



# PINES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

**\*Call to Worship**

Nolan and Grace Holland

One Voice: There is no God like our God!

**All Voices: Praise God's name forever!**

One Voice: Come, listen to what God has in store.

**All Voices: Praise God's name forever!**

One Voice: Sing with joy, like a mother with a newborn baby.

**All Voices: Praise God's name forever!**

One Voice: Pray without pausing, like a father waiting for news of a loved one.

**All Voices: Praise God's name forever!**

One Voice: Bless God from sunup to sundown.

**All Voices: Praise God's name forever!**

One Voice: Bless the name of the Lord forever!

**All Voices: Praise God's name forever!**

**\*Hymn**

"Come Sing to God"

See Screen

**Prayer of Confession**

See Screen

**Almighty God, the road of the faithful is hard  
and filled with challenges.**

**Sometimes we complain.**

**Sometimes we take a different road.**

**Sometimes we allow others to lead us astray.**

**Sometimes we forget to follow your Son, Jesus.**

**Forgive us.**

**Help us meet whatever challenges we face.**

**Help us rise when we fall.**

**Help us turn toward you,  
our Savior and Redeemer.**

**In the name of the one who loves us unconditionally,  
we pray this and the unspoken prayers.**

**Silent Confession**

**Confessional Response**

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

See Screen

**Assurance of Grace**

One Voice: Our hearts are sprinkled clean and our bodies washed with the water of God's love.

**All Voices: Through the gift of Jesus Christ, God assures us that we are pardoned, forgiven, absolved, and released from our sin. Thanks be to God!**

TODAY  
November 17, 2024  
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 from the Ushers.

**Liturgists:** Nolan and Grace Holland

**Sound:** Dan Schafer

### **Pines Presbyterian Church**

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

A Congregation of the



**Children's Message**

Ann Guerra

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**

Hebrews 10:11-25

**Anthem**

"In Christ Alone"  
Stuart Townsend and Keith Getty

Pines Pealers

**Gospel Reading**

Mark 13:1-8

**Sermon**

"Curtains

Rev. Andy Gans

**Serving Outward**

**\*Hymn**

"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens " See Screen

**\*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**

**\*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me**

See Screen

**Offering and Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

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

**\*Hymn**

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" 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 Nancy Watler  
Barbara Caffall Darlene Wendt  
Carolyn Craig Danny Williams  
Sharon Dotson

**Prayers for Kristin Beall and family**  
in the passing of her mother  
Rev. Anne Beall

**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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## Calendar for the Week of November 17, 2024

|                  |  |                 |
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| <b>Sunday</b>    | Youth Retreat                                    | Offsite         |
| 9:15 am          | Sunday School                                    |                 |
| 10:45 am         | Worship  | Sanctuary       |
| 11:45 am         | Children's Choir                                 | Choir Room      |
| 12:00 pm         | Congregational Meeting                           | Sanctuary       |
| 12:00 pm         | Caring Ministries committee                      | C7              |
| 12:00 pm         | Youth Hand-on-Hand                               | Offsite         |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Committee minutes due to Clerk of Session</b> |                 |
| 12:00 pm         | This Week at Pines to Dan                        |                 |
| 5:30 pm          | Christian Ed committee meeting                   | C8              |
| 7:00 pm          | Tending to Grief meeting                         | Parlor          |
| 7:30 pm          | AI Anon Group                                    | Fellowship Hall |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   |  |                 |
| 7:00 am          | Men's Bible Study                                | Zoom            |
| 9:00 am          | Bulletin articles due to Laurie                  |                 |
| 11:30 am         | Potpourri Circle                                 | La Hacienda     |
| <b>Wednesday</b> |  |                 |
| 1:30 pm          | Weekly Prayer Team                               | Prayer Room     |
| 5:45 pm          | Pines Pealers                                    | C12             |
| 7:00 pm          | Youth Group                                      | Youth Rooms     |
| 7:00 pm          | Chancel Choir rehearsal                          | Choir Room      |
| 7:30 pm          | Westside AA                                      | C3              |
| <b>Thursday</b>  |  |                 |
| 6:00 pm          | Stephen Ministers Supervision Group              | C8              |
| 6:30 pm          | Bingo  | Fellowship Hall |
| 7:00 pm          | Mah Jong   | W-12            |
| 7:15 pm          | Stephen Ministers Speaker                        | Parlor          |
| 8:00 pm          | AA Group   | C3              |
| <b>Friday</b>    |  |                 |
| 5:30 am          | Bible Study Fellowship                           | Fellowship Hall |
| <b>Sunday</b>    |  |                 |
| 9:15 am          | Sunday School                                    |                 |
| 10:45 am         | Worship  | Sanctuary       |
| 11:45 am         | Children's Choir                                 | Choir Room      |
| 2:30 pm          | NAMI   | C3              |

**Want to learn to play Mah Jong**, or are you already a seasoned player? Suzi Wolfe is beginning a Mah Jong group in room W12 on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. The group will start up on November 14<sup>th</sup>. If you would be interested, please email Suzi Wolfe or call the church office and speak to Cindy.



Next Newsletter articles due November 22.  
 Today's Duty Elder: Chris Wolfe

### SERMON NOTES

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

**Facebook:**  
[www.facebook.com/PinesPresbyterianChurch](http://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



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, November 17 through December 8. Or email or call Linda Aldred or Melissa Gravett. Please designate "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of" when you order.

**Houston Hospice** will be presenting information about hospice services on Thursday, November 21 at 7:15 in the Parlor. Hospice is not only for the "final days" of life. This informative information is being offered by your Stephen Ministry team. Please let Ann Guerra know if you will be attending.

The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting** following worship today, for the purpose of electing five ruling elders for the class of 2028. The Congregational Nominating Committee will nominate Mark Babineck, Steve Ballard, Terrie Cardwell, Fred Ellis, and Roger Mowell for those positions.

**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

### Here are some ways to support the Youth Program:

- \*Sign up to bring a homemade dish for the Thanksgiving community meal on Nov 17.
- \*Bring a meal during a youth group time. (5-8 total people).
- \*Sign up to be a co-leader for youth group time or retreat
- \*Financially sponsor the group efforts for hunger relief when they fast for 30 hours during the retreat with educational and service projects, 11/15-11/17.

### Help decorate the church for Christmas (formerly known as "Hanging of the Greens").

Join us on November 30, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, at 9:30am. We need people who can hang ornaments, climb ladders, and move boxes. Bring a friend!

**Service of Wholeness and Healing**, Wednesday, December 4, 2024, 12:30 in the Pines Sanctuary. Lunch to follow at Café Express. Hard times and loss may darken the festive feelings that are expected during Advent. The Service of Wholeness and Healing, or "Blue Christmas Service," is designed to help you come out of the darkness as you honor memories of *what was* and use your faith to confront the fears of *what may be*. Come share space with others that are looking for God to hold them close and be near until the light returns. Bring a friend. All are welcome. Lunch to follow at Cafe Express. Contact Ann Guerra, Phil Wetz or the Pine's office for more information.

**During this season of Thanksgiving**, we are collecting non-perishable food items for the Mission of Yahweh. Please be a part of this by bringing your items to the church and placing them under the communion table.

**Sherwood Christmas**

**TWO WAYS TO GIVE:**

- Take an angel from the Christmas Tree. (Fellowship Hallway) Then start shopping!
- Make a donation. [Place in the offering plate, drop off at church, visit [pinespc.org/giving](http://pinespc.org/giving), or use Zelle] Please note "Sherwood Christmas".

Return unwrapped gifts (with angel) or donations by Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

questions: **JOHN WORK** more info: **PINESPC.org**

**OCTOBER & NOVEMBER AGAPE**

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