

PINES Order of Worship Presbyterian Church

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*As you enter the sanctuary, please be mindful of those
who are quietly preparing their hearts and minds for worship*

Growing Inward

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love" Tim Holder, Piano
H. Kenn Carmichael

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Gathering for Worship

Introit "Oh The Glory of His Presence" Pines Singers, 9:30
Steve Fry Chancel Choir, 11:00

*Call to Worship

One Voice: Arise, shine! Your light has come.
All Voices: The glory of the Lord shines like the sun.
One Voice: Behold, the nations have come to witness God's light.
All Voices: Kings have come to behold Christ's brightness.
One Voice: Lift up your eyes and look around.
All Voices: The glory of the Lord is all around.
One Voice: Arise, shine! Your light has come.

***Hymn** "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" #411

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God,
we celebrate the courage of kings
who left their homelands and their own people
to follow a star;
we marvel at their quest to honor a child
whose power was announced
in the heavens above;
we would do anything to be part of their story—
as long as it requires little effort
or sacrifice on our part.
Forgive our feet of clay, O God.
Open our shut-up hearts
to the mystery made known in Christ,
that others may behold in us,
the blessings to be found
in journeys worth taking.

Silent Confession

Congregational Response "O Little Town of Bethlehem" See Screens

Assurance of Grace

One Voice: Like the Baby of Bethlehem, we are born anew.
God's forgiveness cradles us; God's love is poured out on us.
**All Voices: What a marvelous gift - forgiveness! Filled with hope and
new life, we can sing God's praises forever. Amen.**

TODAY
January 7, 2018
IN WORSHIP

Welcome to Pines

We are a joyful Christian community that welcomes all to know, love, and trust in Jesus Christ by Growing Inward, Looking Upward, and Serving Outward.

Helpful devices:

Auditory assistance receivers are available with the Ushers

Today's Acolyte: Tristan Hammond

Liturgist: Chris Work

Sound: Ron Strawser

**Today's flowers are given to the
glory of God by ...**

Sanctuary - Belinda and Jan Koenig
in gratitude for their first 5 years of
marriage

*All who are able may stand



**A Stephen Ministry
Congregation**

Looking Upward

Children's Message

**This, this is where children belong,
welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song:
this is where children belong. This is where children belong.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Anthem

"My Song"
John W. Peterson

"Bethlehem"
Derric Johnson

Walter Rodenberger,
Tenor, 9:30

Chancel Choir, 11:00

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

"Alarm Code"

Rev. Andy Gans

***Hymn**

"From A Distant Home"

#64

Serving Outward

***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

#579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Music

"Midnight Stars Make Bright the Sky"
Chi-fang Liang

Tim Holder, Organ
9:30

"My Song"
John W. Peterson

Walter Rodenberger,
Tenor, 11:00

***Doxology**

#592

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Prayer

All Sing: Our Father, which 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 "As with Gladness Men of Old" #63

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response "Joy to the World" See Screens

*Sending Out The Light of Christ

*Postlude "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning" Tim Holder,
James Proctor Harding Organ

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Calendar for the Week of January 7, 2018

Today	a.m.	9:00	Epiphany - Labyrinth Available until 5:00	Fellowship Hall
		11:00	Children's Epiphany Celebration.....	W-14
	p.m.	12:15	Confirmation Info Meeting and Lesson	C-3
		6:00	Covenant Bible Study.....	C-3
Monday	p.m.	5:30	Committee Meetings	various
		6:00	Property Committee Meeting	
Tuesday	a.m.	7:00	Men's Morning Group.....	Parlor
		9:30	Helen Haynes Circle Meeting.....	Parlor
		10:00	Art Workshop	C-5
		10:00	Office Staff Meeting	C-8
	p.m.	11:30	Clara Gay Circle Meeting.....	C-3
		5:00	Center Ministries	Fellowship Hall
		6:00	Men's Chorale Rehearsal.....	Choir Room
		7:00	Miriam Circle Meeting	C-3
7:00	Orchestra Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary		
Wednesday	a.m.	9:00	Prayer Group	C-10
		10:00	Bible Study	Parlor
	p.m.	12:30	Bible Study (Vislocky)	C-10
		7:00	Chancel Choir Rehearsal.....	Choir Room
8:00	Westside AA Meeting.....	C-3		
Thursday	a.m.	9:00	Covenant Bible Study	C-3
Friday	a.m.	6:30	Men's Breakfast Group	C-3
Saturday	a.m.	8:00	Elder Training.....	C-3
Sunday	a.m.	9:30	Sunday School.....	
		9:30	Worship Service.....	Sanctuary
		10:30	Coffee Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
	10:30	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	
	p.m.	11:00	Worship Service.....	Sanctuary
		12:00	Youth Ministry Team Meeting	C-3
		2:00	2nd Sunday Sing-a-long	Fellowship Hall
6:00		Covenant Bible Study	C-3	

The newsletter is available in the Narthex for those unable to access it online.

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www.facebook.com/Pines-Presbyterian-Church-1425251917704955/

You can access our website by scanning below.



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ACTIVITIES *Announcements* AT PINES

Newsletter: Input must be in the office by **January 19** at 9 a.m.
Next Week's Bulletin: Input must be in the office by Wednesday at 9 a.m.
Calendar Items: Input must be in the office by Thursday at 9 a.m.
This Week at Pines email: Input must be in the office by Friday at Noon

Today's Duty Elder: Larry Greenlee

~ ~ The Miriam Circle is responsible for Communion Clean-Up Today ~ ~

Welcome, Guests! Your presence with us today is a blessing. Please stop by the Welcome Table in the Narthex (lobby) to receive our special welcome gift for you and for children who are visiting for the first time. If you have questions about our church, or would like to discuss church membership, please speak with one of our pastors.

Communion will be celebrated today by the passing of trays of gluten friendly bread and juice. As the trays come by please take and eat a piece of bread representing our oneness with Christ, and take and hold the cup of juice until we can all drink together representing the connected body of the church.

Agape Offering Today...Benefiting Street Reach Ministry serving the homeless of Houston at the Presbytery parking lot every Wednesday evening. Please bring: Socks (preferable tube socks or crew socks) and sweater caps, store bought or handmade.

The Labyrinth will be available in the Fellowship Hall from 8:30 a.m.to 5:00 p.m. today.

Covenant Bible Study will begin again tonight, January 7th (6:00-7:30) and Thursday, January 11 (9:15-11:00) for the respective groups. If you would like to pick up your participant guide ahead of time, they are in the Parlor. Also, if you didn't sign up but would like to be part of this meaningful Bible study, contact Barbara.

Pines Women's Retreat Sign-ups begin today! This year's retreat will be on January 27th from 8:30-2:00. The Rev. Anne Beall will be our speaker and our focus will be, "Taking Our Pulse: Living in Time With the Spirit". Mark your calendars and sign up for a fun and inspiring day with your sisters in Christ...and bring a friend!

The Wednesday Bible Study will begin again on Wednesday, January 10, at 10:00 in the Parlor. Our first study this year will be "The Hustle for Worthiness" by Brené Brown. All are welcome!