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Growing Inward

Gathering for Worship

Introit "Prepare Ye" Stephen Schwartz

Prelude

***Call to Worship** Kristen Davis-Owen

One Voice: Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

All Voices: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

One Voice: Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

All Voices: Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

***Hymn** "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!" See Screen

Lighting of the Advent Candle Pam and Fred Ellis

Prayer After Candle Lighting See Screen

Advent Response "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" See Screen

Prayer of Confession See Screen

Thank you for leading and caring for us, LORD. We confess we often forget to rely on your teachings. We try to do things on our own and in our own way. We neglect prayer. We often turn to needless worry or distractions when we should be turning to you. Forgive us, LORD. Help us turn to you.

Silent Confession

Confessional Response "O Little Town of Bethlehem" See Screen

Assurance of Grace

One Voice: No matter what we do or don't do, God's love remains.

All Voices: We receive your love!

One Voice: Jesus is coming in flesh to be our redeemer.

All Voices: We wait for the baby Jesus, this Advent season.

SECOND SUNDAY
December 8, 2024
IN ADVENT

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.

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Helpful devices:

Auditory assistance receivers are available from the Ushers.

Liturgist: Kristen Davis-Owen

Sound: Dan Schafer

Advent Wreath: The Advent wreath is given to the glory of God and in memory of Becky O'Connor.

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

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Anthem

"Mary, Did You Know"

Space City Sound

Gospel Reading

Luke 21:29-36

Sermon

"Bustin' Loose for Jesus"

Kristin Beall

Serving Outward

***Hymn**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

See Screen

***Saying What We Believe** *(Adopted from an Affirmation of Faith by Susan Bock)*

One Voice: In Advent, we renew our trust in God

**All Voices: We believe in God,
who came to us as one of us,
who bends and kneels toward our world.
drenching it with love.**

One Voice: In Advent, we renew our trust in Jesus

**All Voices: We believe in God,
who came to us as in the fragile promise of a baby
and emerged as a herald of hope.**

One Voice: In Advent, we renew our trust in the Holy Spirit

**All Voices: We believe in the Spirit,
hovering God, present among us,
abiding, upholding,
awaking all things to her grace.**

One Voice: In Advent, we renew our commitment to the community
around us.

**All Voices: We believe we are called
to do justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly with God and each other,
ready for God's reign, awake and alert,
as we work to bring it near.**

**We believe we are called,
as Christmas comes close,
to lift up our hearts in hope and in love,
seeking God's advent.**

One Voice: In Advent, we renew our trust that Jesus is still with us.

All Voices: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

***Gloria Patri**

See Screen

Offering and Offertory

"Silent Night"

Space City Sound

***Doxology**

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

Pray for the People of Pines

Sara Anderson Juanita Vislocky
Jean Breitenwischer Nancy Watler
Barbara Caffall Darlene Wendt
Carolyn Craig Danny Williams
Sharon Dotson
Jill Sherrill

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.

A Stephen Ministry



Congregation

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*Hymn "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" See Screen

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response "Joy to the World" See Screen

Postlude

SERMON NOTES

Calendar, Week of December 8, 2024

Sunday

10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:45 am	Children's Choir	Choir Room
12:00 pm	Raise Up Families Christmas Party	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Youth Group Christmas Party	Youth Rooms

Monday

12:00 pm	This Week at Pines to Dan	
12:00 pm	Worship Committee meeting	C10
1:00 pm	Stephen Leaders meeting	C8
7:00 pm	Tending to Grief meeting	Parlor
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	
11:30 am	Clara Gay Circle	C3
6:30 pm	Miriam Circle	C8
6:30 pm	Missions Committee meeting	C3

Wednesday

1:30 pm	Weekly Prayer Team	Prayer Room
5:45 pm	Pines Pealers	C12
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal	Choir Room
7:30 pm	Westside AA	C3

Thursday

7:00 pm	Mahjong	W12
7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers	Parlor
8:00 pm	AA Group	C3

Friday

5:30 am	Bible Study Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday

2:00 pm	Youth BBQ Cookout	W. Bough Parking Lot
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Sunday

9:00 am	Cantata Rehearsal	Sanctuary
9:15 am	Sunday School	
10:45 am	Worship — Christmas Cantata	Sanctuary
11:45 am	Children's Choir	Choir Room
12:00 pm	Annual Christmas Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Caring Ministries committee	C7
1:00 pm	BBQ pickup	Fellowship Hall
4:30 pm	Pines Youth Hand on Hand	Offsite

Next Newsletter articles due December 20.
Today's Duty Elder: Shirley Bollich

Get the latest announcements and reminders right before events happen. Find us here:

Facebook:
www.facebook.com/PinesPresbyterianChurch

Instagram:
[Instagram.com/PinesHouston](https://www.instagram.com/PinesHouston)

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

Our Worship services are recorded and livestreamed.

OPPORTUNITIES

To Grow

UPWARD, INWARD AND OUTWARD

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



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Connie Pike
Director, Preschool
Alicia Flick
Administrative Assistant

Session

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

Class of 2027

Brad Hofstetter
Patsy Jackson
Ron Langston
Beth Patterson
Phil Wetz

Welcome, Guests! If you have questions about our church, or would like to discuss church membership, please speak with Pastor Andy.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! It's time to sign up for poinsettias to decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas. The cost is \$12.00. You can sign up outside Fellowship Hall through TODAY. You can also email or call Linda Aldred or Melissa Gravett. Please designate "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of" when you order.

Notice of Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Notice is hereby given of a quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of Pines Presbyterian Church, Inc. ("Corporation"), called by a majority of the Trustees, to be held on December 10, 2024 at 2:00pm at Pines Presbyterian Church, 12751 Kimberley Lane, Houston, Texas 77024.

Christmas Luncheon — Plan to attend our Pines annual Christmas luncheon following the Christmas Cantata Worship service on Sunday morning, December 15.

Youth BBQ Fundraiser — Pickles BBQ, award winning competition team, is cooking BBQ ready to serve or reheat for later! Pick up 1-3pm on Sunday Dec 15th. Orders due by Dec 9th. Brisket \$25/ lb or Pork Ribs \$30 rack. Link to order in This week at Pines, or email

Kristin@pinespc.org

Something exciting is coming back next year—"Fun and Food with Friends" (formerly known as "Date for Eight") will begin in February 2025. Sign ups will be right outside Fellowship Hall beginning in December. If you have any questions please reach out to Linda Aldred, Patsy Jackson, or Chris Wolfe.

Mahjong is meeting on Thursday, Dec 12, at 7:00pm in W-12. All levels welcome, including new players! Contact Suzi Wolfe or the church office with questions.

CHRISTMAS EVE
AND
CHRISTMAS DAY
@PINES✝

December 24
Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship | 5:00 & 7:00pm
Holy Communion at Both Services
Both Services Livestreamed

December 25
Breakfast | 10:30am
Christmas Day Worship | 10:45am
Bring a Gift for the "Blessing of the Gifts"
Fellowship Hall | No Livestream Christmas Day

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