



ADVENT AT PINES PRESBYTERIAN

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

Growing Inward

Gathering for Worship

Introit

“Prepare Ye”

Stephen Schwartz

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Morriss Partee

One Voice: We come to God,
to rejoice in the One who saves us.

**All Voices: God comes, so we might believe,
so we might be blessed.**

One Voice: Our hearts leap for joy!
For God is coming to us in a child.

**All Voices: God comes for those who hunger for hope,
for those who thirst for grace.**

One Voice: Holy is the One who comes in God’s name,
who fulfills every promise of God.

**All Voices: God comes to walk with those who follow in faith,
to bring peace to a shattered world.**

*Hymn

“Away in a Manger”

See Screen

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Patsy Jackson, Nolan & Grace Holland

Prayer After Candle Lighting

See Screen

Advent Response

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

See Screen

Prayer of Confession

See Screen

Magnificent God,
look upon us with your loving favor.
Shine upon us with the light of your wisdom.
Strengthen us in our weakness,
that we may know the power of your love.
Scatter us in our pride,
that we may learn the humility of servanthood.
Forgive us when we weaken others,
and forget your place in our lives.
Lift us up when we are disheartened,
and nourish us with your abundant grace.

FOURTH SUNDAY
December 22, 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.

Pines Presbyterian Church

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

Helpful devices:

Auditory assistance receivers are available from the Ushers.

Liturgist: Morriss Partee

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



Help us, O Promised One of Israel,
to be your people and to serve your world.
Help us live as Advent people;
hopefully expectant, and patiently diligent,
that we may bring your realm to this earth.

Silent Confession

Confessional Response "O Little Town of Bethlehem" See Screen

Assurance of Grace

One Voice: O magnify the Lord!

All Voices: Rejoice in God, our Savior!

One Voice: For God looks with favor on our lowliness,

**All Voices: lifts us from the depths of sin and despair,
and restores us to fullness of life in Christ Jesus.**

One Voice: Arise, take heart, all are forgiven now!

Looking Upward

Gospel Reading Luke 1:39-55

Advent Play "Christmas Time" Ensemble Cast

Serving Outward

***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 Jesus,
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

*Doxology

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, 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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Preparation for Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer		See Screen
*Hymn	"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"	See Screen
*Charge and Benediction		
*Benediction Response	"Joy to the World"	See Screen
Postlude		

SERMON NOTES

Calendar, Week of December 22, 2024

Monday

12:00 pm	This Week at Pines to Dan	
12:00 pm	Stephen Leaders meeting	C8
6:30 pm	Session meeting	C3
7:00 pm	Tending to Grief meeting	Parlor
7:30 pm	AI Anon Group	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday

7:00 am	Men's Bible Study	Zoom
9:00 am	Bulletin articles due to Laurie	
5:00 pm	Candlelight Service	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Candlelight Service	Sanctuary

Wednesday — Christmas Day (Office closed)

10:30 am	Christmas Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
10:45 am	Worship — Lessons in Carols	Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm	Westside AA	C3

Thursday — Office Closed

8:00 pm	AA Group	C3
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Sunday

9:15 am	Sunday School	
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary

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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: Donna Partee

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.

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 will begin in January. Go to www.pinespc/FMSC

Our final results this year depend on each of us. In order to be recorded on your charitable giving report from Pines for 2024, gifts need to be postmarked or received via Zelle by December 31, or received in the church office no later than noon on Tuesday, December 31. If you have questions, please contact our Financial Manager, Alexis Graham at alexis@pinespc.org.

CHRISTMAS EVE
AND
CHRISTMAS DAY
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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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