



PINES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOOKING UPWARD - GROWING INWARD - SERVING OUTWARD

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

*Call to Worship

Karen Davis

One Voice: Lift your hands to God who truly works in mysterious ways.

All Voices: We lift our hands to God!

One Voice: Lift your voices to God who waits with us in the storm.

All Voices: We lift our voices to God!

One Voice: Lift your hearts to God, who knows us and loves us.

**All Voices: We offer our hands, our voices, and our hearts
to God in worship!**

*Hymn

"Lead On, O King Eternal!"

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Prayer of Confession

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**We confess our struggle to be transformed into disciples,
God of mystery.**

**The desires of the world would shape us into people
you would not recognize.**

**The demands of our society pull us away from your heart.
Our culture values the rich, the powerful, the successful,
but you are on the side of the weak,
the poor,
the outcast,
and the oppressed.**

**Forgive us, Merciful God,
for looking for you in all the wrong places.**

**Reawaken us with your voice that calls us to service;
revive our weary hearts with your vision of creation;
refresh our fatigued spirits
that we might boldly proclaim Jesus as our Lord and Savior,
and go forth to serve your people, in Christ's name.**

Silent Confession

Confessional Response

"Cares Chorus"

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TODAY

August 23, 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.

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Liturgist: Karen Davis

Sound: Ron Strawser

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Assurance of Grace

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One Voice: It is so easy to think like the world,
that money will give us happiness,
that power will earn us grace.
But Paul reminds us that if we think like Christ,
and live for others, we will find true freedom.

**All Voices: Not only our minds,
but may God transform our hearts and spirits
into the likeness of Christ, so we may be faithful disciples.
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

Children's Message

Cassandra Burke

Today we present Cyrus Burke and Robert Davis-Owen with their Third Grade Bibles.

**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

Matthew 16:13-20

Anthem

Space City Sound

Second Scripture Reading

Exodus 1:15-2:10

Sermon

"Koinonia"

Rev. Andy Gans

Serving Outward

*Hymn

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

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*Saying What We Believe

One Voice: In forming his people and sending them into the world
Jesus called individuals to be disciples.
They were to share the joy of his companionship,
to understand and obey his teachings,
and to follow him in life and death.

**All Voices: We believe Jesus calls people today
to be his disciples,
putting life in the presence of God
above the interests of self, family, race, or nation.**

One Voice: Life in God's presence must issue in life for others.

**All Voices: As a community of disciples,
God calls the church
to proclaim the good news of the kingdom,
to strive for justice,
to exercise compassion,
and to work for peace.**

*Gloria Patri

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Offering and Offertory

Space City Sound

*Doxology

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

*Hymn

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

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*Charge and Benediction

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

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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
Angie Mills	Nancy Watler
Becky Neisig	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.
Amen.

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Calendar for the Week of August 23, 2026

Sunday

10:45 am	Worship — 3rd grade Bible Sunday	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Space City Sound concert	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Trustees meeting	C10
2:30 pm	NAMI	C3

Monday

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	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
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal	Choir Room

Thursday

6:15 pm	Active Stephen Ministers meeting	C8
7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers General meeting	Parlor
8:00 pm	AA Group	C3

Sunday

9:15 am	Sunday School	
10:45 am	Worship	
12:00 pm	Cindy's Retirement Party	Fellowship Hall

Come hear Space City Sound! After they sing in church TODAY, they will perform a selection of their contest pieces in the Fellowship Hall after worship. Come enjoy their amazing sound!

Friends Night Out has been a huge success at Pines. 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 are now through August 23rd 2026. The timeline for the Fall 2026 Friends Night Out will be September, October, and November. Look for the clipboards outside Fellowship Hall and in the Narthex. 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 Adred, Patsy Jackson, or Chris Wolfe.

Summer is HOT!

So is the Pines Summer Speaker Series!

New Topics Every Week

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Schedule

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

Next Newsletter articles due September 18.
Today's Duty Elder: Phil Wetz

SERMON NOTES

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

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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW UPWARD, INWARD AND OUTWARD

Church Staff

The Reverend Andy Gans
Pastor
Cassandra Burke
Director of Faith Formation
Laurie Conner
Director of Music Ministries
Shawn Heller
Church Musician
Cindy Houlihan/Theresa Perales
Office Manager
Alexis Graham
Accounting Manager
Adrian Roman
Custodian/Maintenance
Connie Pike
Director, Preschool
Alicia Flick
Administrative Assistant



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.

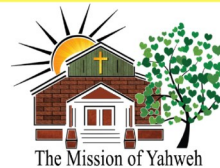
Would you like to truly make a difference in the life of a child? Consider becoming a Reading Buddy or Mentor at Sherwood Elementary. Reading buddies meet weekly to help build reading skills. Mentors also meet with their student weekly to help inspire their student to reach their full potential. Commitment 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 are available now. 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 Harelson for more information.

Your Stephen Ministry Team invites you to hear Paula Paine, LCSW speak on "Worshipping Through Grief" on August 27 at 7:00 in the Parlor. Paula uses the scriptures as another way to navigate grief. This is open to everyone. Please bring your friends! Questions? Ask Ann Guerra.

Let's celebrate Cindy for her 27 years of service to Pines. "Thank You" notes and a Love Offering are being collected. Cards can be placed in a special black and white checkered box in the Narthex. Love Offerings can be sent to Alexis Graham, Pines Financial Manager, with the wording "Cindy retirement gift" written in the memo line, or you can drop a similarly worded check in the offering plate. ANY DOLLAR AMOUNT would be greatly appreciated.

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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