

PINES

Order of Worship

Presbyterian Church

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

“We Gather Here”

Chancel Choir

***Call to Worship**

Sam Singer

One Voice: Come into God’s house!
Come and hear what God has done!

**All Voices: God has made the world
and breathed the breath of life into us!**

One Voice: But God hasn’t stopped there. There’s more!
God is still on the scene, upholding all our life,
surrounding us in power and love.

All Voices: We live, move, and have our very being in God!

One Voice: Let the sound of God’s praise be heard!

All Voices: Praise God! Praise God! Praise God!

***Hymn**

“Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!”

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Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, in our searching and groping to find you,
we have settled for idols
made of gold, silver, and stone.**

**We have put our faith in our money,
placed our hope in institutions of brick and mortar,
and trusted our weapons of war to keep us safe.**

**We have sought after our own comfort and ease,
rejected calls for personal and national sacrifice,
and belittled calls challenging us to aim higher.**

**Forgive us,
Help us give an accounting
of the hope that is in us —
the hope nurtured by our life in Christ,
the hope found in your commandment of love,
the hope that comes from being your offspring
and abiding in your Spirit.**

Silent Confession

Confessional Response

“Hear the Good News of Salvation”

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TODAY
May 14, 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: Sam Singer

Sound: Dan Schafer

Flowers: the Sanctuary flowers today are given by the Johnson family in honor of all mothers everywhere.

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: Even when our world falls apart and we find ourselves journeying through fire and water,
God leads us back and brings us to a spacious place of laughter and light.
The One who is faithful, and One who abides in us,
forgives our missteps and leads us home.

All Voices: Thanks be to God!

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

Acts 17:22-31

Anthem

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"
Arnold B. Sherman

Chancel Choir

Second Reading

John 14:15-21

Sermon

"Alone"

Rev. Andy Gans

*Hymn

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

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*Saying What We Believe

Saying What We Believe (United Church of Canada)

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

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

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*Hymn

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

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*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

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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	
Fred Kelly	
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)

Prayers for the family and friends for the loss of Pines members

Doreen Boyd.
And Carol Greene

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 May 14, 2023

Sunday — Mother's Day

9:15 am Sunday School
 10:45 am Worship Service Sanctuary
 12:00 pm Second Sunday lunch cancelled due to Mother's Day

Monday

12:00 pm This Week at Pines due to Dan
 5:30 pm Christian Ed meeting C10
 7:30 pm Al Anon Group Fellowship Hall

Tuesday

7:00 am Men's Bible Study Zoom
 9:00 am Bulletin articles due to Laurie
 2:30 pm Weekly Prayer Team Prayer Room

Wednesday

5:45 pm Pines Pealers C12
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Choir Room
 8:00 pm Westside AA C3

Thursday

6:30 pm Bingo Fellowship Hall
 7:00 pm Space City Sound Gym
 8:00 pm AA Group C3

Friday

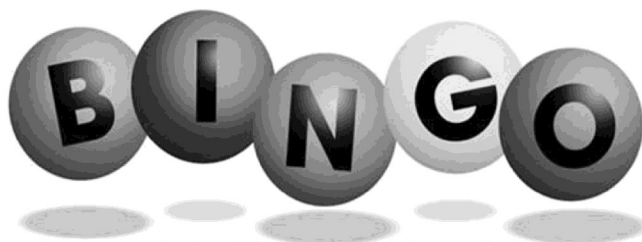
10:00 am Carol Greene Memorial Service Sanctuary
 5:00 am BSF Fellowship Hall

Saturday

6:00 pm AA Group C3

Sunday

9:00 am Nursery
 9:15 am Sunday School
 10:15 am Coffee Fellowship Fellowship Hallway
 10:45 am Worship Service Sanctuary
 12:00 pm Caring Ministry meeting C7
 12:00 pm Graduate Luncheon Fellowship Hall
 6:00 pm End of the Year Youth Party Youth Rooms



Come Join Us May 18 at 6:30pm
Fellowship Hall | Food! | Fellowship! | BINGO!
RSVP to Linda Aldred or the Church Office

Next Newsletter articles due May 19.
Today's Duty Elder: Leslie Friedrich

SERMON NOTES

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 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](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.

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 has begun an 8-week viewing of 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.

Please mark your calendars as it is time for another fun Pines Bingo night. We will gather at 6:30pm on Thursday May 18th in Fellowship Hall. For more information or to RSVP please contact Linda Aldred or the church office. We need a general head count to make sure we have enough food and Bingo Cards. Expect fun, food, fellowship and Bingo!

Volunteer Day at Books Between Kids! Come to the Books Between Kids warehouse on Sunday May 21st from 1:00-3:00. Anyone over the age of 8 is welcome. There will be jobs for those that want to sit in the AC and those that are willing to lift, move around and sweat in the warmth of Spring! The warehouse is located near Gessner and Harwin. (9947 Harwin Suite B) Please sign up at [Pines @ BBK May 21, 1:00pm - 3:00pm](#)

Coming in June, 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. The first meeting will be June 19, 2023. Questions? Contact Ann Guerra or the church

May Agape Offering

**Donate New
or Like-New
Children's
Books**



**Books Between Kids
serves Houston's at-risk
children by providing
them with books to
build their own
home libraries.**

**DROP OFF
DONATIONS
IN THE MISSIONS BIN NEAR
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**OR
PLACE A CHECK IN THE
OFFERING PLATE
OR BRING IT TO THE OFFICE
(NOTE: "BOOKS BETWEEN KIDS"
IN THE SUBJECT LINE)
YOU CAN ALSO GIVE ONLINE AT PINESPC.ORG**