

# PINES

## *Order of Worship*

### Presbyterian Church

#### Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

**\*Call to Worship**

Kristen Davis-Owen

One Voice: From generation to generation,  
God names us and claims us.

**All Voices: Blessed be the Lord, our God.**

One Voice: When we try to tell God what to do, Christ chastens us  
and leads us back onto the paths of life.

**All Voices: Let all who draw breath come back to the Lord.**

One Voice: From our earliest steps, the Spirit guides our steps  
and sets before us the ways of life and death.

**All Voices: Let the faithful rejoice in the mysteries of our God.**

One Voice: From generation to generation,  
God names us and claims us.

**All Voices: Let heaven and earth praise God's holy name.**

**\*Hymn**

"Christ Is Coming!"

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**Prayer of Confession**

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God of Sarah and Abraham, in this holy place,  
we know how weak our discipleship is.  
We can spend hours at the computer,  
but only give you fleeting moments of our time.  
We can talk endlessly on our cell phones,  
but fall silent when it comes to sharing our fears,  
our worries,  
our hopes with you.  
We seek quick fixes for our problems,  
rather than seeking your vision and future for our lives.  
God of Peter, Paul, and the psalmist, forgive us:  
for our lack of trust;  
for our faithless living;  
for our closing our ears to the call of Jesus.  
Forgive us,  
so we may lay aside all that keeps us from you,  
so we may take up the life you offer to us,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

**Silent Confession**

**Confessional Response**

"Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes"

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TODAY  
February 25, 2024  
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:** Kristen Davis-Owen

**Sound:** Dan Schafer

**Flowers:** The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God by the Calhoun family in honor of Jack and Janet Calhoun.

**Pines Presbyterian Church**

is located at 12751 Kimberley Lane,  
Houston, Texas 77024 ~  
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## Assurance of Grace

One Voice: This is the good news:  
God does not go back on the promises made so long ago.  
God does not reject us, God redeems us.  
God does not withhold love, God pours it into our barren lives.

All Voices: **Forgiven of our sins, filled with hope,  
living in relationship with God and one another —  
we are a new people.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## 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

Mark 8:31-38

## Anthem

"God Is Calling Us"  
Children's and Chancel Choirs

Natalie Sleeth

## Second Scripture Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 25-26

## Sermon

"Continued Covenant"

Rev. Andy Gans

### Serving Outward

## \*Hymn

"I Will Come to You"

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## \*Saying What We Believe (*The Apostle's 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

## \*Hymn

"Standing on the Promises"

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## \*Charge and Benediction

## \*Benediction Response

"Shalom, Chaverim!"

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## \*Postlude

## Pray for the People of Pines

Sara Anderson	Scott Greene
Bob Barr	Carol Schneider
Jean Breitenwischer	Sam Singer
Barbara Caffall	Nancy Watler
Carolyn Craig	Darlene Wendt
Fred Ellis	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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**SERMON NOTES**

**Calendar for the Week of February 25, 2024**

**Sunday**

11:45 am	Children's Choir	Choir Room
5:30 pm	24 Hours that Changed the World	Fellowship Hall

**Monday**

12:00 pm	This Week at Pines to Dan	
6:30 pm	Session meeting	C3
7:00 pm	Tending to Grief meeting	Parlor
7:30 pm	AI Anon Group	Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday**

7:00 am	Men's Bible Study	Zoom
9:00 am	Bulletin articles due to Laurie	

**Wednesday**

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	Stephen Ministers training	C8
8:00 pm	AA Group	C3

**Friday**

6:30 pm	Taco and a Prayer	Fellowship Hall
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**Saturday**

6:00 pm	AA Group	C3
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**Sunday**

9:15 am	Sunday School for all	
10:45 am	Worship	
11:45 am	Children's Choir	Choir Room
12:00 pm	Youth Outreach	Offsite
5:30 pm	24 Hours That Changed the World	Fellowship Hall

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[www.facebook.com/PinesPresbyterianChurch](http://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 22  
Today's Duty Elder: Judy Shamp

## 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.

**Calling all the Children!** Children's Choir will rehearse following the worship service, in the choir room. They will sing — with the Chancel Choir! — on Sunday, February, 25. *Make a joyful noise to the Lord!!*

**Do you use Zelle for bank payments?** The church now accepts payments via Zelle. You can add Pines as one of your authorized recipients by entering the following information in your bank's Zelle transfer page: Name of entity: Pines Presbyterian Church, Inc. Email address: [ptreasurer@pinespc.org](mailto:ptreasurer@pinespc.org) There are no fees to use Zelle and Pines receives the funds instantly. It's helpful if you designate the purpose for your gift (pledge payment, flowers, etc.) on the "Reason for Payment" line in Zelle.

**24 Hours That Changed the World** by Adam Hamilton, is our Adult Lenten study. Classes will be held Sunday mornings at 9:15 in Room C-8, and Sunday evenings at 5:30 in Fellowship Hall. The evening class will include dessert and drinks. The study is a video series with an accompanying book. If you are interested, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall hallway, or see Margaret Schafer.

**Save the Date — Sunday, March 24, 2024 WHY?** Palm Sunday Pasta Lunch **WHEN?** Right after the Sunday Service **WHERE?** Fellowship Hall **MENU?** 3 kinds of pasta (including mac & cheese), green salad, rolls, and beverages **CAN WE HELP?** Yes! Sign up to bring a dessert to share **SEE YOU THERE!!**

**A light Easter breakfast** will be on March 31st from 7:30-10:30 AM between the two services. Easter breakfast will include coffee cakes, bagels, muffins, fruit, yogurt, and beverages.

**Support our Pines Youth Apartment Ministry!** Our Youth have listened to God's call and have started a monthly apartment ministry in a community adjacent to Sherwood Elementary. You can support them by donating items needed as they share Christ's love with the residents. See the list below for donations they need. Thanks!

Laundry detergent or pods, bottled water, Gatorade, canned soda, aluminum foil, chips, cookies, INDIVIDUALLY-wrapped snacks, kids' outdoor toys- especially soccer balls and bubbles, meat to grill for 40-60 people. (This can be frozen for future use.) Buns and fresh fruit are greatly appreciated *the week of ministry*, but need to be coordinated with Kristin, Marley or Katherine.