



# ADVENT AT PINES PRESBYTERIAN

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## Growing Inward

### Gathering for Worship

#### Introit

“Prepare Ye”

Stephen Schwartz

#### Prelude

#### \*Call to Worship

Phil Wetz

One Voice: Sing loudly with praise for God.

**All Voices: God is with us here!**

One Voice: Rejoice in the God of our salvation.

**All Voices: God is in our midst!**

#### \*Hymn

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King!!”

See Screen

#### Lighting of the Advent Candle

Dan and Margaret Schafer

#### Prayer After Candle Lighting

See Screen

#### Advent Response

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

See Screen

#### Prayer of Confession

See Screen

Come, Lord Jesus.  
Come quickly into our lives  
and into our hearts.  
Renew us with your love.  
Help us bear fruit  
worthy of repentance.  
Where there is hatred,  
heal us with your love.  
Where there is discord,  
calm us with your pace.  
Where there is sin,  
cover us with your grace.  
Where there is despair,  
strengthen us with your hope.  
Baptize us with the fire of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may be refined  
and cleansed of our sins.  
Gather us into your midst,  
that we may be your people.

THIRD SUNDAY  
December 15, 2024  
IN ADVENT

#### 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.

#### Pines Presbyterian Church

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

#### Helpful devices:

Auditory assistance receivers are available from the Ushers.

Liturgist: Phil Wetz

Sound: Dan Schafer

**Advent Wreath:** The Advent wreath is given to the glory of God and in memory of Becky O'Connor.

A Congregation of the



## Silent Confession

**Confessional Response** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" See Screen

## Assurance of Grace

One Voice: Do not fear, dear children of God,  
for God is in our midst.

**All Voices: Christ has taken away all judgments against us,  
and we are forgiven and reconciled to God.**

One Voice: Rejoice! Again, I say, rejoice!

**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

**Gospel Reading** Philippians 4:4-7

**Music Ministry Cantata** "A Candlelight Christmas" Chancel Choir

### Serving Outward

**\*Saying What We Believe** (*Adopted from an Affirmation of Faith by Susan Bock*)

One Voice: In Advent, we renew our trust in God  
**All Voices: We believe in God,  
who came to us as one of us,  
who bends and kneels toward our world.  
drenching it with love.**

One Voice: In Advent, we renew our trust in Jesus  
**All Voices: We believe in Jesus,  
who came to us as in the fragile promise of a baby  
and emerged as a herald of hope.**

One Voice: In Advent, we renew our trust in the Holy Spirit  
**All Voices: We believe in the Spirit,  
hovering God, present among us,  
abiding, upholding,  
awaking all things to her grace.**

One Voice: In Advent, we renew our commitment to the community  
around us.  
**All Voices: We believe we are called  
to do justice, love kindness,  
and walk humbly with God and each other,  
ready for God's reign, awake and alert,  
as we work to bring it near.**

**We believe we are called,  
as Christmas comes close,  
to lift up our hearts in hope and in love,  
seeking God's advent.**

One Voice: In Advent, we renew our trust that Jesus is still with us.  
**All Voices: Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

**\*Gloria Patri** See Screen

**Offering and Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

## 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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<b>Preparation for Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer</b>	See Screen
<b>*Hymn</b> "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"	See Screen
<b>*Charge and Benediction</b>	
<b>*Benediction Response</b> "Joy to the World"	See Screen
<b>Postlude</b>	

### Cantata Performers

**Sopranos:** Shirley Bollich, Sydney Conner, Leslie Friedrich, Patsy Jackson, Judy Shamp, Bethel Strawser

**Altos:** Karen Davis, Allie Guerra, Valerie Harelson, Sue Master, Donna Partee, Carol Schneider

**Tenors:** Steve Allred, Steve Ballard, Roger Mowell, David Timms

**Basses:** Bobby Agosto, Stephen Banks, Ben Liles, Morriss Partee, Jim Patterson

**Tympani:** Andy Gans

**Narrators:** Grace Holland, Nolan Holland

**Accompanist:** Shawn Heller

## Calendar, Week of December 15, 2024

### Sunday

10:45 am	Worship — Christmas Cantata	Sanctuary
11:45 am	Children's Choir	Choir Room
12:00 pm	Annual Christmas Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Caring Ministries committee	C7
1:00 pm	BBQ pickup	Fellowship Hall

### Monday

12:00 pm	This Week at Pines to Dan	
12:00 pm	Stephen Leaders meeting	C8
5:30 pm	Christian Ed meeting	C8
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	
11:00 am	Potpourri Circle	TBA

### 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

8:00 pm	AA Group	C3
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### Sunday

9:00 am	Advent Play Dress Rehearsal	Sanctuary
9:15 am	Sunday School	
10:45 am	Worship — Advent Play	Sanctuary

Next Newsletter articles due December 20.  
Today's Duty Elder: Phil Wetz

### SERMON NOTES

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

Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/PinesPresbyterianChurch](http://www.facebook.com/PinesPresbyterianChurch)  
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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.

**Christmas Luncheon** — Plan to attend our Pines annual Christmas luncheon following the Christmas Cantata, which is being sung during morning worship **TODAY!!**

**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.

**Join us next Sunday, 12/22, for the Advent Play**, “Christmas Time”, to be presented during Sunday morning worship in the Sanctuary.

**Thank you to all those who ordered BBQ** for the youth fundraiser! Don’t forget to pick it up today-, December 15. 1-3pm in front of the Fellowship Hall. Your nose won’t miss us — we’ll be sitting by the yummy aroma of barbeque!!!!

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
AND  
**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
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**December 24**  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship | 5:00 & 7:00pm  
Holy Communion at Both Services  
Both Services Livestreamed

**December 25**  
Breakfast | 10:30am  
Christmas Day Worship | 10:45am  
Bring a Gift for the “Blessing of the Gifts”  
Fellowship Hall | No Livestream Christmas Day

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