



PINES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOOKING UPWARD - GROWING INWARD - SERVING OUTWARD

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

***Call to Worship**

Sam Singer

One Voice: We gather in the presence of God:

All Voices: who knows us when we wake up and when we go to sleep, and in all the moments in between.

One Voice: We gather in the house of God:

All Voices: who has created a family for us, here as well as in Baghdad, in Belfast, and in Moscow.

One Voice: We gather to be the people of God:

All Voices: who appeals to us to follow in love, in faith, in service.

***Hymn**

"Lift High the Cross"

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Prayer of Confession

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Gracious God,
search our hearts.

Root out the thoughts and plans
that draw us away from you.

Forgive us, O God,
for clinging to the things of our lives;
for holding onto our need for control;
for denying the cross you would have us bear;
for choosing paths that seem easier or safer
when you call us to the path of discipleship.

Guide us back to you,
and shape us in your image,
that we may be your people —
a people that bears the cross
with love and compassion.

Silent Confession

Confessional Response

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

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Assurance of Grace

One Voice: As we turn from evil, Christ claims us as children of God.

**All Voices: In Christ's mercy and forgiveness, we are formed anew
in the image of God.**

TODAY
September 7, 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: Sam Singer

Sound: Dan Schafer

Flowers: Today's Sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of Janet Calhoun by the Calhoun family.

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

A Congregation of the



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.**

Looking Upward

First Reading

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Anthem

"In Remembrance of Me"
Ragan Courtney

Chancel Choir

Second Reading

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Sermon

"Shards of Clay"

Rev. Andy Gans

Serving Outward

***Hymn**

"Here in This Place"

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***Saying What We Believe**

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**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.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all people to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
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**

Offering and Offertory

***Doxology**

Communion of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn**

"Take My Life"

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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

Linda Aldred Elizabeth Deraps
Sara Anderson Sharon Dotson
Bob Barr Angie Mills
Jean Breitenwischer Connie Sipp
Barbara Caffall Juanita Vislocky
Marsha Deison Nancy Watler
Sydney DeLaSalle 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, which 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 September 7, 2025

Sunday

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

Monday

12:00 pm This Week at Pines to Dan
 12:00 pm Worship Committee meeting C10
 1:00 pm Congregational Fellowship meeting C7
 6:00 pm Property Committee meeting C7
 6:00 pm Staff Committee meeting Zoom
 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 Clara Gay Circle C3
 6:30 pm Missions Committee meeting C3

Wednesday

1:30 pm Weekly Prayer Team Prayer Room
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal Choir Room
 7:30 pm Westside AA C3

Thursday

6:15 pm All Church Study Zoom
 7:00 pm Mahjong Cafe
 8:00 pm AA Group C3

Friday

5:30 pm Parents' Night Out Fellowship Hall

Sunday

9:15 am Sunday School
 9:30 am All Church Study C3 and C8
 10:45 am Worship Sanctuary
 12:00 pm Second Sunday Lunch Café Express
 12:00 pm Hand on Hand Youth Rooms
 2:30 pm NAMI C3

Picnic Lunch!
Celebrate Kristin's Ministry!
 Hot Dogs! Chili!
 Chips! Watermelon!
 Ice Cream!

September 21
After Worship

Together@PINES+

BINGO
 (Celebrate Fall by Winning.....)
 Join Us in Fellowship Hall
 September 18th at 6:30 p.m.
 Food, Fellowship and BINGO!
 RSVP to
 Linda Aldred or the Church Office

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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.

Next Newsletter articles due September 19th.
 Today's Duty Elder: Steve Ballard

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 — 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.

Save the Date, Sunday, September 21, we will have a picnic lunch in the fellowship hall with hot dogs, chili, chips, watermelon, and ice cream. Celebrate the end of the summer and Kristin Beall's ministry at Pines! Everyone is welcome!!

Look for details soon on the 2026 Stewardship Campaign, which will start soon and culminate on Dedication Sunday, tentatively scheduled for October 5th. Please join us on this journey of introspection and giving.

MAM's team has been on the ground at the 3 Corners Apartment complex registering for assistance the 106 families affected by the recent fire. Extra hands are needed at the Blalock location to help the victims of the 3 Corners Apartment fire begin to rebuild their lives. As part of this assistance being offered, MAM is providing clothing vouchers to the families affected by this devastating 3 Corners Apartment fire. To meet the needs of these families, MAM needs additional volunteers to keep the clothing racks filled. Volunteers will tag, hang, and stock the clothing racks. Contact the Office of Volunteer Engagement Services by phone or email at 713-266-3847 or MAMVolunteers@mamhouston.org to schedule a shift. MAM will also be assisting impacted families with financial assistance for basic needs; gas, rent, utilities; and help related to disaster-related recovery. If you would like to contribute, a donation can be made through <https://wl.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E48579&id=10>

The Choir Department is painting the choir room on Saturday, September 20, 12:30pm, in order to better show off Eleanor Loose's beautiful artwork, hanging on the walls! Come grab a paint brush and join us in freshening up our rehearsal space!!

In memory of Melissa Sandstrom, who led the Youth for many years, the Pines Youth will be sharing lunch and making pavers to go around our building. Melissa's ministry included many craft projects like this one! Anyone else who would like to participate on Sunday, Sept. 28, right after church from noon til 1:30pm, please RSVP by Sunday, 9/21 for food and supply count.

Kristin@pinespc.org



September Agape

Collecting items for New Home Kits

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Bring any size:
Paper Towels, Toilet Paper,
Window Cleaner, Sponges,
Toilet Brushes, Bathroom Cleaner,
Dish Soap, Garbage Bags,
Dishwasher Detergent,
Laundry Detergent,
Laundry Baskets



Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate, made online (pinespc.org/giving or Zelle), or sent to the church office. Include "September Agape" with your donation.