

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

*Call to Worship

Nolan and Grace Holland

One Voice: Draw near to God, and grow strong in God's presence.

All Voices: We seek God's wisdom, and know joy as God draws near.

One Voice: Rest in the shade of this tree called the church.

All Voices: We yearn for the strength to move forward in faith.

One Voice: Plant your hearts in God's truth, your lives in Christ's ways.

All Voices: We come now to listen, to speak, and to pray. One Voice: Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

*Hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" See Screen

Prayer of Confession

See Screen

Servant God, humble our hearts, even when we are proud.

Call us back to service and love.

even when our focus is lost in the pursuit of power and prestige.

Remind us to be childlike in faith

and to be faithful as your children.

Cover us with your grace

and unify us in your peace.

that we may embrace your wisdom from above and your humility from below.

In your mercy and grace, we ask you to hear our prayers.

Silent Confession

Confessional Response "Healer of Our Every III" See Screen

Assurance of Grace

One Voice: With the nourishment of Christ the Living Water,

All Voices: we are refreshed and made new.

One Voice: In God's mercy and grace,

All Voices: we are again claimed as God's children

and called into God's service.

September 22, 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:

Auditory assistance receivers are available from the Ushers.

Liturgists: Nolan and Grace

Holland

Sound: Dan Schafer

Flowers: The Sanctuary flowers today are given by Valerie Harelson to the Glory of God and in grateful appreciation and thankfulness for the prayers and support of my Pines' family.

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

A Congregation of the



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.

Looking Upward

First Reading

James 3:13-18, 4:7-8a

Anthem

"I'll Fly Away" Albert É. Brumley Space City Sound

Second Reading

Mark 9:30-37

Sermon

"Growing Up Wise"

Rev. Andy Gans

Serving Outward

*Hymn

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

See Screen

*Saying What We Believe (Iona Community)

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

Moment for Stewardship

Offering and Offertory

"I'll Live in Glory" John M. Henson

Space City Sound

*Doxology

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

*Hymn "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy" See Screen

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response "Sent Out in Jesus' Name" See Screen

Postlude

Pray for the People of Pines

Sara Anderson Jean Breitenwischer Barbara Caffall Carolyn Craig Sharon Dotson

Beth Patterson Carol Schneider Nancy Watler Darlene Wendt Danny Williams

Pray for Friends in Mission

Joy Kreider

Prayers for the family and friends for the loss of Pines member Ann Smith.

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

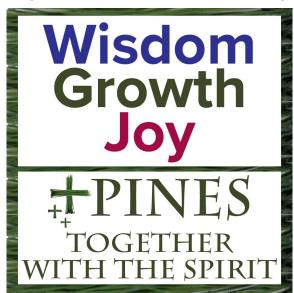






Calendar for the Week of September 22, 2024

Sunday		
12:00 pm	Children's Choir	Choir Room
12:00 pm	Picnic Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Monday		•
12:00 pm	This Week at Pines to Dan	
2:30 pm	Ann Smith Memorial Service	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Session meeting	C-3
7:00 pm	Tending to Grief meeting	Parlor
7:30 pm	Al Anon Group	Fellowship Hall
<u>Tuesday</u>		
7:00 am	Men's Bible Study	Zoom
9:00 am	Bulletin articles due to Laurie	
<u>Wednesday</u>		
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
<u>Thursday</u>		
6:30 pm	"The Brain and Anxiety", Joy Kreider	Parlor
8:00 pm	AA Group	C3
<u>Friday</u>		
5:30 am	Bible Study Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
<u>Sunday</u>		
9:15 am	Sunday School	
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:45 am	Children's Choir	Choir Room
12:00 pm	Trustee's meeting	C8
12:00 pm	Audit Committee	C10



Join Chris Wolf as he and Mike Lade discuss **Growth** during worship today. Reflect on God's blessings and the growth He has instilled in you through life experiences. Share your thoughts in an email to annieguerra@att.net so they can be added to the bulletin board in the Narthex. There are also slips of paper by the board. Walk with your Pines family and engage as you focus on what Stewardship means to you this year.

Next Newsletter articles due October 25. Today's Duty Elder: Tim Timmons

SERMON NOTES

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

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> 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.

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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 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.

TODAY — Picnic Lunch in the Fellowship Hall with hot dogs, chips, and ice cream!

Celebrate the end of a fun summer with your Pines Family! Have fun watching slides of Fiesta VBC!

The Brain and Anxiety — Come join Dr. Joy Kreider as she talks about "The Brain and Anxiety" and how it affects us and those around us. This event is sponsored by Pines' Stephen Ministry and ALL are welcome. Bring a friend! Thursday, September 26 from 7:15 - 8:30 in the Parlor. No RSVP needed. Please reach out to Phil Wetz or Ann Guerra for more information.

The Congregational Nominating Committee is meeting to nominate 5 candidates for elder for election by the congregation to 3-year terms on the Session of Pines Presbyterian Church. If you would like to recommend someone or yourself for consideration, please contact Linda Johnson, moderator of the committee.

Coming soon - can you help? The annual Trunk or Treat community outreach is Sunday, October 27, 4-5:30pm, in the Kimberley parking lot. Sign up to help run a car (decoration provided!), bounce house, or table to love on our kids and community! And drop a bag of candy anytime in the box in the narthex or at the front office. Sign up here: or with Kristin https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44A4AB2BA0F9C07-51111972-trunk#/



Bring any size:

Paper Towels, Toilet Paper,
Window Cleaner, Sponges,
Toilet Brushes, Bathroom Cleaner,
Dish Soap, Garbage Bags,
Dishwasher Detergent,
Laundry Detergent,
Laundry Baskets



Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate, made online (pinespc.org/giving or Zelle), or sent to the church office. Include "September Agape" with your donation.