



PINES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOOKING UPWARD - GROWING INWARD - SERVING OUTWARD

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

*Call to Worship

Kristen Davis-Owen

One Voice: God of rushing wind, coming from where it wants and going to where it wills,

All Voices: . . .blow your Spirit through us.

One Voice: God of fire, flaring on gathered disciples and burning away their hidden sins,

All Voices: . . .light up your power around us.

One Voice: God of miraculous speaking and hearing, among the faithful and riveting their attention to what is about to happen,

All Voices: . . .give witness to Jesus by your Spirit within us.

One Voice: God of the young who see visions, of the old who dream dreams, of male prophets and female preachers,

All Voices: . . .cast new visions and dreams before every one of us.

One Voice: You sent your Spirit to melt hard hearts. To You who sent repentance and faith, baptism and forgiveness, teaching and fellowship, communion and prayer,

All Voices: . . .empower new waves of miraculous works among us all over again, too; all to the glory of Jesus who died, rose again and ascended to heaven in order to send the Holy Spirit into our lives and for us to change the world.

*Hymn

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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Prayer of Confession

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God of fire and wind, we confess that we have missed the movement of your Spirit in our lives and in your world. We have resisted your Spirit's leading of our lives. We have not pursued your anointing or your sanctifying work. We have not lived in holiness. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from bondage to live fully in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Confession

Confessional Response

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

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Assurance of Grace

One Voice: Hear the good news! All who believe in Jesus Christ will have streams of living water flowering from within, streams of refreshing and of power. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and empowered.

All Voices: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and empowered. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen!

TODAY
September 6, 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: Kristen Davis-Owen

Sound: Ron Strawser

Flowers: The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Larry and Judy Shamp in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary.

A Congregation of the



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

Luke 3:1-6, 15-16

Anthem

"He Leadeth Me"
 Arr. Gilbert Martin

Chancel Choir

Second Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-4, 12-21

Sermon

"Presbycost: The UnCorrupting Power"
 Rev. Dr. Jack Haberer

Serving Outward

*Hymn

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

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*Saying What We Believe — *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and 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. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit give 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. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" 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. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

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Offering and Offertory

*Doxology

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Communion of the People and The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

See Screen

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response "Sent Out in Jesus' Name"

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
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)

Prayers for all those on the Scotland trip.**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 September 6, 2026

Monday — church offices closed for Labor Day

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

5:30 pm	Mission Committee meeting	C8
6:30 pm	Miriam Circle	C3
7:00 am	Men's Bible Study	Zoom
11:30 am	Clara Gay Circle	C3
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

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

Sunday

9:15 am	Sunday School — Kickoff Breakfast	SS rooms
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
2:30 pm	NAMI	C3
5:30 pm	Mission Trip Information meeting	Fellowship Hall



September Agape

Collecting food for RUF Christmas Party

Select a tag from the Missions Board outside Fellowship Hall. Purchase the listed items and place them in a bag (with the tag attached) in the Agape Offering Box outside the Sanctuary.



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.

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SERMON NOTES

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[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 18.
Today's Duty Elder: Roger Mowell

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
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.

Rev. Dr. Jack Haberer is a pastor, theologian, author, editor, seminary professor and administrator. He served as pastor of Clear Lake Presbyterian Church and First Church, Kerrville, TX. He is the former editor and publisher of **The Presbyterian Outlook**, a weekly, national news and ministry resource magazine. He has authored four books, most recently, **Swimming with the Sharks: Leading the Full Spectrum Church in a Red-and-Blue World**. He has served on several denominational committees, including the Theological Task Force of Peace, Unity and Purity of the Church, and presently on the Special Committee to Write a New Confession. He plays piano and guitar. In retirement he is serving as President of Gujranwala Theological Seminary in Pakistan. He and wife Barbie co-chair the board of a girls' orphanage nearby. They have two grown children of their own, plus six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Family Missions Bingo Sheets are available in the Narthex! Pick one up after church, and together as a family, try to get B-I-N-G-O during September by doing service, being kind, and praying for others.

Youth Mission Trip Meeting — There will be an info meeting for our 2026-27 summer youth mission trip on September 13 at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. A light supper will be served. Anyone who is interested in contributing a meal or snack, please contact Cassandra.