



PINES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

***Call to Worship**

Beth Patterson

One Voice: God is our strength!

All Voices: Sing it loud.

One Voice: Christ is our joy!

All Voices: Shout it for all to hear.

One Voice: Sing of love and grace!

All Voices: Shout of mercy and truth!

One Voice: Sing of God's goodness!

All Voices: Shout of Christ's love!

***Hymn**

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

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Prayer of Confession

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**God of Grace, we feel threatened by forces
that seem greater than ourselves.
As Pontius Pilate taunted Jesus,
daring him to spar over earthly power,
we are tempted to lower ourselves
to compete and compare with one another.
Forgive us when we forget that we belong, above all,
to your way and your truth.
When we feel inclined to fight or flee,
let us instead seek refuge
in your wisdom and your grace.
Guide us not to react badly,
but to respond faithfully.
Inspire us to answer insult with creative acts of love.
Let us trust not in our own power,
but in the strength of your love,
which reigns in the heavens
and on the earth forevermore.**

Silent Confession

Confessional Response

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

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Assurance of Grace

One Voice: Shout for joy, children of God! The God who was and is and is
to come loves you, forgives you, and renews you.

**All Voices: God's Spirit rests upon us, grace and peace are the gifts of
our loving God. Amen.**

TODAY
November 24, 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.

Liturgist: Beth Patterson

Sound: Ron Strawser

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

Revelation 1:4b-8

Anthem

"How Beautiful"
Twila Paris

Chancel Choir

Gospel Reading

John 18:33-37

Sermon

"Is. . .Was. . .Is"

Rev. Andy Gans

Serving Outward

***Hymn**

"My Life Flows On"

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***Saying What We Believe** (*The Apostles' Creed*)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,**

**and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;**

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

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Offering and Offertory

***Doxology**

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

***Hymn**

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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***Charge and Benediction**

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

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Postlude

Pray for the People of Pines

Sara Anderson Nancy Watler
Jean Breitenwischer Darlene Wendt
Barbara Caffall Danny Williams
Carolyn Craig Jill Sherrill
Sharon Dotson Juan Vislocky
Beth Patterson

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 24, 2024

Sunday

9:15 am	Sunday School	
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:45 am	Children's Choir	Choir Room

Monday

12:00 pm	This Week at Pines to Dan	
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	

Wednesday

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

Thursday—Office Closed

8:00 pm	AA Group	C3
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Friday—Office Closed

5:30 am	Bible Study Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday

9:30 am	Decorate the church for Christmas	Fellowship Hall
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9:15 am	Sunday School	
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:45 am	Children's Choir	Choir Room
12:00 pm	Youth Hand in Hand	Offsite
3:30 pm	Usher Training	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Advent Play Rehearsal	
5:00 pm	Tree Lighting, Dinner, and Caroling	

Youth BBQ Fundraiser — Pickles BBQ, award winning competition team, is cooking BBQ ready to serve or reheat for later! Pick up 1-3pm on Sunday Dec 15th. Orders due by Dec 9th. Brisket \$25/ lb or Pork Ribs \$30 rack. Link to order in This week at Pines, or email Kristin@pinespc.org

Something exciting is coming back next year.

"Fun and Food with Friends" (formerly known as "Date for Eight") will begin in February 2025. This event has been a long-standing tradition at Pines usually involving a potluck type of experience with a small group of 6 – 8 people.

Sign ups will be right outside Fellowship Hall beginning in December.

Look for Chris, Linda or Patsy. If you have any questions please reach out to Linda Aldred, Patsy Jackson, or Chris Wolfe.

Next Newsletter articles due December 20.
Today's Duty Elder: Linda Aldred

SERMON NOTES

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

Facebook:

www.facebook.com

PinesPresbyterianChurch

Instagram:

[Instagram.com/](https://www.instagram.com/PinesHouston)

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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.

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, today through December 8. You can also email or call Linda Aldred or Melissa Gravett. Please designate "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of" when you order.

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 Church, 12751 Kimberley Lane, Houston, Texas 77024.

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 Pines 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.

Save the Date! Plan to attend our Pines annual Christmas luncheon following the Christmas Cantata during morning worship on Sunday, December 15th!

Spread Some Christmas Love! Come join the Missions Committee on Sunday, December 1, as we stuff 100 Christmas bags with candy and a toy. The bags will be given to homeless children served by Montrose Street Reach, one of our mission partners. All you have to do is come to Fellowship Hall that Sunday and fill a bag with treats and goodies supplied by the Missions Committee. Questions - contact Kathy Ropshaw or any committee member. For more information on this ministry, go to montrosetreestreach.com

Here are some ways to support the Youth Program:

*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

Sherwood Christmas

Come help wrap presents!
December 7 | 9:00am | Fellowship Hall