

LOOKING UPWARD - GROWING INWARD - SERVING OUTWARD

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

*Call to Worship

Kristen Davis-Owen

One Voice: Poor or despairing, come to be blessed. **All Voices: Hungry or tired, come to be restored.**One Voice: Sorrowing or sighing, come to discover joy.

All Voices: Bring your tired, your poor.
One Voice: Share your hopes, your dreams.
All Voices: Embrace your doubts, your fears.

One Voice: Come as you are.

All Voices: All are welcome here.

*Hymn "O God, You Are My God" See Screen

Prayer of Confession

See Screen

Shepherd of our souls, guide us through times of woe, and help us find your solace and peace. Forgive us in times of sin and sorrow, and lead us into your redeeming love. Resurrect us in times of death and despair, and lead us into newness of life, that we may be the blessing we seek for everyone we meet.

Silent Confession

Confessional Response "I Will Come to You" See Screen

Assurance of Grace

One Voice: Blessed are you who place your trust in God. **All Voices: For the Holy One is faithful and true.** One Voice: Christ's love is sufficient for your every need.

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.

February 16, 2025

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.

Liturgist: Kristen Davis-Owen

Sound: Dan Schafer

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

A Congregation of the



Looking Upward

First Reading Luke 6:17-26

Anthem "My Jesus, I Love Thee" Pines Pealers

A. J. Gordon & Laurie Klein

Second Reading Jeremiah 17:5-10

Sermon "The Desert" Rev. Andy Gans

Serving Outward

*Hymn "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" See Screen

*Saying What We Believe (Iona Community) See Screen

One Voice: With the whole church

All Voices: we affirm that we are made in God's image,

befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit;

One Voice: With people everywhere

All Voices: we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity, planted

more deeply than all that is wrong;

One Voice: With all creation

All Voices: we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life,

the unfolding purposes of God,

forever at work in ourselves and in the world. Amen.

*Gloria Patri See Screen

Offering and Offertory

*Doxology

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

*Hymn "Because You Live, O Christ" See Screen

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response "You Shall Go Out With Joy" See Screen

Postlude

Pray for the People of Pines

Sara Anderson
Jean Breitenwischer
Barbara Caffall
Carolyn Craig
Elizabeth Deraps

Sharon Dotson Nancy Watler Darlene Wendt Danny Williams

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 February 16, 2025

Sunday

12:00 pm **Annual Congregational Meeting** Sanctuary 12:00 pm Bring Your Own Lunch Fellowship Hall 12:00 pm Caring Committee C7

Monday

This Week at Pines to Dan 12:00 pm 5:30 pm Christian Ed Committee meeting by email 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 Potpourri Circle La Hacienda

Wednesday

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

7:30 pm Westside AA

Thursday

2:00 pm Set up for FMSC Gym 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Caregivers C8 7:15 pm Stephen Ministers Continuing Ed Parlor 8:00 pm AA Group C3

Friday — FMSC

5:30 am Bible Study Fellowship Fellowship Hall

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Sunday

9:15 am Sunday School Sanctuary 10:45 am Worship Fellowship Hall 12:00 pm Bring Your Own Lunch 12:00 pm **VBC** Leader Meeting Parlor C3 2:30 pm NAMI

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.

Next Newsletter articles due February 21. Today's Duty Elder: Patsy Jackson

Church Staff

The Reverend Andy Gans Pastor Kristin Beall

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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 TO GROW 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

Annual Meeting — The Session has called for the Annual Meetings of the Congregation and the Corporation to be held **TODAY**, **February 16**, **2025**, following worship. The purpose of the meetings will be to vote on the 2025 Terms of Call for Rev. Gans, to elect a trustee for a 3-year term, to elect at-large members of the 2025-26 Congregational Nominating Committee, and to conduct any other business appropriate to an Annual Meeting.

Here are some ways to support the Youth Program. Contact Kristin to help!

- *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

Bring Your Own Lunch — Bring your own lunch and meet in Fellowship Hall each Sunday after worship. Socialize while you eat and maybe play cards or a board game! Kids welcome! Drop in as your schedule permits. ("Second Sundays" will still be at the restaurant of the month, not in Fellowship Hall.)

Fellowship Hall restroom renovations continue. Please use the west door entrance into the Fellowship Hallway.

The Stephen Ministers are hosting "Understanding Dementia: Why Early Diagnosis Matters" at 7:15 on Thursday, February 20 in the parlor. Everyone is invited. Please RSVP to Ann Guerra.

Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack is **THIS WEEK**, on February 21 and 22. Online sign-ups are now open. Go to www.pinespc.org/FMSC.

Want to learn to play Mahjong, or are you already a seasoned player? Suzy Wolfe is hosting a Mahjong group in room W12 on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. If you would be interested, please email Suzy or call the church office.

