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**Growing Inward**

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

**\*Call to Worship**

Beth Patterson

One Voice: God's strong voice calls us to worship,  
**All Voices: calling us to sing and offer praise.**  
One Voice: God's creative voice calls us to worship,  
**All Voices: calling us to life and light.**  
One Voice: God's loving voice calls us to worship,  
**All Voices: calling us to love and be loved.**  
One Voice: Listen, for God's voice calls to us now.

**\*Hymn**

"Morning Has Broken"

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**Prayer of Confession**

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**When our hearts are hard as stone,  
soften us with your grace.  
When our lives are riddled with sin and pain,  
heal us with your mercy.  
When our ears are ringing with self-doubt and cynicism,  
strengthen us with words of faith and love.  
When our minds are muddled with confusion and fear,  
enlighten us with the radiance of your wisdom.  
Speak to our spirits from the truth of your being,  
the reality of your love,  
and the promise of your forgiveness,  
that we may hear your voice clearly  
and follow where you call us to go.**

**Silent Confession**

**Confessional Response** "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

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**Assurance of Grace**

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One Voice: The heavens part, the waters swirl and the dove descends,  
reminding us that we, too, are God's beloved children.  
**All Voices: We are covered by God's grace and forgiven in Jesus  
Christ. Thanks be to God! Amen!**

**TODAY**  
January 7, 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.

**Liturgists:** Beth Patterson

**Sound:** Dan Schafer

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is located at 12751 Kimberley Lane,  
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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**

**First Scripture Reading**

Acts 19:1-7

**Anthem**

"Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God"  
G. F. Handel, arr. Hal Hopson

Chancel Choir

**Second Scripture Reading**

Mark 1:4-11

**Sermon**

"Loud and Clear"

Rev. Andy Gans

**\*Hymn**

"We Lift Our Voices"

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**Serving Outward**

**\*Saying What We Believe** *(from 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**

**Offering and Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

**Communion of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn**

"Let the Whole Creation Cry"

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**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response**

"Joy to the World"

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**Postlude**

**Pray for the People of Pines**

Sara Anderson      Ray Stauffacher  
Bob Barr            Nancy Watler  
Norma Bender      Darlene Wendt  
Jean                  Danny Williams  
Breitenwischer  
Barbara Caffall  
Carolyn Craig  
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 January 7, 2024

### Sunday

12:00 pm	Children's Choir	Choir Room
12:00 pm	Pines Youth—Apartment Outreach	
3:00 pm	Memorial Service, Doris Hutchison	Sanctuary

### Monday

12:00 pm	This Week at Pines to Dan	
12:00 pm	Worship Committee	C3
1:00 pm	Stephen Leaders	C7
5:30 pm	Christian Ed	C3
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
9:00 am	Bulletin articles due to Laurie	
11:30 am	Clara Gay Circle	C3
6:30 pm	Missions Committee	C3

### 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

8:00 pm	AA Group	C3
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### Friday

6:30 am	Taco and a Prayer	Fellowship Hall
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### Saturday

9:00 am	Unhanging of the Greens	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	AA Group	C3

### Sunday

9:15 am	Sunday School for all	
10:45 am	Worship	
12:00 pm	Second Sunday Lunch	Café' Express

### SERMON NOTES

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<https://twitter.com/HoustonPines>.

Find us on Facebook  
[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 January 19.  
Today's Duty Elder: Walt Penberthy

## 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.

**Mark your calendars** for January 21 after worship. Several of our members have chosen to leave a legacy for Pines via the Texas Presbyterian Foundation and the Pines Sustaining Gift Fund. The Trustees and the Stewardship Committee have invited Jake Wilson from the Texas Presbyterian Foundation to speak about and answer questions regarding legacy giving. A sandwich lunch will be provided.

**Alzheimer's resource meeting.** The Stephen Leader Ministry Team will be hosting an opportunity to hear and interact with Alan Stuckert, a volunteer representative of Houston Alzheimer's Association, on January 25, at 7pm in the Parlor. Alan will provide an overview of the disease and how it impacts families as well as discuss the resources which the Alzheimer's Association makes available to the community. Alan has personal experience in dealing with Alzheimer's in his family and is passionate about doing all he can to support efforts to find ways to treat the disease as well as helping people care for loved ones who have Alzheimer's.

**Calling all the Children!** Children's Choir will begin on Sunday, January 7, 2024, following the worship service, in the choir room. We will plan to sing the anthem on Sunday, January 28, so come rehearse — *make a joyful noise to the Lord!!*

**Feed My Starving Children** will be here before you know it. Dates for our MobilePack are February 23 & 24 and we need you to join us in packing meals for starving children. To register to volunteer go online to: [give.fmssc.org/pines](http://give.fmssc.org/pines) then click "Volunteer". Click "Enter". Enter "private registration code" and use code—PPC2024.

**Communion** will be served today. During the Communion portion of the service you will be invited to come forward, via the center aisle, to receive a piece of gluten-friendly bread and juice. After you receive the bread and juice, you will return to your seat via one of the outer aisles. We ask that you hold the juice and bread until we all can partake together.

**Unhanging of the Greens** Everyone is invited to participate in the "Unhanging of the Greens" on Saturday January 13th, at 9am. We will be returning the church to the pre-holiday décor. This event should last no more than 2 hours and we hope you will be able to join us. Many hands make quick work!