



Second Sunday of Lent

PINES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

*Call to Worship

Sam Singer

One Voice: Wait for the Lord; be strong!

All Voices: The promises of God will never be broken.

One Voice: With God as our light, what is there to fear?

All Voices: The promises of God will never be broken.

One Voice: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

All Voices: The promises of God will never be broken.

*Hymn

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

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Prayer of Confession

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Refuge of our hearts,
 we must admit that all too often you are not the center of our lives.
 We find shelter in all the false securities the world offers,
 rather than grounding ourselves in your promises.
 Our emotions drive our fears,
 and so we end up making foolish choices,
 rather than being guided by your word and heart.
 We ask one thing of you, our God,
 that you not hide your face from us,
 but turn to us with forgiveness and hope.
 Fill our emptiness with your love,
 to we might become more loving.
 Open our hearts, as well as our eyes,
 to see the One who comes to gather us up
 and lead us into your kingdom,
 Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silent Confession

Confessional Response

“Sunday’s Palms Are Wednesday’s Ashes”

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2nd SUNDAY
 OF LENT
 March 16, 2025

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: Sam Singer

Sound: Dan Schafer

Pines Presbyterian Church is located at 12751 Kimberley Lane Houston, Texas 77024 ~ 713-467-2234 ~ pinespc.org

Flowers: The baby rose today is to the Glory of God and in honor of Wyatt Jackson Stephens, who was born March 10th to Morgan and Cody Stephens. His grandparents are Melissa and Jay Gravett .

A Congregation of the



Assurance of Grace

One Voice: God does not abandon us.
Like a border collie, God gather us up,
leading us to that shelter of love and life.

**All Voices: Today, tomorrow, and the next day,
God's grace rests upon us and gives us hope and mercy.
Thanks be to God! We are forgiven. 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 Reading

Luke 13:31-35

Anthem

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
Isaac Watts Lowell Mason

Pines Pealers

Second Reading

Psalm 27

Sermon

"Do Not Enter"

Rev. Andy Gans

Serving Outward

*Hymn

"You Are My Strength When I Am Weak"

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*Saying What We Believe

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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

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Offering and Offertory

*Doxology

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

*Hymn

"My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

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*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response

"Farewell, Good Friends!"

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Postlude

Pray for the People of Pines

Sara Anderson	Sharon Dotson
Lynda Barr	Cindy Houlihan
Jean Breitenwischer	Beth Patterson
Barbara Caffall	Nancy Watler
Carolyn Craig	Darlene Wendt
Elizabeth Deraps	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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Calendar for the Week of March 16, 2025

Sunday

12:00 pm Caring Ministries Committee C7
12:00 pm Youth Hand on Hand Offsite

Monday — Committee minutes due to Clerk of Session

12:00 pm This Week at Pines to Dan
5:30 pm Christian Ed meeting C8
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 Potpourri Circle Offsite
12:00 pm Brown Bag Book Club C3

Wednesday

1:30 pm Weekly Prayer Team Prayer Room
5:45 pm Pines Pealers C12
7:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal Choir Room
7:30 pm Westside AA C3

Thursday

6:30 pm Bingo Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Parlor
8:00 pm AA Group C3

Friday — Youth camping trip

5:30 am Bible Study Fellowship Huntsville
Fellowship Hall

Saturday — Youth camping trip

Huntsville

Sunday — Youth camping trip

Huntsville

9:15 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Sanctuary
2:30 pm NAMI C3

Pines Monthly Agape Offering

What is the AGAPE Offering? *The Greek word Agape (ag-ah-pay) is used in the New Testament to refer to a kind of love that is not necessarily a feeling but a motivation for action, a sacrificial love that voluntarily gives without expecting anything in return. We are called to Agape love through Christ's example.*

To bring greater awareness of and participation in Pines' "outside our walls" ministry projects throughout the year, the **Agape Offering** of small, tangible goods or financial donations are scheduled each month. Families are encouraged to participate together in selecting items to donate and bring to the donation bin. Watch the monthly fliers in the bulletin, newsletter, and This Week at Pines email for more information. **Together, we are the hands and feet of Christ!**

Thank you! Your Pines Missions Committee

Next Newsletter articles due March 21.
Today's Duty Elder: Patsy Jackson

SERMON NOTES

Get the latest announcements and reminders right before events happen. Find us here:

Facebook:

www.facebook.com

[PinesPresbyterianChurch](https://www.facebook.com/PinesPresbyterianChurch)

Instagram:

[Instagram.com/](https://www.instagram.com/PinesHouston)

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The newsletter is available in the Narthex for those unable to access it online.

Our Worship services are recorded and livestreamed.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW UPWARD, INWARD AND OUTWARD

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



Connie Pike
Director, Preschool
Alicia Flick
Administrative Assistant

Session

Class of 2026

Linda Aldred
Shirley Bollich
Emily Gairo
Donna Partee
Tim Timmons

Class of 2027

Brad Hofstetter
Patsy Jackson
Ron Langston
Beth Patterson
Phil Wetz

Class of 2028

Mark Babineck
Steve Ballard
Terrie Cardwell
Fred Ellis
Roger Mowell

Welcome, Guests! If you have questions about our church, or would like to discuss church membership, please speak with Pastor Andy.

Here are some ways to support the Youth Program. Contact Kristin to help!

*Bring a meal during a youth group time. (5-8 total people).

*Sign up to be a co-leader for youth group time or retreat

Fellowship Hall restroom renovations continue. Please use the west door entrance into the Fellowship Hallway.

Brown Bag Book Club, Tuesday, March 18th, 12:00 Noon. Beth Patterson will lead a discussion about "The Ways We Hide", by Kristina McMorris. See Shirley Bollich with questions.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday Potluck Lunch. Bring a dish to share for the potluck. Sign-up sheet in the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall, March 16--April 6. Please join your Pines family for lunch and perhaps help the youth with the stuffing of many plastic eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt in the park. Fun times for all ages!the Easter Egg Hun in the park. Fun times for all ages!

(Be as lucky as a March Hare!)
Join Us in Fellowship Hall
Thursday, March 20th at 6:30 p.m.
Food, Fellowship and BINGO!
RSVP to
Linda Aldred or the Church Office

MARCH AGAPE

ITEMS NEEDED

Small Dish Soap (24oz max)
Single Roll Paper Towels
Toilet Paper 4-Roll Packs
Laundry Detergent Pods
(60 pod bag max)
Large Tote Bags
Bar Soap
Household Cleaner Spray (32oz max)
Tall Kitchen Trash Bags (20 bag max)
Small Box Tissues



**DONATIONS
DROP OFF**
OUTSIDE FELLOWSHIP HALL

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

URGENT NEED: DIAPERS (SIZES 4&6) PINESPC.ORG

Property Committee Invites YOU!

Spring Work Day

A Variety of Jobs
For Every Age and Skill

March 29 - 9am

