



PINES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOOKING UPWARD - GROWING INWARD - SERVING OUTWARD

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

***Call to Worship**

Karen Davis

One Voice: Brothers and sisters, we come from many houses.
Welcome to this household, the house of God.

**All Voices: Here we hear words that revive.
Here we experience grace that makes our heart glad.**

One Voice: God offers light to our eyes.

All Voices: Christ brings wisdom to our hearts and minds.

One Voice: God's teachings are sweeter than honey —

All Voices: even honey dripping off the honeycomb!

One Voice: They are more precious than gold —

All Voices: even tons of pure gold!

One Voice: Brothers and sisters, welcome to the house of God!

***Hymn**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

See Screen

Prayer of Confession

See Screen

**God of Wisdom, we have dwelled in foolish ways,
turning away from You to follow the desires of the world.**

**We have sought worldly gain over the needs
of our brothers and sisters.**

**We have given in to anger, hate and fear
rather than compassion and mercy.**

**We have jumped to conclusions
rather than waiting patiently to learn.**

**Forgive us for tagging along to the ways of the world,
and turn us back to follow You.**

In Jesus' name hear our prayers, O Lord.

Silent Confession

Confessional Response "Healer of Our Every Ill"

See Screen

Assurance of Grace

See Screen

One Voice: Where can we go from God's spirit?
Where can we flee from God's presence?

**All Voices: There is no place that is too far for God to find us,
no place that is too dark for God's not to shine.**

One Voice: We are God's beloved.
God will seek us all the days of our lives.

All Voices: We are forgiven, loved, and restored. Amen.

TODAY
October 4, 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

Pines Presbyterian Church

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

A Congregation of the



Children's Message

Cassandra Burke

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

Anthem "Bread of the World in Mercy Broken" Chancel Choir
arr. Carlton Young

Scripture Reading Matthew 21:33-46

Sermon "Picking Grapes" Rev. Andy Gans

Serving Outward

***Hymn** "I Come with Joy" See Screen

***Saying What We Believe** (*Presbyterian Church of New Zealand*)

Christ Jesus,
Child of Mary, God with us,
King and Suffering Servant,
High Priest and Lamb of God,
Teacher and Word,
living, suffering, dying, and rising again,
you challenge, redeem, and restore us.

Holy Spirit,
Breath of life, Counselor and Comforter,
Fire of God, you inspire, sustain, and purify us.
forming us in the nature of Christ,
transforming us with your gifts,
you bind us together in one body, your church.

God of all creation,
made known to us in Jesus Christ
through the Holy Spirit,
your boundless love exposes our rebellion and greed.
A mother who will not abandon her child,
a father who welcome and prodigal home,
you forgive, accept and embrace us
and call us into loving communion forever.

In life and death we belong to you,
everlasting God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Gloria Patri** See Screen

Moment for Stewardship Terrie Cardwell and Linda Aldred

Offering and Offertory

Presentation of the Breads

Communion of the People and The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn** "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" See Screen

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response** "Sent Out in Jesus' Name" See Screen

Postlude

Portions of our liturgy created/adapted by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, rev-o-lution.org.

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

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.

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Calendar for the Week of October 4, 2026

Monday

12:00 pm	This Week at Pines to Dan	
1:00 pm	Congregational Fellowship Committee 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	

Wednesday

1:30 pm	Weekly Prayer Team	Prayer Room
5:30 pm	Handbell rehearsal	Handbell Room
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal	Choir Room

Thursday

7:00 pm	Mahjong	Cafe
8:00 pm	AA Group	C3

Sunday

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

TRUNK OR TREAT

Costumes Encouraged

Games | Face Paint | Balloons

TRUNK OR TREATING!

October 25 | 4-5:30PM

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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 October 23rd.
Today's Duty Elder: Patsy Jackson

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

Theresa Perales
Office Manager

Alexis Graham
Accounting Manager

Adrian Roman
Custodian/Maintenance

 **Pines Presbyterian**
PRESCHOOL
PinesPresbyterianPreschool.com

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.

Join Us for a Fellowship Outing to The Brookwood Community! Experience a day of inspiration, shopping, and fellowship at The Brookwood Community, a Pines missions partner, on Thursday, October 8. Contact Linda Johnson or call the church office for information and to RSVP.

PYCC Youth Rally — Youth grades 6-12 and their adults are invited to participate in worship, lunch, games, and community service at the PYCC Youth Rally being held on November 8 at First Presbyterian Church, in Galveston TX. Please contact Cassandra if you are interested in attending this event.

Trunk-or-Treat is coming on October 25 at 4:00-5:30! We're collecting individually wrapped candy to help fill the trunks and treat our community's children to a fun and welcoming evening. *Donations can be placed in the collection box in the narthex.* Sign up to host a trunk or run an activity station on the sheet posted in the main hallway!

Today we will celebrate The Lord's Supper by intinction. At the appropriate time you will be invited to come forward, down the center aisle, to receive a piece of bread. You may then dip the gluten friendly bread into the grape juice and then return to your seat via the outer aisles.