

PINES

Order of Worship

Presbyterian Church

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

***Call to Worship**

Beth Patterson

One Voice: Choose this day to sing with joy.

All Voices: We give thanks and praise to God!

One Voice: Choose this day to love and serve.

All Voices: We rejoice in Christ's call in our lives!

One Voice: Choose this day to worship God.

All Voices: We gather to worship and pray.

***Hymn**

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

See Screen

Prayer of Confession

See Screen

Holy God, your way for us is clear: we are to live so that the manner of our lives speaks of your goodness, your generosity, your infinite mercy. Too often, though, we forget the purposes for which you made us. Too often, when we might meet inhumanity with the reflection of your goodness, we turn aside. We return unkindness for unkindness. We cling to what might be shared. We avoid those who are not like us. We fail to give grace in the measure we have received it. Forgive us, we pray. Remind us that your goodness is enduring, and your mercy is everlasting, for we pray all these things in the name of our savior, Jesus Christ.

Silent Confession

Confessional Response

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

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Assurance of Grace

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One Voice: This is our assurance: God forgives us.

This is our hope: God's love is everlasting.

This is our truth: God is with us always.

All Voices: We will speak the truth;

we will live the hope;

we will share God's mercy.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

TODAY

November 12, 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: Beth Patterson

Sound: Ron Strawser

Flowers: Nete Sundt has provided the flowers in the Sanctuary today for blessings on our military and in remembrance of the many who lost their lives fighting for our country.

Pines Presbyterian Church

is located at 12751 Kimberley Lane,
Houston, Texas 77024 ~

713-467-2234 ~ pinespc.org

A Congregation of the



Children's Message

Ann Guerra

**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 4:13-18

Anthem

"Come and Praise the Lord"
John Carter

Chancel Choir

Second Scripture Reading

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Sermon

"So Many Choices"

Rev. Andy Gans

***Hymn**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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Serving Outward

***Saying What We Believe** *(from the Belhar Confession)*

**We believe in God — the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
who gathers, protects and cares for the church.
We believe the church is one worldwide communion of saints,
called from the entire human family.
We believe the church is the single community of believers,
reconciled with God and with one another.
We believe that through the working of God's Spirit,
unity is a binding force and also that we must seek this unity,
which must become visible to the world.
We believe that the sin of division,
separation and hatred between people and groups
has been conquered by Christ.
We commit ourselves to protecting the unity of the church universal.
We pledge to make this unity active in all of our words,
thoughts and deeds.**

***Gloria Patri**

Offering and Offertory

***Doxology**

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

***Hymn**

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

See Screen

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

"He Has Made Me Glad"

See Screen

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 12, 2023

Sunday

12:00 pm Thankfulness Luncheon Fellowship Hall

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
6:00 pm Property C7
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
11:30 am Clara Gay Circle C3
6:30 pm Miriam Circle C8
6:30 pm Missions C3
7:00 pm Space City Sound Sanctuary

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

6:30 pm Bingo Fellowship Hall
8:00 pm AA Group C3

Friday

Newsletter articles due to Cindy

Saturday

6:00 pm AA Group C3

Sunday

9:15 am Sunday School for all
10:45 am Worship
12:00 pm Caring Ministry C7
2:00 pm Catey Gans' shower Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Youth Group Youth Rooms

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

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

Our Worship services are recorded and livestreamed.

Save The Date! | December 17
Christmas Cantata - 10:45am
Christmas Lunch - Noon

A Festive Celebration For the Whole Family!

Next Newsletter articles due November 17.
Today's Duty Elder: Leslie Friedrich

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 2025

Susan Babineck
Sharon Dotson
Linda Johnson
Walter Penberthy
Chris Wolfe

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

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.

Thankfulness Luncheon Join us for our annual Thankfulness Luncheon TODAY following worship. We will celebrate and give thanks for God's many gifts, including our mission partners, as we hear how God is using them in our community.

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 will start a 12-week series TODAY 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.

Calling all Children! If you are interested in learning to chime the hour for the beginning of Sunday worship, meet Ms. Laurie in the Sanctuary after church today for a *brief* training!



**Come Join Us November 16 at 6:30pm
Fellowship Hall! Food! Fellowship! BINGO!
RSVP to Linda Aldred or the Church Office**

*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+

The poster features a dark background with white and gold text. The title "Sherwood Christmas" is in a decorative, cursive font. Below it are two black boxes with white text for donation and wrapping information. At the bottom, there are vertical banners for "OCTOBER & NOVEMBER AGAPE" and "Mission @ PINES+".