

PINES

Order of Worship

Presbyterian Church

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

*Call to Worship

Karen Davis

One Voice: When hatred and division separate us,

All Voices: God's love binds us together.

One Voice: When quarrels estrange us from one another,

All Voices: Christ's light shows us the way to reconciliation.

One Voice: When all hope of fellowship seems lost,

All Voices: God's grace restores our hope.

One Voice: Come! Let us worship God, who makes us one.

*Hymn

"We Are One in the Spirit"

See Screen

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we yearn to be like the Joseph
who wept with forgiveness
on the necks of those who sold him into slavery.
But we fear that our anger and resentment
would lead us to take retribution
on those who have wronged us.
We long to see in the Canaanite woman
a child of God worthy of mercy and compassion.
But we fear that our deep-seated prejudices
might lead us to dismiss her out of hand,
as Jesus's disciples did before us.
We want to open our hearts, O God,
to those who are different from ourselves.
But we fear to expect too much of ourselves.
Help us know the joy of living in peace and harmony,
even with those we would rather live without.
O Lord, hear our prayers.

Silent Confession

Confessional Response

"Cares Chorus"

See Screen

Assurance of Grace

One Voice: The gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

**All Voices: We rejoice in the knowledge of God's saving love.
Thanks be to God!**

TODAY
August 20, 2023
IN WORSHIP

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.

Liturgist: Karen Davis

Sound: Ron Strawser

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

Genesis 45:1-15

Anthem

"Simple Gifts" Traditional Shaker Tune
Valerie Harrelson, hammered dulcimer and Bethel Strawser, handbells

Second Reading

Matthew 15:10-28

Sermon

"Dividing Lines" Rev. Andy Gans

*Hymn

"I Sing a Song of the Child of God" See Screen

*Saying What We Believe (*Belhar Confession*)

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain.

*Gloria Patri

Blessing of the Backpacks

Offering and Offertory

*Doxology

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

*Hymn

"In Christ There Is No East or West" See Screen

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response

"Go Ye, Go Ye into the World" See Screen

Postlude

Pray for the People of Pines

Sara Anderson	Ray Stauffacher
Norma Bender	Nancy Watler
Jean	Darlene Wendt
Breitenwischer	Danny Williams
Barbara Caffall	
Carolyn Craig	
Pam Ellis	
Carol Schneider	
Lynn Stauffacher	

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 20, 2023

Sunday

12:00 pm Caring Ministry Committee C7
6:00 pm Youth Group Youth Rooms

Monday — committee minutes due to clerk of session

12:00 pm This Week at Pines due to Dan
7:00 pm Tending to Grief Meeting Parlor
7:30 pm Al Anon Group Fellowship Hall

Tuesday

7:00 am Men's Bible Study Zoom

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

7:00 pm Space City Sound Gym
7:00 pm Stephen Ministers Parlor
8:00 pm AA Group C3

Friday — newsletter articles due for September

Saturday

6:00 pm AA Group C3

Sunday

9:00 am Nursery
9:15 am Sunday School
10:00 am Choir Rehearsal Choir Room
10:15 am Coffee Fellowship Fellowship Hallway
10:45 am Worship Service Sanctuary
2:30 pm NAMI C3

Pines Directory — We are long overdue for a hard copy directory! Please see Ann Guerra if you need to update your directory information.

SERMON NOTES

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with your camera phone:



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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.

Next Newsletter articles due August 25.
Today's Duty Elder: Emily Gairo

Church Staff

The Reverend Andy Gans
Pastor
Kristin Beall
Director of Family Ministries
Laurie Conner
Director of Music Ministries
Shawn Heller
Church Musician
Cindy Houlihan
Office Manager
Alexis Graham
Accounting Manager
Adrian Roman
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 *To Grow* 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.

PINES, DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS – What's better than one historical account of Pines Presbyterian Church? Try two. (1) A book assembled with traditional paper, ink and photos, and (2) a modern historical depiction with digital photos dated from 2013. This includes videos and still shots of Christmas, Easter and other holy observances. Our Pines history project will take several months to record and assemble, so please begin gathering photos now. Pines members with personal memories to share should email Sharon Dotson .



BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE MISSION
OF YAHWEH
Mission Backpack Blessing

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MINISTRIES (MAM)
Back to School Clothing Drive

JULY/AUGUST AGAPE

Donations can be placed in the offering plate,
made online, or sent to the church office.
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