

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

*Call to Worship The Wolfe Youth

One Voice: God speaks from the whirlwind:

All Voices: "Seek me, like a lion pursues its prey."

One Voice: God hearkens from the clouds:

All Voices: "Thirst for me, like the parched ground thirsts for rain."

One Voice: God calls from the heavens:

All Voices: "Sing to me, like the morning star sang at creation."

One Voice: God beckons from the waters:

All Voices: Cling to me, like a drowning sailor clings to a lifeline."

One Voice: God calls to us now,

All Voices: We are here, Lord. Lead us to life.

*Hymn "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" See Screen

Prayer of Confession

See Screen

We are so sure of ourselves, O God.

In the midst of our suffering,

we wonder how it could happen to us;

we wonder why you allowed it to happen at all.

How easily we forget

that Job was blameless in your sight,

yet found himself in the path of the tornado.

How quickly we look for answers

to questions beyond our ability to comprehend.

How often we darken counsel

with words of accusation without wisdom.

Forgive us, Lord.

Forgive us when we seek to sit at your right hand,

rather than accepting the role of the servant.

Forgive us when we look for comfort and ease

in your cup and in your baptism.

Answer us in your whirlwind once more.

Teach us that suffering is not sent to punish,

but that through our suffering,

we may better understand and heal the pain of others.

Silent Confession

Confessional Response "Healer of Our Every III" See Screen

October 20, 2024

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 from the Ushers.

Liturgists: The Wolfe Youth

Sound: Dan Schafer

Pines Presbyterian Church

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

Todays flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Ron and Helen Stenzel's wedding anniversary that was on October 16th.

A Congregation of the



Assurance of Grace

One Voice: Christ, our High Priest, guides us gently back to the path — All Voices: the path of walking with God and serving our neighbor.

One Voice: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven!

All Voices: We will be with God in paradise! 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 Mark 10:35-45

"You Are My All in All" **Anthem** Pines Pealers

Dennis L. Jernigan

Job 38:1-7 (34-41) Second Reading

"Don't Sass Me!" Sermon Rev. Andy Gans

Serving Outward

See Screen *Hymn "O Lord My God"

*Saying What We Believe

Leader: 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.

People: 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.

Leader: Life in God's presence must issue in life for others.

People: 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

Offering and Offertory

*Doxology

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

*Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" See Screen

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response "Sent Forth in Jesus' Name" See Screen

Postlude

Pray for the People of Pines

Sara Anderson Beth Patterson Jean Breitenwischer Carol Schneider Barbara Caffall Nancy Watler Darlene Wendt Carolyn Craig Sharon Dotson Danny Williams

Pray for Friends in Mission

Joy Kreider

Prayers for the family and friends for the loss of Pines member Ann Smith

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







Calendar for the Week of October 20, 2024

Children's Choir	Choir Room
Caring Ministry	C7
Committee minutes due to Clerk of Session 12:00 pm This Week at Pines to Dan	
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Christian Ed Committee meeting	C8
ending to Grief meeting	Parlor
l Anon Group	Fellowship Hall
len's Bible Study	Zoom
Bulletin articles due to Laurie	
Brown Bag Book Club	C3
Veekly Prayer Team	Prayer Room
Pines Pealers	C12
Chancel Choir rehearsal	Choir Room
Vestside AA	C3
Stephen Ministers	Parlor
A Group	C3
Bible Study Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
Sunday School	
Vorship	Sanctuary
Children's Choir	Choir Room
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SERMON NOTES

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

Facebook: www.facebook.com PinesPresbyterianChurch

> Instagram: Instagram.com/ Pineshouston

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

Our Worship services are recorded and livestreamed.

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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

OPPORTUNITIES 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.

Coming soon - can you help? The annual Trunk or Treat community outreach is Sunday, October 27, 4-5:30pm, in the Kimberley parking lot. Sign up to help run a car (decoration provided!), bounce house, or table to love on our kids and community! And drop a bag of candy anytime in the box in the narthex or at the front office. Sign up here: or with Kristin https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44A4AB2BA0F9C07-51111972-trunk#/

Grow in wisdom and give joyfully! Your pledge for the 2025 calendar year is important and helpful for the Session to develop the church's budget. If you have not yet turned on your pledge card, please put yours in the offering plate or return it to the church office to the attention of Alexis Graham.

Advent Devotional – Believe it or not, Advent is around the corner, which means we will soon be producing our own Advent Devotional guide. This year's theme is Love and we need your story and your reflection on a verse of scripture to make this devotional come to life. If you'd like to write a brief devotional to be included in this year's guide, please let Pastor Andy know, and he will help quide you to a scripture if needed. The deadline for submission is **November 10th**.

Hurricane Disaster Assistance is desperately needed on the east coast following Hurricanes Helene and Milton. The Pines Mission's Committee has initially donated \$2,000 to Operation Blessing, an on the ground relief organization. Operation Blessing provides emergency food, water, and supplies as well as help to rebuild homes and lives in the days after a hurricane. If you would like to make donation go to https://www.ob.org/disaster-relief/ and click "Donate".

