



ADVENT AT PINES PRESBYTERIAN

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Growing Inward

Gathering for Worship

Introit

Prelude

*Call to Worship

One Voice: Praise God in the highest heavens!

All Voices: Praise God in the deepest seas!

One Voice: All creation proclaims God's glory —

All Voices: sun and moon, snow and frost.

One Voice: With birds and beasts, we sing God's praises.

All Voices: With mountains and hills, we display God's glory.

One Voice: Glory to God in the highest!

All Voices: And peace to all on God's earth.

Beth Patterson

*Hymn

"The First Nowell"

See Screen

Prayer of Confession

See Screen

God of wisdom and grace,
guide us to be a people
of compassion and kindness.

When we clothe ourselves in sin,
forgive us.

When we separate ourselves
from you and your people,
bind us together as one.

When we withhold forgiveness or harbor hatred,
cover us with your mercy,
that we may be bound together in love
and be guided into your perfect harmony.

May your peace rule in our hearts,
and your forgiveness flow through our lives.

Clothe us in the mercy and patience
we so desperately seek,
in the name of Jesus Christ.

TODAY IN
WORSHIP
December 29, 2024

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:

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

Auditory assistance receivers are available from the Ushers.

Liturgist: Beth Patterson

Sound: Ron Strawser

A Congregation of the



Silent Confession

Confessional Response "O Little Town of Bethlehem" See Screen

Assurance of Grace

One Voice: If anyone has a complaint against another,

All Voices: let forgiveness be our way.

One Voice: For just as the Lord has forgiven us,

All Voices: so must we also forgive.

One Voice: Receive the forgiveness Christ offers.

All Voices: We are forgiven and reconciled to God.

Children's Message Kristin Beall

First Reading Looking Upward Psalm 148

Anthem "Ring Out, Wild Bells" Faith Taylor
Charles Gounod

Second Reading Colossians 2:41-52

Sermon "Christmas Gifts" Rev. Andy Gans
Serving Outward

***Hymn** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" See Screen

***Saying What We Believe**

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation;
in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible.**

All things have been created through him and for him.

**He himself is before all things,
and in him all hold together.**

**He is head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning,
the firstborn of the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything.**

**For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,
whether of earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.**

***Gloria Patri** See Screen

Offering and Offertory

***Doxology**

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

***Hymn** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" See Screen

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response** "Joy to the World" See Screen

Postlude

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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Calendar, Week of December 29, 2024

Sunday

9:15 am Explorers Sunday School

Monday

12:00 pm This Week at Pines to Dan

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 — New Year's Day (office closed)

7:30 pm Westside AA C3

Thursday

8:00 pm AA Group C3

Saturday

9:00 am Elder Training C8

Sunday

9:15 am Sunday School

10:45 am Worship Sanctuary

12:00 pm Brown Bag Lunch Social Fellowship Hall

2:00 pm Spain Trip meeting Fellowship Hall

6:00 pm Youth Group Youth rooms

SERMON NOTES

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

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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: Ron Langston

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 are open now. 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.

Brown Bag Lunch Sunday Social — 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.)