

PINES

Order of Worship

Presbyterian Church

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

***Call to Worship**

One Voice: Even when we encounter folks who are mean, dishonest, hateful,

All Voices: we are called to respond with that love which is true and sincere.

One Voice: God calls us to love all people as if they were our sisters and brothers,

All Voices: for God seeks to weave us into one family, tearing down all the barriers between us.

One Voice: No matter how weary we become from our loneliness, our struggles, our service,

All Voices: God challenges us to be patient, to rejoice, and to never stop praying.

One Voice: Why should we do all things?

All Voices: Because we are God's people, called to lives which are different, and which make a difference!

***Hymn**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

See Screen

Prayer of Confession

God of Mystery,
we are constantly amazed
by the depth and breadth of your love.

Over and over again,
you turn our expectations inside out
and upside down.

And still we don't understand
the radical nature of your grace.

We play by our own rules of justice,
even when it means excluding those
we are called to love and defend.

In our darkest moments,
we doubt if we are worthy of your trust.

God, help us remember
that you give us all the tools we need;
that through the solid foundation of your love,
we find the strength to follow your call
as true disciples of Jesus Christ.

Surprise us again, O God.

Surprise us again.

TODAY
September 3, 2023
IN WORSHIP

Phil Wetz

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: Phil Wetz

Sound: Ron Strawser

Flowers: The Sanctuary flowers today are given by the Calhoun family in honor of Janet Calhoun.

Pines Presbyterian Church

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

A Congregation of the



Silent Confession

Confessional Response

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

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Assurance of Grace

One Voice: The God who brought our ancestors out of slavery
will not desert us.

All Voices: God has promised to be with us through out all generations.

One Voice: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice,

All Voices: for God is with us!

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

Exodus 3:1-15

Anthem

“How Beautiful”
Twila Paris

Chancel Choir

Second Reading

Romans 12:9-21

Sermon

“Surprise!”

Rev. Andy Gans

*Hymn

“O for a World”

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*Saying What We Believe

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri

Offering and Offertory

*Doxology

Communion of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

See Screen

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response

“He Has Made Me Glad”

See Screen

Postlude

Pray for the People of Pines

Sara Anderson	Ray Stauffacher
Norma Bender	Nancy Watler
Jean	Darlene Wendt
Breitenwischer	Danny Williams
Barbara Caffall	
Carolyn Craig	
Pam Ellis	
Carol Schneider	
Lynn Stauffacher	

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, which 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 September 3, 2023

Sunday

6:00 pm Youth Group Youth Rooms

Monday

12:00 pm This Week at Pines due 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

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

7:00 pm Space City Sound Gym
8:00 pm AA Group C3

Friday

7:00 am Taco and a Prayer Fellowship Hall

Saturday

6:00 pm AA Group C3

Sunday

9:00 am Nursery
9:15 am Sunday School
10:00 am Choir Rehearsal Choir Room
10:15 am Coffee Fellowship Fellowship Hallway
10:45 am Worship Service Sanctuary

Pines Directory — We are long overdue for a hard copy directory! Please see Ann Guerra if you need to update your directory information.

New Sunday School Classes Coming September 10!

Explorers - "The Promised Land" series by Ray Vander Laan -
Video and Discussion - Led by Sandra Johanneman

Foundations - "The New Testament You Never Knew" series by
N.T. Wright and Michael F. Bird - Video and Discussion - ZOOM
Available - Led by Margaret Schafer

NEW ADULT CLASS! - Walking and Learning Together -
Sharing and Discussion as we travel our Faith Journey - Led by
Phil Wetz and Ann Guerra

Children up to Sixth Grade - "Hands-On Bible Curriculum" -
Guiding kids through the Bible

Youth - Finishing up our study of "The Story" - Stay tuned for a
new adventure starting in October.

Next Newsletter articles due September 27.
Today's Duty Elder: Phil Wetz

SERMON NOTES

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ONLINE GIVING

scan QR code
with your camera phone:



SCAN ME



Instagram.com/
pineshouston

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
Cindy Houlihan
Office Manager
Alexis Graham
Accounting Manager
Adrian Roman
Custodian/Maintenance

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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.

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 Aldred.

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.

PINES, DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS – What's better than one historical account of Pines Presbyterian Church? Try two. (1) A book assembled with traditional paper, ink and photos, and (2) a modern historical depiction with digital photos dated from 2013. This includes videos and still shots of Christmas, Easter and other holy observances. Our Pines history project will take several months to record and assemble, so please begin gathering photos now. Pines members with personal memories to share should email Sharon Dotson.

The Worship Committee had gone through the entire sanctuary and repaired the Friendship Pads and sharpened all the pencils. We would like to ask everyone to please be respectful of God's house and to take any trash you might have and discard it after service.



September Agape

Help Stabilize Houston Families

Donate Walmart Gift Cards to support a family's varied needs, from food to clothes for children.

Gift Cards or Financial Donations can be placed in the offering plate or sent to the church office. Include "September Agape" with your donation.
You Can Also Give Online!

Mission@PINES+