

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

*Call to Worship

Brad Hofstetter

One Voice: Lift your hands to God,

who truly works in mysterious ways.

All Voices: We lift our hands to God! One Voice: Lift your voices to God,

who waits with us in the storm.

All Voices: We lift our voices to God! One Voice: Lift your hearts to God,

who knows us and loves us.

All Voices: We offer our hands, our voices, and our hearts

To God in worship!

*Hymn "Open My Eyes, That I May See" See Screen

Prayer of Confession

We confess our struggle to be transformed into disciples, God of mystery.

The desires of the world would shape us into people you would not recognize.

The demands of our society pull us away from your heart.

Our culture values the rich, the powerful, the successful,

but you are on the side of the wek,

the poor, the outcast,

and the oppressed.

Forgive us, Merciful God,

for looking for you in all the wrong places.

Reawaken us with your voice that calls us to service;

revive our weary hearts with your vision of creation;

refresh our fatigued spirits

that we might boldly proclaim Jesus as our Lord and Savior, and go forth to serve your people, in Christ's name.

Silent Confession

Confessional Response

"Cares Chorus"

See Screen

August 27, 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.

Liturgist: Brad Hofstetter

Sound: Dan Schafer

Flowers: The Sanctuary flowers today are given in memory of Barbara Youngflesh by her loving family.

Pines Presbyterian Church

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

A Congregation of the



Assurance of Grace

One Voice: It is so easy to think like the world,

that money will give us happiness, that power will earn us grace.

But Paul reminds us that is few think like Christ, and live for others, we will find true freedom.

All Voices: Not only our minds,

But may God transform our hearts and spirits

into the likeness of Christ, so we may be faithful disciples.

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 Romans 12:1-8

Anthem "Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord" Chancel Choir

Rob Landes

Second Reading Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon "Who Are You?" Rev. Andy Gans

*Hymn "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" See Screen

*Saying What We Believe

One Voice: In forming his people and sending them into the world

Jesus called individuals to be disciples.

They were to share the joy of his companionship,

to understand obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death.

All Voices: We believe Jesus calls people today

to be his disciples,

putting life in the presence of God

above the interests of self, family, race or nation.

One Voice: Life in God's presence must issue in life for others.

All Voices: As a community of disciples,

God calls the church

to proclaim the good news of the kingdom,

to strive for justice, to exercise compassion, and to work for peace.

*Gloria Patri

Offering and Offertory

*Doxology

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

*Hymn "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" See Screen

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response "Go Ye, Go Ye into the World" See Screen

Pray for the People of Pines

Sara Anderson Norma Bender Jean Broitonwischer

Ray Stauffacher Nancy Watler Darlene Wendt Danny Williams

Breitenwischer 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, 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 August 27, 2023

<u>Sunday</u>		
2:30 pm	NAMI	C3
Monday		
12:00 pm	This Week at Pines due to Dan	
6:30 pm	Session meeting	C3
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
Wednesday	·	
9:00 am	Bulletin articles due to Laurie	
1:30 pm	Weekly Prayer Team	Prayer Room
5:45 pm	Pines Pealers	C12
6:00 pm	Youth Council	Youth Room
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
<u>Friday</u>	·	
<u>Saturday</u>		
6:00 pm	AA Group	C3
Sunday	·	
9:00 am	Nursery	
9:15 am	Sunday School	
10:00 am	Choir Řehearsal	Choir Room
10:15 am	Coffee Fellowship	Fellowship Hallway
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Youth Group	Youth Rooms
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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.

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<u>Foundations</u> - "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

<u>Children up to Sixth Grade</u> - "Hands-On Bible Curriculum" - Guiding kids through the Bible

<u>Youth</u> - 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:

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.

Church Staff

The Reverend Andy Gans Pastor Kristin Beall

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Laurie Conner

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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.

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.



