



PINES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOOKING UPWARD - GROWING INWARD - SERVING OUTWARD

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship

Karen Davis

One Voice: Rejoice and sing to God.

All Voices: We sing of the Risen Christ.

One Voice: Clap your hands and shout with joy.

All Voices: We rejoice in the living God.

One Voice: Celebrate this day.

All Voices: We celebrate with the Spirit who calls us here.

*Hymn

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

See Screen

Prayer of Confession

See Screen

Heavenly Christ, come down from on high to be with us,
even in our darkest hours.

As you share in our suffering,
share your love in the midst of our shortcomings
and our failings.

Raise us to new heights
with your forgiveness and mercy,
that we may glorify you in all that we say
and in all that we do.

Enter into our sorrows with grace and hope,
that we might be overwhelmed with joy.

Blessed God, we ask that you now hear our prayers.

Silent Confession

Confessional Response

“Hear the Good News of Salvation”

See Screen

Assurance of Grace

One Voice: The Risen Christ is here, restoring, empowering,
and strengthening us.

**All Voices: We are established as God’s beloved children,
forgiven and made new in Christ’s love.
Thanks be to God!**

TODAY
May 17, 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: Dan Schafer

Pines Presbyterian Church

is located at 12751 Kimberley Lane
Houston, Texas 77024 ~
713-467-2234 ~ 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 Scripture Reading 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Anthem "Sweet Hour of Prayer" Chancel Choir
William B. Bradbury

Second Scripture Reading John 17:1-11

Sermon "When, Why, and How to Pray" Rev. Andy Gans

Serving Outward

***Hymn** "Come to Me, Weary Traveler" See Screen

***Saying What We Believe** (*From A Brief Statement of Faith*)

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the church.

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***Gloria Patri**

Recognition of Graduates

Offering and Offertory

***Doxology** See Screen

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

***Hymn** "Though the Mountains May Fall" See Screen

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response** "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" See Screen

Postlude

Pray for the People of Pines

Sara Anderson	Angie Mills
Jean Breitenwischer	Yohanna Tirayoh
Barbara Caffall	Juanita Vislocky
Marsha Deison	Nancy Watler
Sydney DeLaSalle	Danny Williams
Elizabeth Deraps	Duane Wood
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)

Prayers for Lynn Stauffacher

and family in the loss of her husband Ray, on May 2nd.

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.

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Calendar for the Week of May 17, 2026

Sunday

9:15 am	Prayer Pal Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Caring Committee meeting	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Trustees Meeting	C10

Monday

12:00 pm	This Week at Pines to Dan	
12:00 pm	Committee minutes 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	
11:30 pm	Potpourri Circle	La Hacienda

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 — Pentecost Sunday, wear red

9:15 am	Sunday School	
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
2:30 pm	NAMI	C3

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

SERMON NOTES

May Agape Offering

Donate New or Gently Used Children's Books Infant - 5th Grade



NO BOOKS?
Scan to use the Amazon Wish List. Note "PINES" and your name in the memo line.

Questions? Ask Ann Guerra or email ann@booksbetweenkids.org



Books Between Kids serves Houston's at-risk children by providing them with books to build their own home libraries.

DROP OFF IN THE MISSIONS BIN

OR PLACE A CHECK IN THE OFFERING PLATE, BRING IT TO THE OFFICE OR GIVE ONLINE ON ZELLE OR AT PINESPC.ORG (NOTE: "BOOKS BETWEEN KIDS")

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Facebook:
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 May 22.
Today's Duty Elder: Phil Wetz

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

Session

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

Class of 2029

Kyle Brinkman
Scott Greene
Valerie Harelson
Phil Johnson
David Youngflesh

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

Footsteps of Faith through Scotland and the Reformation — You're invited to join us on our trip to Scotland, 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 or talk to Pastor Andy.

Cave Quest Vacation Bible Camp (June 22-25, 2026)

<https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/bKlwHd8NoOteWja2M7>

Vacation Bible Camp Volunteers Needed! Join in the fun: be a Crew Leader, Station Leader, or Set up/Decorate! Contact Shirley Bollich.

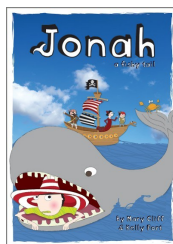
Envelope Fundraiser for Youth 2026 Mission Trip to Memphis, TN — Please help support the 2026 Pines youth/young adults' mission trip to Memphis. On May 17th, there will be 100 donation envelopes attached to a divider in the Pines Narthex, available for making donations for the trip. Donations may be made by check, credit card, or cash. If you have any questions, please contact Ron Langston.

Foundations Class May Series: In *The Holy Spirit*, Adam Hamilton explores what Scripture teaches about God's Spirit throughout the Bible. This accessible video and book study helps us understand and experience the Holy Spirit's presence and power in our lives. Come join us every Sunday morning in C-8. Contact Margaret Schafer for more information.

The Stephen Ministry Team invites you to learn "How to Help a Friend With Dementia." A representative from The Amazing Place will be at Pines on Thursday, May 28 at 7:00 in the Parlor. Please join us to hear about this topic. You are welcome to bring a guest. Even if this does not apply to you right now, chances are you will encounter someone in your life with this debilitating disease. RSVP to Ann Guerra.



The Isaiah Project's next phase will be small group conversation sessions, where you will have the chance to meet for an hour with a project team member and discuss together our hopes and dreams for the next chapter of Pines. Your voice is extremely important and we want to hear from you. We want everyone to have an opportunity to participate over the course of the next several weeks. Scan the QR code to register for a session!



Music Theater Camp registration is open! "Jonah: A Fishy Tail" will take place at Pines from July 13-July 17, 8:30am-12:30 pm, with the final play on Sunday, July 19, during 10:45am worship. Children must have completed first grade to register. Scan the QR code to access the registration page. It's a whale of a tale and will be a swimmingly good time for all!

