



# PINES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOOKING UPWARD - GROWING INWARD - SERVING OUTWARD

## Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

**\*Call to Worship**

Karen Davis

One Voice: Come to the river of life.

**All Voices: We are a people of the water.**

One Voice: Splash and play in holy springs.

**All Voices: We are a people of the water.**

One Voice: Be baptized and receive the Holy Spirit.

**All Voice: We are a people of the water.**

One Voice: Come to the river of life.

**\*Hymn**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

See Screen

**Prayer of Confession**

See Screen

**We try to stop Jesus from coming into our lives, Patient God, for we know how disruptive he can be. He wants us to preach the gospel with our lives, but we prefer to complain how hard that is to do. He wants us to do what is right, yet wrong-doing comes so easily for us. He would like us not to give up until justice is done, but we just don't seem to have the time.**

**We confess because we know we need to be forgiven by you, Glory and Grace. Bathe us in the life-giving waters of your mercy so we can come up from the water, ready to do good for others, to give you all the praise, to learn justice, grace, and hope from your Servant, Jesus Christ. Hear our prayers, O Lord.**

**Silent Confession**

**Confessional Response**

"You Are Mine"

See Screen

**Assurance of Grace**

One Voice: The voice that God spoke over the waters, the voice that called to Jesus at his baptism,

**All Voices: speaks to us still.**

One Voice: "You are my beloved; receive the Holy Spirit."

**All Voices: As God's beloved, born of water and the Spirit, darkness has no power over us. Amen!**

TODAY  
January 11, 2026  
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:** Karen Davis

**Sound:** Ron Strawser

**Pines Presbyterian Church** is located at 12751 Kimberley Lane Houston, Texas 77024 ~ 713-467-2234 ~ [pinespc.org](http://pinespc.org)

**A Congregation of the**



## Children's Message

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

Matthew 3:13-17

#### Anthem

"Song of Mary" Chancel Choir Women  
from "Born a Savior, Born a King" by Stan Pethel

#### Gospel Reading

Acts 10:34-43

#### Sermon

"What Is Right?" Rev. Andy Gans

### Serving Outward

#### \*Hymn

"Out of the Deep, Unordered Water" See Screen

#### \*Saying What We Believe

See Screen

One Voice: Do you believe in God, the Creator Almighty,

**All Voices: I believe in God, the Creator Almighty,**

One Voice: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**All Voices: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;**  
**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Creator,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

One Voice: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**All Voices: I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy universal church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### \*Gloria Patri

See Screen

#### Offering and Offertory

#### \*Doxology

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

#### \*Hymn

"Go to the World!" See Screen

#### \*Charge and Benediction

#### \*Benediction Response

"The Trees of the Field" See Screen

#### Postlude

## Pray for the People of Pines

Sara Anderson	Sharon Dotson
Jean Breitenwischer	Angie Mills
Barbara Caffall	Donna Partee
Mary Catherine	Tim Timmons
Cezeaux	Juanita Vislocky
Marsha Deison	Nancy Watler
Sydney DeLaSalle	Danny Williams
Elizabeth Deraps	Bill Willis

## 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.  
Amen.

## A Stephen Ministry



Congregation

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## Calendar for the Week of January 11, 2026

### Sunday

2:30 pm NAMI C3

### Monday

12:00 pm This Week at Pines to Dan  
 12:00 pm Worship Committee meeting C10  
 5:30 pm Christian Ed meeting C10  
 6:00 pm Pre-school Committee meeting C3  
 7:00 pm Tending to Grief meeting Parlor  
 7:30 pm Al Anon Group Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday** — 8:00 am—5:00 pm, Lifeline Screening, Fellowship Hall

7:00 am Men's Bible Study Zoom  
 9:00 am Bulletin articles due to Laurie  
 11:30 am Clara Gay Circle C3  
 6:30 pm Miriam Circle C3

### Wednesday

1:30 pm Weekly Prayer Team Prayer Room  
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal Choir Room  
 7:30 pm Westside AA C3

### Thursday

6:30 pm Bingo Fellowship Hall  
 8:00 pm AA Group C3

### Sunday

9:15 am Sunday School  
 10:45 am Worship Sanctuary  
 12:00 pm Caring Ministry Committee meeting C7

### SERMON NOTES

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

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

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

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 23.  
 Today's Duty Elder: Brad Hofstetter

# OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW UPWARD, INWARD AND OUTWARD

## Church Staff

The Reverend Andy Gans  
Pastor  
Laurie Conner  
Director of Music Ministries  
Shawn Heller  
Church Musician  
Cindy Houlihan  
Office Manager  
Alexis Graham  
Accounting Manager  
Adrian Roman, Selena Jimenez  
Custodian/Maintenance



Connie Pike  
Director, Preschool  
Alicia Flick  
Administrative Assistant

[PinesPresbyterianPreschool.com](http://PinesPresbyterianPreschool.com)

## Session

### 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

### Class of 2028

Mark Babineck  
Steve Ballard  
Terrie Cardwell  
Fred Ellis  
Roger Mowell

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

**Come play Pickleball at Pines!** Open play Monday 7-9pm and Thursday 7-9pm and Sunday 4-6pm. Sign up at [pickleheads.com](http://pickleheads.com) You must sign up to play.

**Second Sunday Lunch** — There will not be a Second Sunday Lunch Bunch today. Mark your calendar for February 8th....join us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall!

**Bingo** — Please mark your calendars. It is time for another fun Pines Bingo night at 6:30 pm on Thursday in Fellowship Hall. For more information or to RSVP please contact Linda Aldred. We need a general head count to make sure we have enough food and Bingo Cards. Expect fun, food, fellowship and Bingo!

**Explorers' Sunday School** — The next study for our class will be by Rick Warren, pastor of Saddleback Church in Orange County, CA, and bestselling author of The Purpose Driven Life. "Better Together: What on Earth Are We Here For" includes six teaching sessions, in which you will learn how to fulfill God's five purposes for your life within the context of community: Rick Warren will show you how God planned for you to fulfill his purposes in community with other people... in your church family...in your small group... in the world around you.

**"Friends Night Out"** has been a huge success and many Pines Friends have wished to see it continue. 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 begin now through the end of January, 2026. The timeline for the Spring 2026 Friends Night Out will be February, March, and April. Emails will be sent to those who participated in the past to see if they wish to continue and participate again. If you have any questions please reach out to Linda Aldred, Patsy Jackson, or Chris Wolfe.

You're invited to join us on our **Footsteps of Faith through Scotland and the Reformation** September 1-11, 2026. Our trip won't just be admiring Scotland's rugged landscapes and ancient castles, but we'll also be delving into a pivotal period of its past: the Scottish Reformation and the history of the Presbyterian Church. For a brochure and application go to [pinespc.org/Scotland](http://pinespc.org/Scotland) or talk to Pastor Andy.