

Tending to Grief is a non-professional support group for any stage of grief. It is for all people of all faiths over the age of 18. The group will meet from 7-8pm in the Parlor. You may come as your schedule allows. The meeting is scheduled every Monday unless it is a holiday week. There is no homework or book to read. Please share this meeting information with your friends. Questions? Contact Ann Guerra or the church office.

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