



Fourth Sunday of Lent

PINES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit "Break Thou the Bread of Life" Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship Sam Singer

One Voice: When the world is dark and full of hate and fear,
when we cannot see God

All Voices: we will turn on the light.

One Voice: When we cannot find our way back to love and peace

All Voices: we will turn on the light.

One Voice: When our vision dims due to the darkness within

All Voices: we will turn on the light.

One Voice: Christ opens our eyes with the gift of sight.

All Voices: The light of the world is Jesus Christ.

One Voice: Come and worship the one who brings sight to the blind.

All Voices: Hallelujah! Praise God, the light of the world!

*Hymn "I Sing the Mighty Powers of God" See Screen

Prayer of Confession

**Forgiving God, in a world filled with so much pain,
we would rather shut our eyes and be blind
than see things as they really are.**

**Grant us the courage to face the reality of our world,
and give us the strength to bring your light
to those who walk in darkness.**

**Help us see others as you see them,
and forgive us when we do not trust you enough
to open our eyes to the possibilities before us.**

**Heal our self-inflicted blindness, O God,
and lead us in the footsteps
of the Light of the World,**

**who reveals your glory in his life,
his teachings, and his love.**

In his holy name, hear our prayers.

Silent Confession

Confessional Response

"Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes" See Screen

TODAY
March 19, 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 with the Ushers.

Liturgist: Sam Singer

Sound: Ron Strawser

Flowers: the flowers in the Sanctuary are in honor of Pines as a living church.

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*All who are able may stand.

A congregation of the



Assurance of Grace

One Voice: Christ came to lead us in the paths of righteousness and to guide us through our lives.

All Voices: Christ is with us in times of danger and times of peace.

One Voice: The goodness and mercy of God are given to us each and every day of our lives.

All Voices: God forgives us for our failings, upholds us in love, and leads us to the place that Christ has prepared for us.

One Voice: Believe in your heart that God loves you and forgives you.

Children's Message

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

John 9:1-12

Anthem

"The Old Rugged Cross"

Pines Pealers

arr. Douglas and Sandra Wagner

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Sermon

"The Basement"

Rev. Andy Gans

*Hymn

"We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight"

See Screen

*Saying What We Believe (United Church of Canada)

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end,
Amen. Amen.**

Offering and Offertory

*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

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

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

See Screen

*Hymn

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

See Screen

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response

"Shalom, Chaverim!"

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
Carol Greene
Fred Kelly
Lynn Stauffacher

Pray for Friends in Mission

Joy Kreider

Pray for Pines Members and their family in the Military:

Olivia Williams (Army)
Noah Youngflesh (Air Force)
Jackie Hayre (Navy)

Prayers for the family and friends for the loss of Pines member

Janet
Calhoun.

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 March 19, 2023

Sunday

No Sunday School for children and youth
 9:00 am Nursery open for Kindergarten and under
 9:15 am Adult Sunday School
 10:15 am Coffee Fellowship Fellowship Hallway
 10:45 am Worship Service Sanctuary
 6:00 pm No Youth Group

Monday

10:00 am Office Staff Meeting C7
 12:00 pm This Week at Pines due to Dan
 7:30 pm Al Anon Group Fellowship Hall

Tuesday

7:00 am Men's Bible Study Zoom
 7:00 pm Miriam Circle C8
 9:00 am Bulletin articles due to Laurie
 2:30 pm Weekly Prayer Team Prayer Room

Wednesday

5:45 pm Pines Pealers C12
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Choir Room
 8:00 pm Westside AA C3

Thursday

6:00 pm Sacred Echo Bible Study Fellowship Hall
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministers Parolor
 7:00 pm Space City Sound Singers Sanctuary
 8:00 pm AA Group C3

Friday

5:00 am BSF Fellowship Hall

Saturday

6:00 pm AA Group C3

Sunday

9:00 am Nursery
 9:15 am Sunday School
 10:15 am Coffee Fellowship Fellowship Hallway
 10:45 am Worship Service Sanctuary
 6:00 pm Youth Group Youth Rooms
 6:00 pm Prayer Pal Dinner Fellowship Hall

SERMON NOTES

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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](https://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 March 24.

Today's Duty Elder: John Work

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.

Prayer Partner Dinner is next Sunday, 3/26, 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Let your partner know if you can make it or not!

Lenten Book Study Join your Pines Family for an all-church study on prayer, using Margaret Feinberg's book The Sacred Echo. Opportunities on Sunday mornings, plus a small-group study on Thursdays. Look for more information and sign-ups outside Fellowship Hall or contact Kristin Beall at Kristin@pinespc.org.

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 or call Melissa Gravett or Linda Aldred.

Easter Lily sign-up sheets are outside the Fellowship Hall or you can contact Linda Aldred or Melissa Gravett with your information. The cost is \$12.00. Please designate whether the lilies are "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of" when you make your selection and you may order as many as you like. The Lilies may be taken home after the Easter service.

Please Remember...when you leave the building, please turn off the lights and A/C or Heating for your room. Leaving these items on is a costly expense for your church home.

Also, if you find you need to move chairs or tables to a different order than you found them, please return them to the way you found them when you entered the room. This will allow the next group to find the room in the same condition as you found it. Thank you for your help!

MARCH AGAPE

ITEMS NEEDED

HYGIENE PACKS
DEODORANT, TOOTHBRUSH, TOOTHPASTE,
RAZOR BLADES, SHAVING CREAM, SOAP,
LOTION, SHAMPOO,
FEMININE PRODUCTS, 1-GAL ZIPLOC BAGS
SMALL SIZES FOR SHAMPOO, LOTION AND TOOTHPASTE

HOMECARE PACKS
DISH SOAP, PAPER TOWEL ROLL,
TOILET PAPER ROLL, LAUNDRY DETERGENT,
HOUSEHOLD CLEANER, TRASH BAGS,
TISSUES, ANTI-BACTERIAL SOAP, TOTE BAGS
CLEANERS LESS THAN 32OZ. | INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED

FILL THE PANTRY!

MAM
DONATIONS
DROP OFF
OUTSIDE FELLOWSHIP HALL

FINANCIAL GIFTS
PLACE CHECK IN THE OFFERING
PLATE, BRING IT TO THE OFFICE,
OR DONATE ONLINE
(NOTE "MAM AGAPE" IN SUBJECT LINE)

URGENT NEED: DIAPERS (SIZES 5&6) PINESPC.ORG