

PINES

Order of Worship

Presbyterian Church

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

*Call to Worship

Sam Singer

One Voice: God calls us to use our gifts
for the building of God's kingdom.

All Voices: But we're afraid.

One Voice: Christ urges us to find our courage and not look back.

All Voices: But our gifts seem so small.

One Voice: The Spirit offers us everything we need.

All Voices: But what if we fail?

One Voice: Trust the gifts you have been given.

All Voices: We will celebrate our gifts as we worship God this day.

*Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

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Prayer of Confession

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**Merciful God, we confess that once again,
we have done what is evil in your sight.**

We've made mistakes.

We've made missteps.

**We have hurt people,
by action and inaction.**

**We have chosen our ways over yours,
by action and inaction.**

**And if the sum total of what we have done
and what we have not done
adds up to evil in your sight,
then in your sight we ask you
to turn us towards goodness.**

**Forgive our past, and shape our future
that we might build your kingdom here.**

Hear our prayers, oh God. . .

Silent Confession

Confessional Response

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

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TODAY
November 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 from the Ushers.

Liturgists: Sam Singer

Sound: Dan Schafer

Flowers: The Sanctuary flowers are given by the Singers in celebration of Priscilla's birthday. The flowers in the Narthex are given in memory of Jo Combs, a long-time member, by her family.

Pines Presbyterian Church

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

A Congregation of the



Assurance of Grace

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One Voice: Hear the Good news! Who is our God?

All Voices: Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

One Voice: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

All Voices: We are forgiven, rescued, and redeemed. Alleluia! 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

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Anthem

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"
Darlene Zschech and Michal W. Smith

Pines Pealers

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon

"Foundation Repair"

Rev. Andy Gans

*Hymn

"God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

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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.

*Gloria Patri

Offering and Offertory

*Doxology

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

*Hymn

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response

"He Has Made Me Glad"

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Postlude

Pray for the People of Pines

Sara Anderson

Nancy Watler

Bob Barr

Darlene Wendt

Norma Bender

Danny Williams

Jean

Breitenwischer

Barbara Caffall

Carolyn Craig

Carol Schneider

Sam Singer

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 November 19, 2023

Sunday

2:00 pm Reception for Catey Gans and Simon Kyro Fellowship Hall
 6:00 pm Youth Group Youth Rooms

Monday - committee minutes due to clerk of session

12:00 pm This Week at Pines 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
 7:00 pm Space City Sound Fellowship Hall

Wednesday

9:00 am Bulletin articles due to Laurie
 1:30 pm Weekly Prayer Team Prayer Room
 5:45 pm Pines Pealers C12
 8:00 pm Westside AA C3

Thursday—church office closed, Happy Thanksgiving


7:00 pm Stephen Ministers Parlor
 8:00 pm AA Group C3

Saturday

6:00 pm AA Group C3

Sunday

9:15 am Sunday School for all
 10:45 am Worship
 4:30 pm Advent Play rehearsal
 5:30 pm Family Advent Night and Tree Lighting Fellowship Hall



PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD

JOIN YOUR PINES FAMILY DURING ADVENT
TO STUDY THE MESSAGE OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Class Format - Video and Discussion

Thursdays 5:30-7:30pm

Fellowship Hall

Dinner and Study

Leaders: Margaret Schafer & Kristin Beall

Sundays at 9:15am

Room C-8

ZOOM Available

Leader: Margaret Schafer

Signups Outside Fellowship Hall (Optional Study Book - \$13)

Learning @PINES+

Advent

FAMILY NIGHT

Sunday, November 26th | 5:30PM

CHILI | COOKIES | CAROLS | CRAFTS

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Questions? Contact Kristin

Next Newsletter articles due December 22.

Today's Duty Elder: Judy Shamp

SERMON NOTES

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

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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.

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.

Preparing for the Christ Child (Hanging of the Greens) - All are invited to help prepare the church for the Christ Child on Saturday, December 2, at 9:30am. We will be decorating the church and putting up the tall Christmas Tree in the Fellowship Hall.

The Explorers Sunday School class has begun a 12-week series that will take us on a spectacular and dramatic twelve thousand mile journey of a lifetime, traveling the ancient roads to the very places where Christianity began. *Ancient Roads from Christ to Constantine* is a captivating adventure through four centuries and seven countries in the Middle East, North Africa, and Europe. The class is DVD-based (no homework) and will feature author and distinguished history professor Jonathan Phillips of Royal Holloway, University of London.

Poinsettia Orders "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!" Poinsettias from Brookwood Community will decorate our Sanctuary for the Christmas Season. The cost is \$12.00. You can either sign up in the hallway outside of Fellowship Hall before December 3rd OR you can email/call Linda or Melissa with your order. Please designate whether the poinsettias are "**In Honor Of**" or "**In Memory Of**" when you make your selection. The poinsettias may be taken home after the last service on Christmas Eve, December 24th.

Service of Wholeness and Healing Please plan to attend the Service of Wholeness and Healing honoring a "Blue Christmas" on Wednesday, December 6 at 11:30. The holidays are not easy when remembering a loss for the first time or the 50th. Come honor your losses and the season of darkness that sometimes accompanies the holidays that others view as joyful.

Save The Date! | December 17

Christmas Cantata - 10:45am

Christmas Lunch - Noon

A Festive Celebration For the Whole Family!

*Sherwood
Christmas*

Return contributions or donations
by Sunday, November 19th

Come help wrap presents!
December 2 | 9:00am

questions? **KARI WORK**

OCTOBER
& NOVEMBER AGAPE

Mission @ PINES⁺