



PINES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOOKING UPWARD - GROWING INWARD - SERVING OUTWARD

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

*Call to Worship

Karen Davis

One Voice: Praise the Lord!

All Voices: We gather to sing praises to God.

One Voice: Praise the Lord!

**All Voices: We gather to give thanks
for all God has done in our lives.**

One Voice: Praise the Lord!

**All Voices: We gather to worship our creator,
redeemer, and sustainer.**

*Hymn

"We Gather Together"

See Screen

Prayer of Confession

See Screen

Eternal God, waiting is hard —

waiting for justice,

waiting for peace,

waiting for love,

waiting for your presence to heal us.

**Give us the understanding and passion of Jacob,
to work or the deepest desire of our hearts.**

**Give us the perseverance of Abraham,
to keep going when all hope seems lost.**

**Transform our hope into action,
that we may help build your kingdom
here on earth.**

Silent Confession

Confessional Response

"Cares Chorus"

See Screen

Assurance of Grace

One Voice: Nothing can separate us from the love of God:

**All Voices: Not death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come.**

One Voice: No power in heaven or under the earth
can separate us from the love of Christ:

**All Voices: Nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation.
Thanks be to God!**

TODAY

July 26, 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

Flowers: The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Sam and Priscilla Singer in honor of their 61st wedding anniversary, and Sammi's 22nd birthday.

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

Romans 8:26-39

Anthem

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"
by William R. Bradbury
Bethel Strawser, guitar and Valerie Harelson, handbells

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sermon

"Finding Joy in Faith" Rev. Andy Gans

Serving Outward

*Hymn "You Are My Strength When I Am Weak" See Screen

*Saying What We Believe — *the Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic 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 See Screen

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

*Hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" See Screen

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response "Go Ye, Go Ye into the World" See Screen

Postlude

Pray for the People of Pines

Sara Anderson	John Plush
Barbara Caffall	Bethel Strawser
Sydney DeLaSalle	Tim Timmons
Elizabeth Deraps	Yohanna Tirayoh
Sharon Dotson	Juanita Vislocky
Walter LaForge	Nancy Watler
Angie Mills	Danny Williams
Becky Neisig	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.

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Calendar for the Week of July 26, 2026

Sunday

2:00 pm	Scotland Trip meeting	Fellowship Hall
2:30 pm	NAMI	C3

Monday

12:00 pm	This Week at Pines 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	

Wednesday

1:30 pm	Weekly Prayer Team	Prayer Room
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Thursday

8:00 pm	AA Group	C3
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Sunday

9:15 am	Sunday School	
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary

Summer is HOT!
So is the Pines Summer Speaker Series!

New Topics Every Week



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Fellowship Hall



Coffee - 9:15am
Speaker - 9:30am
 Beginning June 7

Invite Your Friends for a COOL Sunday Morning!

Children and Youth
Senior High Room



Nursery Available

SERMON NOTES

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

Facebook:

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

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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 August 21.
 Today's Duty Elder: Phil Johnson

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
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.

Would you like to truly make a difference in the life of a child? Consider becoming a Reading Buddy or Mentor at Sherwood Elementary. Reading buddies meet weekly to help build reading skills. Mentors also meet with their student weekly to help inspire their student to reach their full potential. Commitment is 30 minutes/week during the school year. A one-hour training per school year is required and provided by SBISD. Sign-ups and training dates will be available mid-July. For more information, contact Beth Patterson or Margaret Schafer or visit www.springbranchisd.com/engage.

Love to knit or crochet? Join **Pines Needles** and craft for a cause. We are a welcoming needlework group dedicated to bringing warmth, comfort, and hope to neighbors in need. We create handmade hats, scarves, shawls, and blankets for cancer patients through **CanCare**, as well as residents at **The Mission of Yahweh** and **Star of Hope**. Our 2025 impact: 250+ warm hats, 40+ comfy blankets/ shawls, and 175+ cozy scarves donated!! We'd love for you to join our group! If you'd like to help but don't do needlework, donations of yarn are appreciated – a list of needs is in the Prayer Room. Contact Valerie at 713/518-6131 or vrharelson@gmail.com for more information.

BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE



Your gifts will help provide back-to-school clothes, shoes and school supplies!

JULY/AUGUST AGAPE

Donations can be placed in the offering plate, made online at pinespc.org/giving or on Zelle, or brought to the church office.

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