



ADVENT AT PINES PRESBYTERIAN

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Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

***Call to Worship**

One Voice: Arise, shine, for your light has come!
The glory of the Holy One has risen upon you!

**All Voices: Our spirits soar at the dawning of the light
that illumines our darkness.
Our hearts rejoice at God's abundant grace.**

One Voice: Lift up your eyes and look around,
for God has pity on the weak,
and redeems the oppressed from violence.

**All Voices: Come to Bethlehem with the magi,
following the star of God's glory,
and proclaiming the good news of Jesus,
who is the Christ.**

One Voice: Arise, shine, for your light has come!
The glory of the Holy One has risen upon you!

**All Voices: We shall see with eyes made new.
We shall see and be radiant!**

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

Karen Davis

See Screen

Prayer of Confession

See Screen

**We search for your light, Star Caster,
but too often end up settling for the dimness of temptation.
Our motives for seeking to find Christ are not always pure,
for we expect him to fulfill our desires,
rather than your hopes for us.**

**We want the gifts of wealth,
health, success, fulfillment,
rather than those of servanthood,
of compassion, of peace.**

**Forgive us, Shaper of our lives,
that we are so foolish to put our needs ahead of your grace.**

TODAY IN
January 5, 2025
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.

Pines Presbyterian Church

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

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Liturgist: Karen Davis

Sound: Dan Schafer

A Congregation of the



Help us to be like those wise people of so long ago,
who found hope, instead of a destination;
who found grace, instead of gratitude;
who found salvation, instead of a sign.
As we journey with your Son,
our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ,
fill us with the light of your joy and love.

Silent Confession

Confessional Response "O Little Town of Bethlehem" See Screen

Assurance of Grace

One Voice: Up, on your feet! Grace has been poured into our hearts,
love has flooded our souls, the light of hope shines in us.

**All Voices: This is the light which has come to all, the light we will carry
and give to everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Children's Message Shirley Bollich

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.

First Reading Looking Upward Isaiah 60:1-6

Anthem "Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow" Chancel Choir
Ed Lojeski

Second Reading Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon "Keep Looking Up" Rev. Andy Gans

Serving Outward

***Hymn** "We Three Kings" 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 and 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** See Screen

Offering and Offertory

*Doxology

Communion of the People and The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn** "There's a Star in the East" See Screen

Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response "Joy to the World" See Screen

Postlude

Pray for the People of Pines

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

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, 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.

A Stephen Ministry



Congregation

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Calendar, Week of January 5, 2025

Sunday

12:00 pm	Brown Bag Lunch Social	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Unhanging of the Greens	Sanctuary
2:00 pm	Spain Trip meeting	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Youth	Youth area

Monday — gym closed

12:00 pm	This Week at Pines to Dan	
12:00 pm	Stephen Leaders meeting	C8
1:00 pm	Congregational Fellowship meeting	C7
6:00 pm	Property Committee meeting	C7
6:00 pm	Staff Committee meeting	Zoom
7:00 pm	Tending to Grief meeting	Parlor
7:30 pm	Al Anon Group	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday — gym closed

7:00 am	Men's Bible Study	Zoom
9:00 am	Bulletin articles due to Laurie	

Wednesday — gym closed

8:00 am	Lifeline Screening	Fellowship Hall
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 — gym closed

7:00 pm	Mahjong	W12
8:00 pm	AA Group	C3

Friday

6:30 am	Taco and a Prayer	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday

8:00 am	Visitors from Heritage Presbyterian	Fellowship Hall and C3
9:00 am	Elder Training	C8

Sunday

9:15 am	Sunday School	
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Second Sunday Lunch	Café Express
6:00 pm	Youth	Youth area

- The gym will be closed from January 6 through January 8 for floor painting.
- The Fellowship Hall restroom renovations will begin January 6. Please use the east door entrance into the Fellowship Hallway.

SERMON NOTES

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

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www.facebook.com

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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 January 24.
Today's Duty Elder: Emily Gairo

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



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.

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

Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack is coming February 21 and 22. Online sign-ups are now open. Go to www.pinespc/FMSC.