



First Sunday of Lent

PINES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" Chancel Choir
Eugene Thomas

***Call to Worship** John Work

One Voice: For forty days and forty nights

All Voices: our Savior fasted in the wilderness.

One Voice: Tempted to turn from God, tempted to turn to power and privilege

All Voices: our Savior resisted.

One Voice: Let us follow Jesus through the wilderness this Lent, examining our temptations, resisting them and returning to God.

All Voices: Let us worship God.

***Hymn** "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above" See Screen

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, as we wander through this wilderness with Jesus, examining all the worldly comforts we turn to during times of stress and struggle, we confess the neglect of our faith. We confess all that we place above you, making idols of money, earthly power, and even food. Empty us this Lent, Holy God. Guide us in our spiritual practices so we can leave this wilderness season more aware of your presence and the ways our faith can sustain us.

Silent Confession

Confessional Response "Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes" See Screen

Assurance of Grace

One Voice: When we acknowledge our failings before God,

All Voices: God wipes away our shame.

One Voice: Receive forgiveness and mercy, through the gift of God's grace in Christ.

All Voices: Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen!

TODAY
IN WORSHIP
February 26, 2023

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 with the Ushers.

Liturgist: John Work

Sound: Dan Schafer

Flowers: This Sunday, Jim and Beth Patterson are donating to Presbyterian Disaster Relief in loving memory of Beth's mom, Lillian Biddison..

*All who are able may stand.

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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 Reading

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Anthem

**"Standing on the Promises"
D. Duane Blakley**

Chancel Choir

Second Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon

"Temptation Island"

Rev. Andy Gans

***Hymn**

"Seek Ye First"

See Screen

***Saying What We Believe (from Colossians 1:15-20)**

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation;
in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible.**

All things have been created through him and for him.

**He himself is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.**

**He is head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning,**

**the firstborn of the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything.**

**For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.**

***Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end,
Amen. Amen.**

Offering and Offertory

***Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

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

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

See Screen

***Hymn**

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

See Screen

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

"Shalom, Chaverim!"

See Screen

Postlude

Pray for the People of Pines

Sara Anderson Fred Kelly
Norma Bender Lynn Stauffacher
Jean Ray Stauffacher
Breitenwischer Nancy Watler
Liz Buelow Darlene Wendt
Barbara Caffall Danny Williams
Carolyn Craig
Carol Greene
Barbara Greenlee

Pray for Friends in Mission

Joy Kreider

Pray for Pines Members and their family in the Military:

Olivia Williams (Army)
Noah Youngflesh (Air Force)
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 February 26, 2023

Sunday

2:30 pm NAMI C3
6:00 pm Youth Group Youth Rooms

Monday

12:00 pm This Week at Pines due to Dan
6:30 pm Session Meeting C3
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
2:30 pm Weekly Prayer Team Prayer Room

Wednesday

5:45 pm Pines Pealers C12
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Choir Room
8:00 pm Westside AA C3

Thursday

7:00 pm Space City Sound Singers Sanctuary
6:00 pm Sacred Echo Study Fellowship Hall
8:00 pm AA Group C3

Friday

5:00 am BSF Fellowship Hall
6:30 am Taco and a Prayer
6:30 pm Session Retreat

Saturday

8:30 am Session Retreat
6:00 pm AA Group C3

Sunday

9:00 am Nursery open
9:15 am Sunday School for all
10:15 am Coffee Fellowship Fellowship Hallway
10:45 am Worship Service Sanctuary
6:00 pm Pines 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.

Next Newsletter articles due March 24.

Today's Duty Elder: Leslie Friedrich

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

Preschool

Connie Pike
Director, Preschool
Karen Cooper
Administrative Assistant

Session

Class of 2023

Linda Aldred
Shirley Bollich
Phil Buelow
Emily Gairo
John Work

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

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.

The church office needs volunteers to answer phones in the office Monday through Thursday. If you would be willing to help in this way, please call Cindy at 713-467-2234 x110.

Flowers: Don't forget to honor with flowers. The cost is \$75.00 for the Sanctuary and \$50.00 for the Narthex. We will continue to offer the option to give to a benevolence or order a real arrangement. Please email or call Melissa Gravett or Linda Aldred

Please Remember...when you leave the building, please turn off the lights and A/C or Heating for your room. Leaving these items on is a costly expense for your church home. Also, if you find you need to move chairs or tables to a different order than you found them, please return them to the way you found them when you entered the room. This will allow the next group meeting to find the room in the same condition as you found it. Thank you for your help!

Lenten Book Study Join your Pines Family for an all-church study on prayer, using Margaret Feinberg's book The Sacred Echo. Opportunities on Sunday mornings, plus a small-group study on Thursdays. Look for more information and sign-ups outside Fellowship Hall or contact Kristin Beall at Kristin@pinespc.org.

MAM is collecting items for the March AGAPE offering. The female hygiene pack includes: deodorant, toothbrush, razorblades, toothpaste, soap, feminine hygiene products, diapers (sizes 5 and 6), and shampoo in a 1 gallon Ziploc bag. The male hygiene pack is: deodorant, toothbrush, razorblades, toothpaste, soap, shaving cream, diapers (sizes 5 and 6), and shampoo in a 1 gallon Ziploc bag. The homecare pack has dish soap, paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, household cleaner, trash bags, and tissues in a tote bag.