



PINES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOOKING UPWARD - GROWING INWARD - SERVING OUTWARD

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

***Call to Worship**

Phil Wetz

One Voice: In the fire and the flames,

All Voices: Spirit appears to bless and inspire us.

One Voice: In the division and the despair,

All Voices: Christ arrives to challenge and invite us.

One Voice: In the shadows and the sorrow,

All Voices: God walks alongside to lift us up.

One Voice: In this moment, we gather together to worship, to pray,
to sing, and to lament.

**All Voices: We gather on this blessed journey of life, death,
and resurrection.**

***Hymn**

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

See Screen

Prayer of Confession

See Screen

**Challenging Christ, forgive us when we avoid your hard truths.
Grant your mercy when we look for the easy path and avoid the path
you set before us. Guide us back to where you would have us go.
Strengthen us to face the challenge of living faithful lives and of
following your lead. Encourage us to rejoice when we see the way
forward, and love us so fully that we accept your love. Help us live the
love you shower on our lives, that we may shower this love on others.
In your love and grace, hear our prayers.**

Silent Confession

Confessional Response

“Cares Chorus”

See Screen

Assurance of Grace

See Screen

One Voice: God’s face looks upon us with mercy and love.

**All Voices: Christ’s light shines through us as the image of God
we are created to be.**

Children’s Message

Kristin Beall

**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.**

TODAY
August 17, 2025
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: Phil Wetz

Sound: Dan Schafer

Pines Presbyterian Church

is located at 12751 Kimberley Lane Houston, Texas 77024 ~ 713-467-2234 ~ pinespc.org

Donation: A donation to Mission of Yahweh is given by Sandra and Ben Johanneman to the glory of God and in honor of Lily’s 7th birthday!

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Congregation of the

First Reading Looking Upward Luke 12:49-56

Anthem "We Are a Church" Chancel Choir
Jay Althouse

Second Reading Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Sermon "Running the Race" Rev. Andy Gans

Serving Outward

***Hymn** "In the Midst of New Dimensions" See Screen

***Saying What We Believe** (*The Apostle's Creed*) See Screen

**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;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
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**

Offering and Offertory

***Doxology**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn** "Fight the Good Fight" See Screen

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response** "We Will Go Out with Joy"

Postlude

Pray for the People of Pines

Sara Anderson	Sharon Dotson
Lynda Barr	Janan Plush
Jean Breitenwischer	Connie Sipp
Barbara Caffall	Juanita Vislocky
Sydney DeLaSalle	Nancy Watler
Elizabeth Deraps	Danny Williams

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 August 17, 2025

Sunday

9:15 am	Sunday School	
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Caring Ministry Committee meeting	C7
12:00 pm	Youth Council meeting	Youth Rooms
3:00 pm	Family Ice Cream Social	Fellowship Hall

Monday

12:00 pm	This Week at Pines to Dan	
5:30 pm	Christian Ed Committee meeting	C8
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 am	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	All Church Study	Zoom
8:00 pm	AA Group	C3

Sunday

9:15 am	Sunday School	
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
12:15 pm	Stephen Leaders	C8
2:30 pm	NAMI	C3

SERMON NOTES

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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 22.
Today's Duty Elder: Shirley Bollich

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW UPWARD, INWARD AND OUTWARD

Church Staff

The Reverend Andy Gans
Pastor
Kristin Beall
Director of Family Ministries
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

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.

Fellowship Hall restroom renovations are nearing completion.

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.

Church-wide Study — Starting **TODAY**, Aug. 17, Pines is hosting a church-wide study of Bob Goff's book Everybody Always. What if we stopped avoiding the difficult people in our lives and committed to simply loving everybody? Bob teaches that the path toward the outsized, unfettered, liberated existence we all long for is found in one simple truth: love people, even the difficult ones. This study is offered during all ages of Sunday school. There is also an opportunity on Thursdays at 6:30pm via Zoom. To sign up for the Zoom class, email Kristin to receive the link.

Church Family Ice Cream Social - TODAY, August 17 - 3-5pm - Fellowship Hall - All Pines family are invited to come play games inside at table, on playground weather permitting, build an ice cream bowl and celebrate summer - VBC show and stories! ALL new Sunday school begins this morning AND it's Bible Sunday during service! Such an exciting day - hope to see you there!