

# **Growing Inward**

**Prelude** 

**Gathering for Worship** 

\*Call to Worship Brad Hofstetter

One Voice: Come to our God, all who hunger for life:

All Voices: for it is God who nourishes us at the Table of Grace.

One Voice: Come to our God, all who are worn out by life: **All Voices: for it is God who provides the rest we need.** One Voice: Come to our God, all who are weighed down:

All Voices: for it is our God who carries our burdens with us.

\*Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing" See Screen

# **Prayer of Confession**

We are so skilled at being in control, at taking charge, Sabbath-Taking God, that we are not very good at resting.

We think we have to be constantly busy, so we have no time for you.

We are trained to be extremely productive, and so create our harried, stress-filled lives.

Forgive us, Shalom-Giving God.

Help us to let go of our distractions, so you can act in us; calm our creaturely activity, so you can re-create us; help us to follow Jesus, not only into discipleship, but into our rest with you.

**Silent Confession** 

**Confessional Response** 

"Cares Chorus" See Screen

**Assurance of Grace** 

One Voice: Let all who feel lost and enslaved

by self-destructive ways,

turn to Christ Jesus, who is gentle of spirit

and humble of heart.

All Voices: For all who turn to Christ and accept his yoke

find peace and fullness of grace.

thanks be to God!

July 9, 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: Brad Hofstetter

Sound: Ron Strawser

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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

Anthem

"My Lord, What a Morning" Andy Gans and Laurie Conner African-American Spiritual

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sermon

"Rest Period"

Rev. Andy Gans

\*Hymn

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

See Screen

\*Saying What We Believe

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand,

and by which we are saved,

if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried,

that he was raised on the third day,

and that he appeared first to the women,

then to Peter.

and to the Twelve,

and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God,

Jesus Christ is the first and the last,

the beginning and the end;

he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

\*Gloria Patri

Offering and Offertory

\*Doxology

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

\*Hymn

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

See Screen

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Benediction Response "Go Ye, Go Ye into the World"

See Screen

**Postlude** 

# **Pray for the People of Pines**

Sara Anderson Norma Bender Jean Breitenwischer Barbara Caffall Carol Schneider Lvnn Stauffacher Ray Stauffacher Nancy Watler Darlene Wendt Danny Williams

Carolyn Craig Pam Ellis Fred Kelly

Morriss Partee

# **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 July 9, 2023

<u>Sunday</u>

12:00 pm 2nd Sunday Lunch Café Express

2:00 pm NAMI C3

<u>Monday</u>

8:00 am Language Kids Library

12:00 pm This Week at Pines due to Dan
1:00 pm Stephen Leaders C7

7:00 pm Tending to Grief meeting Parlor

7:30 pm Al Anon Group Fellowship Hall

<u>Tuesday</u>

7:00 am Men's Bible Study Zoom 8:00 am Language Kids Library

9:00 am Bulletin articles due to Laurie

<u>Wednesday</u>

8:00 am Language Kids Library

1:30 pm Weekly Prayer Team Prayer Room 5:45 pm Pines Pealers C12

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**Thursday** 

8:00 am Language Kids Library
7:00 pm Space City Sound Gym
8:00 pm AA Group C3

Friday

8:00 am Language Kids Library

<u>Saturday</u>

6:00 pm AA Group C3

**Sunday** Choir off for July

9:00 am Nursery

9:15 am Sunday School

10:15 am Coffee Fellowship Fellowship Hallway

10:45 am Worship Service Sanctuary

# **Second Sunday Lunch**

**Today, Today, Today** 

At Café Express

Come join your friends after worship for food and fellowship!

Next Newsletter articles due July 21. Today's Duty Elder: Judy Shamp

# **SERMON NOTES**

# online Giving scan QR code with your camera phone:



Instagram.com/ pineshouston

SCAN ME

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.

# **Church Staff**

The Reverend Andy Gans
Pastor
Kristin Beall
Director of Family Ministries
Laurie Conner

Director of Music Ministries

Shawn Heller Church Musician

Church Musiciar 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 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.

**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 Melissa Gravett or Linda Aldredm.

The Explorers adult Sunday school class is viewing and discussing the PBS Frontline documentary that traces the rise of Christianity, examines how Judaism and the Roman empire shaped Jesus' life, traces the beginnings of the "Jesus Movement" in those early years before it was called Christianity, follows the story of the first attempts to write the life of Jesus in the Gospels, and chronicles how the Christian movement would face new challenges both internal and external. The Explorers class meets on Sundays at 9:30 am in room C-3. No homework and all are welcome to attend. For more information contact Sandra Johanneman or Dave Coles.

**Tending to Grief** is a non-professional support group for any stage of grief. It is for all people of all faiths over the age of 18. The group will meet from 7-8pm in the Parlor. You may come as your schedule allows. The meeting is scheduled every Monday unless it is a holiday week. There is no homework or book to read. Please share this meeting information with your friends. Questions? Contact Ann Guerra or the church office.

**Language Kids World** will be teaching elementary students various languages throughout the summer, Monday through Friday, here at Pines. Please welcome them when you see them in the hallways.

