

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

*Call to Worship

Thomas Babineck

One Voice: On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines.

All Voices: Then the LORD GOD will wipe away the tears from all

faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away

from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

One Voice: It will be said on that day, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited

for him, so that he might save us."

All Voices: This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be

glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*Hymn "Holy, Holy , Holy! Lord God Almighty!" See Screen

Prayer of Confession Tristan Hammond

Silent Confession

Confessional Response "Healer of Our Every III" See Screen

Assurance of Grace Zechariah Zhong

One Voice: The LORD knows us better than we know ourselves.

All Voices: Jesus forgives our settling into our comforts and awakens

us to our fullness in Christ.

October 15, 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 from the Ushers.

Liturgists: Phil Wetz

Sound: Ron Strawser

Flowers: The Sanctuary flowers today are in honor of Ron and Helen Stenzel's 14th wedding anniversary.

Pines Presbyterian Church

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

A Congregation of the



Children's Message

Marley Langston and Katherine Hafling

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 — John Liu

Philippians 4:8-9

Anthem

"Be Thou My Vision"

Irish ballad

Valerie Harelson, hammered dulcimer; Bethel Strawser, guitar

Second Scripture Reading — Luke Sherrill

Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon

"Kingdom of Heaven: Release the Feast" Relections of Pines Youth Mission Trip to Tulsa

Pines Youth

*Hymn

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

See Screen

Serving Outward

*Saying What We Believe (Apostle's Creed)

Kai Dorris

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 guick 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

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

See Screen *Hymn "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response "He Has Made Me Glad" See Screen

Postlude

Pray for the People of Pines

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

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 October 15, 2023

Sunday

12:00 pm Caring Ministry Committee C7

12:00 pm Youth Group Youth Rooms

<u>Monday</u>

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

<u>Wednesday</u>

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

<u>Thursday</u>

7:00 pm Space City Singers Fellowship Hall

8:00 pm AA Group C3

Friday

Newsletter articles due to Cindy

6:00 am BSF Fellowship Hall

<u>Saturday</u>

6:00 pm AA Group C3

Sunday

9:15 am Sunday School for all

10:45 am Worship

12:00 pm Acolyte training C3

2:30 pm NAMI

TODAY right after worship, Pines Youth will go to lunch for French Fry Battle! This will be youth group today!

SERMON NOTES

ONLINE GIVING





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.

Next Newsletter articles due October 20. Today's Duty Elder: Sharon Dotson

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The Reverend Andy Gans
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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.

Prayers for Pines Travelers — Please be in prayer for the group that Andy is leading to Greece, leaving on 10/13 and arriving home on 10/24.

Aging Solo, October 26, 7:00pm, Parlor — The Pines Stephen Ministry team invites the congregation to a presentation entitled "Aging Solo", which will be given by a representative from Amazing Place. The presentation will offer a comprehensive planning guide for everyone to follow in order to empower them to live life to the fullest as they age, whether they are with a partner or not. Contact Phil Wetz or Ann Guerra with questions.

Trunk or Treat! Sunday Oct 29th, 2-4pm, Pines parking lot. Costumes encouraged! Bounce houses, games, face paint, balloons and of course Trunk or Treating! Help Pines love on our community by inviting friends and relatives, donating candy to give out, being present that day to run an activity, or decorate and man your car for all our treaters! Sign up with Kristin or online. PinKids: Trunk or Treat (signupgenius.com)

Don't forget to "fall back" on November 5, when Daylight Saving Time expires. Turn your clocks back so you won't be late for Sunday worship!!

Property All Church Work Day — Please bring the family and join us as we hold our next Property Work Day on November 4th to spruce up the church. There are activities for all ages. We will begin at 9 AM and end with lunch being prepared by the Property Committee.

