

PINES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Ash Wednesday

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.

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Rev. Andy Gans

Prayer of Releasing

During the time of silence, you are invited to write out your confession on the paper provided. You may bring the paper forward and nail it to the cross during the imposition of ashes.

One Voice: Holy, holy, holy God

We place ourselves in your presence; we rest in the promise of your grace.
Our minds and our spirits are cluttered with many thoughts and feelings that threaten to pull our attention away from you.

Let us unclench our fists and release these things:

We release all that we have done today—whether for good or for ill.

We release all that we feel like we should have done today, but did not do.

We release all that we need to do tomorrow.

We release our fear.

We release our anxiety.

We release our impatience.

We release our pride.

All of the thoughts, all of the feelings that pull us away from you,

O God, we release. [silence]

Fill us now with the joy and the peace of your deep, abiding presence.

We offer all of ourselves to you, our One God,

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer. Amen

Silence

Scripture Reading

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Silence

Imposition of Ashes

When instructed please come forward down the center aisle to nail your confessions to the cross.

You are then welcomed to go to the pastor for the imposition of ashes on your forehead, or the back of your hand, in the shape of the cross. If you prefer not to have ashes, you may ask for a special prayer.

Hymn

Abide with Me (v.1-2)

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Prayer of Confession

Kristin Beall

All Voices: O God of life, we confess the ways we turn away from the fullness of life that you offer. [silence]

God of love, we confess the hatred we hold in our hearts. [silence]

God of compassion, we confess our indifference. [silence]

God of justice, we confess that our lives are linked to oppressive systems. [silence]

God of peace, we confess the violent movements of our hearts, the violent realities of our world. [silence]

Holy God, we confess our sins to you. [silence]

*Hymn of Confession

Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes

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Silence

Assurance of Grace

One Voice: Return to the Lord your God,

**All Voices: for God is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and abounding in love.**

One Voice: Turn toward your God in the confidence that,
through Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

All Voices: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Silence

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Silence

Prayer for Guidance

One Voice: Generous God who fills the earth with abundance, oceans and skies full of water,
fields that yield food, flowers and birdsong and beauty of all sorts

All Voices: May we live with generous hearts, with open hands.

Song:

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

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One Voice: Humble God who became flesh and entered into our humanity—who touched the
untouchable, spoke to the outcasts, washed the disciples' feet—

All Voices: May we live with humble hearts, looking always to the needs of others.

Song:

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

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One Voice: Righteous God who longs for us to be in relationship with you through sincere prayer,
fasting, worship, scripture reading, fellowship

All Voices: May we love you with all of our hearts, minds, and souls.

Song:

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

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One Voice: Walk with us on this Lenten journey, Lord.

All Voices: Give us eyes to see the path you would have us take.

Give us ears to hear the truth you would speak to us.

**Give us the wisdom to store our treasure with you, so that our hearts may abide
in your perfect peace.**

Song:

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

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Silence

The Lord's Supper & The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

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.

Hymn

Abide with Me (v3-5, 1)

Silence

Benediction

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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 Bill Willis or call the church office.

Ushers Needed! The Worship Committee is seeking volunteers to serve as ushers during Worship services. Please contact the Worship Committee Moderator, Connie Sipp, for more information.

Looking for Prayer Pals! This is a special ministry all about prayer. Our goal is to assign a prayer pal to every student ages 4-18. You will specifically be assigned someone who will know who you are and that they are being prayed for. We encourage you to be in contact with your student (and their parents) and even send them messages of encouragement and reminders they are prayed for. We discourage other gifts or things that distract it from being about the gift of prayer though birthdays or special occasions may be celebrated. We plan to have a prayer celebration time and dinner on Sunday evening March 20th. If you are available for this ministry or want more information see Kristin Kristin@pinespc.org We need 12 more to cover all those on our roster. Thank you for a gift of prayer.

Supporting youth ministry with a simple meal! Youth group has begun again most Sunday evenings. We'd love help providing a snack supper at 6pm (currently ask you to provide for 10 people- paper products and drink are provided). Some examples are walking tacos, sloppy joe, hot dogs, or chicken tenders! Sign up here or see Kristin: Take Them A Meal | Easy online meal sign ups to support your loved ones.

Pines Church will now have a free COVID Testing Booth on our back parking lot. Should you need to be tested, you may pull in without reservations, at anytime they are open. The hours of operation are: Monday thru Friday 2:30 PM to 7:00 PM, and on Saturdays from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. If you have any questions, please give Cindy a call in the church office. Be safe!

Beginning Monday Feb 28, a group from McKinney, Texas will be staying with us in our Youth area as they work on homes related to Harvey and ice damage. Please welcome them if you should see them in the hallways and give them a thank you for what they are doing in our community!

Holy Week Services

April 14 5:30 PM Foot Washing Service
6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service
April 15 6:30 PM Good Friday Service
April 17 6:30 AM Sunrise Easter Service - Bendwood Park
10:45 AM Easter Service