

# PINES

## *Order of Worship*

### Presbyterian Church

#### Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

\*Call to Worship

Beth Patterson

One Voice: You are the Sower, O God, we are the seed.

**All Voices: God's word is being sown in our lives this day with the promise of new growth.**

One Voice: You are the Lover, O God, we are the beloved.

**All Voices: God's love blossoms in our lives with a beauty greater than the lilies of the field.**

One Voice: You are the Healer, O God, we are the healed.

**All Voices: God's healing flows through our lives with every beat of our heart.**

One Voice: You are the Potter, O God, we are the clay.

**All Voices: God's hand fashions us to shine with the glory of Christ's light.**

One Voice: Come! Let us worship the one who sows us in fields of love.

\*Hymn

"Let Us with a Gladsome Mind"

See Screen

Prayer of Confession

Caretaker of our souls, we yearn to resist the allures of status and prestige, for we often pierce ourselves with wounds of our own making. We long to bloom where we are planted, that righteousness and peace might flower in our lives. Free us of the fear of appearing foolish before others, as we seek new growth in your Spirit. Nurture us with your grace and mercy, that we might blossom and bloom as followers of Christ.

Silent Confession

Confessional Response

"Cares Chorus"

See Screen

Assurance of Grace

One Voice: Those who abide in the Spirit are set free.

Those who reside in Christ find no condemnation.

**All Voices: We rejoice that we have been planted in the fertile ground of God's love and mercy.**

TODAY  
July 16, 2023  
IN WORSHIP

#### 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:** Beth Patterson

**Sound:** Ron Strawser

**Flowers:** The Sanctuary flowers today are given in celebration of Yohanna and Yulie Tirayoh's birthdays.

#### Pines Presbyterian Church

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

A Congregation of the



**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**

Genesis 25:19-34

**Anthem**

**"Steal Away" African-American Spiritual**  
Steve Allred, Trumpet; Paige Wright, trombone; Phil Johnson, tuba

**Second Reading**

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**Sermon**

**"Sowing Lessons" Rev. Andy Gans**

**\*Hymn**

**"In the Bulb There Is a Flower" See Screen**

**\*Saying What We Believe**

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.  
We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.  
We are called to be the church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**Offering and Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

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

**\*Hymn**

**"Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet" 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 Carol Schneider  
Norma Bender Lynn Stauffacher  
Jean Ray Stauffacher  
Breitenwischer Nancy Watler  
Barbara Caffall Darlene Wendt  
Carolyn Craig Danny Williams  
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 16, 2023

### Monday

	Committee minutes due to clerk of session	
8:00 am	Language Kids	Library
12:00 pm	This Week at Pines due to Dan	
7:00 pm	Tending to Grief meeting	Parlor
7:30 pm	AI Anon Group	Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday

7:00 am	Men's Bible Study	Zoom
8:00 am	Language Kids	Library
9:00 am	Bulletin articles due to Laurie	
11:00 am	Potpourri Circle	La Hacienda

### Wednesday

8:00 am	Language Kids	Library
1:30 pm	Weekly Prayer Team	Prayer Room
5:45 pm	Pines Pealers	C12
8:00 pm	Westside AA	C3

### 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
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### Saturday

6:00 pm	AA Group	C3
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### Sunday

	<i>Choir off for July</i>	
9:00 am	Nursery	
9:15 am	Sunday School	
10:15 am	Coffee Fellowship	Fellowship Hallway
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
2:30 pm	NAMI	C3
4:30 pm	Happy Hour Hymn-sing	Fellowship Hall

### SERMON NOTES

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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](http://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 July 21.

**Today's Duty Elder: Susan Babineck**

## 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

## 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 *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.

**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.

**Time for a party!!** Everyone is invited, the more the merrier!

When: August 13, immediately following worship service

It's an INDOOR POTLUCK PICNIC. Sign up on the clipboards in Fellowship Hallway. Stay tuned for more details. Call Judy Shamp if questions.

