

## LOOKING UPWARD - GROWING INWARD - SERVING OUTWARD

#### **Growing Inward**

**Prelude** 

**Gathering for Worship** 

Introit

\*Call to Worship Sam Singer

One Voice: Rejoice and be glad in the Lord. All Voices: God is our hope of our salvation. One Voice: The Lord blesses the earth with rain. All Voices: God crowns the year with bounty. One Voice: The Lord silences the roaring seas. All Voices: God quiets the tumult of the people. One Voice: The Lord gifts us with visions and dreams.

All Voices: God takes away our shame. One Voice: Rejoice and be glad in the Lord. All Voices: God is our hope of our salvation.

"All Creatures of Our God and King" See Screen \*Hymn

**Prayer of Confession** 

Merciful God.

it is easier to think ourselves righteous than to admit our failings; it is easier to regard others with contempt than to see our own hypocrisy: it is easier to fret about having enough than to rejoice at your bounty. Forgive our transgressions and purify our hearts, that we might be humble servants, grateful for your love and care.

Silent Confession

See Screen Confessional Response "Healer of Our Every III"

Assurance of Grace

One Voice: In Christ, there is reserved for us a crown of righteousness, All Voices: which we share with all those who love him and long for his appearance.

One Voice: The one who answers our prayers for deliverance has fitted

us for the kingdom.

All Voices: We will rejoice and be glad!

October 26, 2025

**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: Sam Singer

Sound: Ron Strawser

See Screen

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

A Congregation of the



Children's Message

**Andy Gans** 

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 Joel 2:23-32

Anthem "This Little Light of Mine and Do Lord" Bel Canto Choir

Traditional

Second Reading Psalm 65

Sermon "Dry Season" Rev. Andy Gans

**Serving Outward** 

\*Hymn "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" See Screen

\*Saying What We Believe See Screen

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

\*Gloria Patri See Screen

Offering and Offertory

\*Doxology

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

\*Hymn "Give to the Winds Thy Fears" See Screen

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Benediction Response "We Are One in the Spirit, v. 1" See Screen

**Postlude** 

#### Pray for the People of Pines

Sara Anderson
Bob Barr
Jean Breitenwischer
Barbara Caffall
Marsha Deison
Sydney DeLaSalle
Elizabeth Deraps

Sharon Dotson

Angie Mills Donna Partee Tim Timmons Juanita Vislocky Nancy Watler Danny Williams 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.

A Stephen Ministry



Congregation

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## Calendar for the Week of October 26, 2025

Sunday		
2:30 pm	NAMI	C3
4:00 pm	Trunk or Treat	Kimberley Parking Lot
<u>Monday</u>		
12:00 pm	This Week at Pines to Dan	
6:30 pm	Session Meeting	C3
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
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal	Choir Room
7:30 pm	Westside AA	C3
<u>Thursday</u>		
8:00 pm	AA Group	C3
<u>Sunday</u>		
9:15 am	Sunday School	
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Youth	Youth Rooms



**Pledge cards for 2026** — If you have not made your commitment yet, please do so by the end of this month. You can put your card in the offering plate or send it to Alexis Graham at the church office. Your commitment helps our Session set a budget for 2026.

Next Newsletter articles due November 21. Today's Duty Elder: Terrie Cardwell

## SERMON NOTES

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

Facebook: www.facebook.com PinesPresbyterianChurch

> 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.

## **Church Staff**

The Reverend Andy Gans
Pastor
Laurie Conner
Director of Music Ministries
Shawn Heller
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Cindy Houlihan
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Alexis Graham
Accounting Manager
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### 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

# OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW 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.

**Come play Pickleball at Pines!** Open play Monday 7-9pm and Thursday 7-9pm and Sunday 4-6pm. Sign up at pickleheads.com You must sign up to play.

**Pines Nominating Committee is looking for names** of those willing to serve on Session. If you know of anyone interested, or if you are interested yourself, please place their/your name in the box you will find in the Narthex before leaving church. Thank you!

**Advent Devotional** – Believe it or not, Advent is around the corner, which means we will soon be producing our own Advent Devotional guide. This year's theme is Gifts and we need your story and your reflection on a verse of scripture to make this devotional come to life. If you'd like to write a brief devotional to be included in this year's guide, please let Pastor Andy know, and he will help guide you to a scripture if needed. The deadline for submission is **November 10th**.

**Save the Date!** On Sunday, November 30 at 5pm, come join your Pines family for Family Advent Night, where we will participate together in caroling, dinner,, crafts, cookies, and Christmas tree lighting.



