

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

*Call to Worship

One Voice: Draw near to God on this day,

a day when God seems so far away.

All Voices: We cry for help, in need of God's strength.

One Voice: Remember the story of betrayal and death, the saddest of our faith.

All Voices: We wonder how those who loved him

could have all fallen away.

One Voice: Listen and pray on this day of reflection,

seeking to understand death and destruction.

All Voices: We yearn to know the salvation of God.

One Voice: Draw near, dear friends,

for God is as near to us as our very breath.

All Voices: God was there, hanging on the cross with Jesus,

and God is here with us now.

*Hymn "#97 Go to Dark Gethsemane, stanzas 1-3"

Opening Prayer

Jesus.

remember us as we remember you;
remember us as we remember
your amazing gift of life
and your sacrificial love.
Comfort us in our sorrow.
Strengthen us to face the reality of this day—
death and sin, pain and despair, love and loss.
Invite us into your story once more,
that we may know how best to follow you—
all the way to the cross,
all the way through death,
all the way to the hope
on the other side of suffering and death.
Amen



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 with the Ushers.

Sound: Dan Schafer

Liturgist: Kristin Beall

*All who are able may stand

A congregation of the



Prayer of Confession

One Voice: Forgive us, merciful God, when we deny you

and betray those who seek our welfare.

All Voices: Lord, have mercy.

One Voice: Forgive us when we forget your story

and deny your place in our lives.

All Voices: Christ, have mercy.

One Voice: Forgive us when we wash our hands of responsibility

and refuse to stand up for truth.

All Voices: Lord, have mercy.

One Voice: Forgive us when we follow crowds that would crucify,

when we listen to ideas that destroy.

All Voices: Kyrie, eleison.

One Voice: Forgive us when we mock and scorn others,

without listening to their cries of despair.

All Voices: Christe, eleison.

One Voice: Forgive us when we deny the reality of pain and death,

when we hide in the shadows of denial.

All Voices: Kyrie, eleison.

One Voice: Walk with us through the valley

of the shadow of death, merciful God, that we may find the courage to face evil, knowing that you are on this road with us.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Grace

One Voice: Christ has lifted our suffering onto his shoulders, carrying all

our hurts and rejections into God's heart. There, God casts

them away into the sea of forgetfulness, so we may be

restored to hope and live as new people.

All Voices: Fed with grace, carried in God's arms,

we know that we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

John 18:28-19:42 Gospel Lesson

Meditation "Were You There?"

Hymn "#101 When I Survey the Wonderous Cross"

The Tenebrae

The Shadow of Betraval Matthew 26:20-25 The Shadow of Desertion Matthew 26:31-35 The Shadow of Violence Matthew 26:47-52 The Shadow of Denial Luke 22:54-62 The Shadow of Cynicism John 18:33-38 The Shadow of Irresponsibility Matthew 27:20-26 Mark 15:16-20 The Shadow of Mockery The Shadow of Death John 19:28-30

SOLO "#102 Were You There?"

Pray for the People of Pines

Norma Bender Jean Breitenwischer Linda Carlson Barbara Caffall Virginia Smith Carolyn Craig Liz Buelow Karen MacAllister Darlene Wendt Larry Greenlee

Barbara Greenlee Melissa Sandstrom Nancy Watler Ann Smith Ray Stauffacher Lynn Stauffacher Lou Master

Prayers for Darlene Wendt with the passing of her husband Bruce.

Prayers for Kezzie Deffebach with the passing of her husband Bill.

Pray for Friends in Mission

Joy Kreider Ken and Judy McDyer

Pray for Pines Members and their family in the Military

Olivia Williams (Armv) Noah Youngflesh (Air Force) 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. Amen.

A Stephen Ministry



Congregation

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Calendar for the Week of April 17, 2022

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Easter Sunday	a.m.	6:30 7:30 9:00 9:15 9:30 10:00 10:15 10:45 11:00	Sunrise Service - Bendwood Park Fellowship Breakfast Nursery Open Sunday School Mosaic Church - Gym Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room Coffee Fellowship Easter Worship Service - Sanctuary Mosaic Children - W12
Monday	p.m.	4:00 7:30	Office Closed This Week at Pines articles due ALANON Group - Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	a.m. p.m.	7:00 2:30 6:30	Men's Bible Study - Zoom Weekly Prayer Team - Prayer Room Miriam Circle Meeting - C3
Wednesday	a.m. p.m.	9:00 5:45 7:00 7:00 8:00	Bulletin Articles Due Pines Pealers (Bell Practice) -C12 Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room Mosaic Practice - Gym Westside AA - C3
Thursday	p.m.	1:00 6:30 7:00 8:00	Lectionary Bible Study - Zoom Stephen Ministry Training - C8 & C10 Space City Singers - Fellowship Hall AA - C3
Friday	a.m.	5:00	BSF - Fellowship Hall
Saturday	p.m.	1:30 5:30 6:00	Stephen Ministry Training - C8 & C10 Mosaic Youth Fellowship - Gym & Youth Rooms The Solution AA - C3
Sunday	a.m.	9:00 9:15 9:30 10:00 10:15 10:45 11:00 6:00	Nursery Open Sunday School Mosaic Church - Gym Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room Coffee Fellowship Worship Service - Sanctuary Mosaic Children - W12 Pines Youth Group - Gym & Youth Rooms

SERMON NOTES

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Get the latest announcements and reminders right before events happen. Find us here: https://twitter.com/HoustonPines.

Find us on Facebook www.facebook.com PinesPresbyterianChurch

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 2023

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Class of 2024

Bob Barr Leslie Friedrich Judy Shamp Connie Sipp Phil Wetz

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OPPORTUNITIES UPWARD, INWARD AND OUTWARD

May Newsletter: Input must be in the office by April 22nd at 9 a.m. to cindy@pinespc.org

Next Week's Bulletin: Submit to the office by Wednesday at 9 a.m. to Chelsea@pinespc.org

Calendar Items: Input must be in the office by Thursday at 9 a.m.

This Week at Pines email: Input must be in the office to Dan Schafer by Monday to communication@pinespc.org

Today's Duty Elder(s): Bob Barr & Shirley Bollich

Welcome, **Guests!** If you have questions about our church, or would like to discuss church membership, please speak with Pastor Andy.

In need of someone to talk to? If you want to know more about getting a Stephen Minister, please contact Bill Willis or call the church office.

Flowers: Don't forget to honor with flowers. The cost is \$75.00 for the Sanctuary and \$50.00 for the Narthex. We will continue to offer the option to give to a benevolence or order a real arrangement. Please email or call Melissa Gravett or Linda Aldred.

Ushers Needed! The Worship Committee is seeking volunteers to serve as ushers during Worship services. Please contact the Head Usher, Chris Wolfe, for more information.

Supporting youth ministry with a simple meal! Youth group has begun again most Sunday evenings. We'd love help providing a snack supper at 6pm (currently ask you to provide for 10 people - paper products and drink are provided). Some examples are walking tacos, sloppy joe, hot dogs, or chicken tenders! Sign up here or see Kristin: Take Them A Meal | Easy online meal sign ups to support your loved ones.

Holy Week Services

April 17 6:30 AM Sunrise Easter Service - Bendwood Park 10:45 AM Easter Service - Sanctuary