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# **Growing Inward**

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "Rock of Ages"

Thomas Hastings

**Gathering for Worship** 

Introit "Jesus, Lord to Me" Chancel Choir

Gary McSpadden, Greg Nelson

\*Call to Worship (from Psalm 51)

One Voice: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast

love.

All Voices: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our

transgressions.

One Voice: Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us

from our sin.

All Voices: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and

right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of our

salvation.

\*Hymn "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" See Screen

# **Prayer of Confession**

Lord we so often want to take the easy way out, lighten our loads, and ignore the things that are too hard. And Lord, forgiveness is hard. It gets in the way of our pride and our sense of rightness. It means we have to humble ourselves, admit our own part, and care...it means we have to ultimately love. And Lord, we confess that we often don't want to forgive, and when we do, we confess that we often go only half-way. How easily we forget the depth of our own sin; how easily we forget how very undeserving we are of your mercy. Remind us Lord, of the incredible price you paid for our forgiveness. Remind us that it was your grace and love that held you to the cross...and it is your grace and love that give us life.

# **Silent Confession**

Confessional Response "Surely It is God Who Saves Me" See Screen

# Assurance of Grace

One Voice: Our lives were bought with a great price, the blood of our

Savior Jesus Christ.

All Voices: By the power of the blood of Christ, we are forgiven

and saved. All praise to our loving Lord!

# May 16, 2021 N WORSHIP

### **Welcome to Pines**

Tim Holder

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: Karen Davis

Flowers: In lieu of live flowers, a monetary donation was given by Linda and Phil Johnson to Faith in Practice in glory to God and in memory of Ginny Johnson, who would have celebrated her 95th birthday on May 15 and in celebration of Faith in Practice's return to medical missions in Guatemala.

\*All who are able may stand



A Stephen Ministry Congregation

\*Gloria Patri See Screen

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

# Looking Upward

# Children's Message

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song:
This is where children belong. This is where children belong.

Anthem "There Is a Redeemer" Chancel Choir

Melody Green

Scripture Reading Luke 7:36-50

**Sermon** "Being Forgiven and Forgiving" Rev. Barbara Retzloff

\*Hymn "Change My Heart, O God" See Screen

Serving Outward

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn "Just As I Am" See Screen

\*Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response "God Be With You Until We Meet Again"

See Screen

\*Sending Out The Light of Christ

\*Postlude "Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord" Tim Holder

Paul Baloche

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# 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.

# Calendar for the Week of May 16, 2021

Today	p.m.	5:00 8:00	In-Car-Nation WorshipBack Parking Lot AA Meeting
Monday	a.m./p.m	10:00	Committee Minutes Due to Office
	p.m.	6:30	A Time For Listening & HealingParlor
Tuesday	a.m.	7:00	Men's Bible Study(Meet by Zoom)
Wednesday	p.m.	1:30 8:00	Weekly Prayer TeamPrayer Room Westside AAFellowship Hall
Thursday	p.m.	1:00	Lectionary Bible Study(Meet by Zoom)
Friday	a.m./p.m.		Newsletter Articles Due to Office
Saturday	a.m.	11:00	Mosaic Crawfish BoilBack Parking Lot
Sunday	a.m	9:00	Nursery open until noon
		9:15	Adult Sunday SchoolFellowship Hall
		9:15	Children's Family Style Sunday SchoolW12
		9:15	Youth Sunday SchoolHigh School Room
		9:30	Sign Up For Blood Drive
		10:00	Choir RehearsalChoir Room
		10:45	Worship ServiceSanctuary/Live Streaming on Web and Facebook
	p.m.	5:00	In-Car-Nation WorshipBack parking lot
	p.m.	8:00	AA MeetingC3

# **SERMON NOTES**





Instagram.com/pineshouston

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

Find us on Facebook facebook.com/PinesPresbyterianChurch

The newsletter is available in the Narthex for those unable to access it online.

# **Church Staff**

The Reverend Barbara Retzloff
Temporary Pastoral Stated Supply
Tim Holder
Director, Music Ministry
Jesse Parker
Director, Youth Ministry
Micah Meyers
Communications Coordinator
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# **Preschool**

Connie Pike
Director, Preschool
Karen Cooper
Administrative Assistant

# Session

Class of 2022

Elizabeth Deraps Linda Johnson Mike Lade Karen MacAllister Bob Miller Violet O'Brien

## Class of 2023

Linda Aldred
Shirley Bollich
Phil Buelow
Emily Gairo
Ray Stauffacher
John Work

# Class of 2024

Bob Barr Leslie Friedrich Judy Shamp Connie Sipp Phil Wetz

# OPPORTUNITIES UPWARD, INWARDAND OUTWARD

Newsletter: Input must be in the office by May 21st at 9 a.m.

Next Week's Bulletin: Input must be in the office by Wednesday at 9 a.m.

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 by Friday at Noon

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

Pastoral Care...We've entered a time of new experience as a Pines family. Rev. Barbara Retzloff is back temporarily to preach and to provide spiritual guidance for the strengthening of the church. Barbara's position is intended to be part time and she will be available for pastoral care in crisis situations. To protect her time it has been decided that day-to-day pastoral concerns and questions will be handled by Rev. Bill Willis, who leads our Stephen Ministry at Pines. We hope that everyone will cooperate in making Barbara's time with us as productive as possible. If you have concerns or questions, or would like to have a Stephen Minister to walk with you, please call Bill or call the church office.

**Sunday School!** While the youth room doors are once again open, we are still keeping an online option for those that are staying home and wish to join us! Sunday School from 9:30am – 10:30am can be accessed here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83682869768 every week.

We thank you for sharing your treasures in the spirit and practice of stewardship. Please continue to mail your checks to the church office, put your checks in the offering basket in the rear of the sanctuary on Sundays or visit our website for online giving... VISIT pinespc.org for more information.

MAY AGAPE OFFERING - In honor of Mother's Day, the May Agape Offering will benefit L.I.F.E. Houston, the only local agency dedicated solely to providing emergency food and supplies for babies. The Mission of L. I. F. E. Houston is to provide emergency nourishment for hungry babies and provide education about proper infant nutrition to families in need. L. I. F. E. Houston helps over 2,000 babies with over 100,000 bottles each year. Items most needed: DIAPERS and BABY WIPES.

# A Time for Listening and Healing

Dear Pines Friends,

Perhaps one of my most used phrases since I have been back is, "This past year has been a difficult one." And that is so true, but it was especially true for all of you as you have also wrestled with the news about Andy's indiscretions. A year ago, there were hopes of providing listening groups for any who needed a safe place to share their thoughts and feelings and ask questions. Those never happened because of COVID. So now, we would like to offer that kind of safe space for any who still feel a need to be heard. **This Monday, May 17 at 6:30PM**, Bill Willis and I will host "A Time for Listening and Healing". Any who would like are welcome to come, share, ask questions, and be heard in a confidential and safe place. We will conclude our time with a short service of healing and prayer. We will meet in the Parlor. If you are interested or have questions, please feel free to reach out to Bill or to me. Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28). May this be a time for us to come to Jesus and find peace and healing for moving forward. With the love of Christ, Barbara

In-car-nation today at 5:00 p.m. in our West Bough parking lot. All you will have to do is pull in, park and tune your car radio to FM 107.1.