



# PINES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Looking Upward - Growing Inward - Serving outward

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

**\*Call to Worship**

Kristen Davis-Owen

One Voice: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

**All Voices: We are here to offer God our worship and praise.**

One Voice: Before God formed you in your mother's womb,  
God knew you.

**All Voices: Before we drew our first breath,  
God consecrated us in holy love.**

One Voice: Let us worship the one who knows and loves us.

**All Voices: Let us worship the one who is our rock  
and our fortress in times of trouble.**

One Voice: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

**All Voices: We are here to offer God our worship and praise.**

**\*Hymn**

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

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**Prayer of Confession**

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God of love,

when you call us to serve, we are full of excuses:

we are too young or too old,

we don't know enough,

we don't have the skills that you need.

We would rather not speak your words of truth.

We would much rather stay where we are,

than trust you to lead us on adventures  
of growth and love.

We are arrogant, insisting on our own way,

sure that our plan is better than yours.

We are envious, boastful, rude, irritable, and resentful.

Give us the wisdom and courage to follow your call,

even when it leads to places  
we cannot clearly see.

Teach us to trust your love

as we answer your summons,

that through our response,  
others may be blessed.

**Silent Confession**

**Confessional Response**

"Cares Chorus"

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TODAY  
August 24, 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:** Kristen Davis-Owen

**Sound:** Ron Strawser

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

A Congregation of the



## Assurance of Grace

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**All Voices: The one who formed us in our mothers' wombs looks upon us with love and seeks our highest good.**

One Voice: Rejoice in the good news that we are fully known, and that we are loved with a love that heals all wounds and breaks down all barriers that lie between us.

**All Voices: Thanks be to God!**

## 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

Luke 13:10-17

## Anthem

"Air for Brother James"  
Old English Air

Chancel Choir

## Second Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

## Sermon

"Companion Fare"

Rev. Andy Gans

### Serving Outward

## \*Hymn

"Faith Begins by Letting Go"

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## \*Saying What We Believe (from the Belhar Confession)

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**We believe** in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

**We believe** in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

**We believe** that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously as reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain.

## \*Gloria Patri

## Offering and Offertory

## \*Doxology

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

## \*Hymn

"Give to the Winds Thy Fears"

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## \*Charge and Benediction

## \*Benediction Response

"We Will Go Out with Joy"

## Postlude

## Pray for the People of Pines

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

## 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 24, 2025

### Sunday

9:15 am	Sunday School	
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
12:15 pm	Stephen Leaders	C8
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
7:30 pm	Westside AA	C3

### Thursday

6:00 pm	Stephen Ministers Support Group	C8
6:30 pm	All Church Study	Zoom
7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers Continuing Ed	Parlor
8:00 pm	AA Group	C3

### Sunday

9:15 am	Sunday School	
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Youth Group	Youth rooms

#### **PINES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, INC.**

#### **Notice of Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

Notice is hereby given of a quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of Pines Presbyterian Church, Inc. ("Corporation"), called by a majority of the Trustees, to be held on September 4, 2025 at 2PM at Pines Presbyterian Church, 12751 Kimberley Lane, Houston, Texas 77024.

Notice is given this 13th day of August, 2025 to the Trustees and to the President, Secretary (Clerk of Session), and the Treasurer of the Corporation as *ex officio* members of the Board of Trustees.

Next Newsletter articles due September 19th.  
Today's Duty Elder: Emily Gairo

### SERMON NOTES

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

Facebook:

[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

[PinesPresbyterianChurch](https://www.facebook.com/PinesPresbyterianChurch)

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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.

# 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



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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](http://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 21st we'll have a picnic lunch in the fellowship hall with hot dogs, chili, chips, watermelon, and ice cream. Celebrate the end of the summer with your Pines Family! Everyone is welcome!!

**Presbyterian Women Clara Gay Circle** group invites you to join us on Tuesday, September 9th at 11:30AM in room C-3 to participate in our new study, Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ. Questions? Call Marcia Welsh.

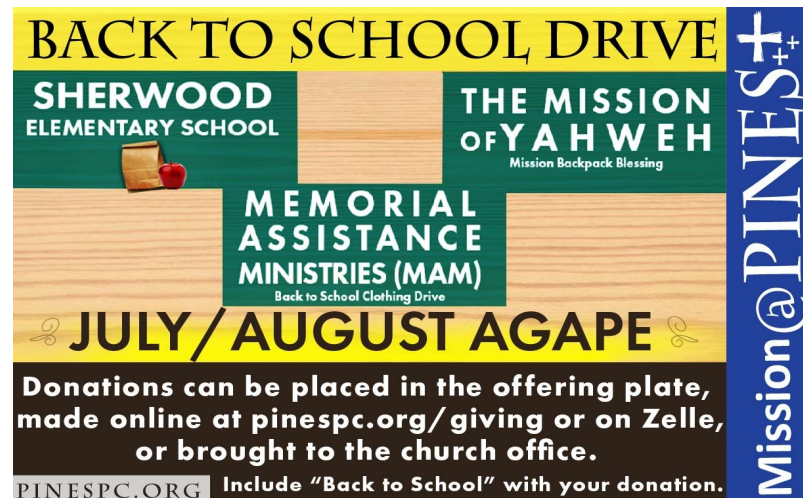


**FRIENDS NIGHT OUT**  
Food Fun Fellowship

**Back By Popular Demand!**

**Fall Friends Night Out Begins in September**  
*Look for Sign-Up Sheets outside Fellowship Hall Starting in August*  
Questions? Contact Linda Aldred, Chris Wolfe or Patsy Jackson

Together @ PINES<sup>+</sup>



**BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE**

**SHERWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**THE MISSION OF YAHWEH**  
Mission Backpack Blessing

**MEMORIAL ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES (MAM)**  
Back to School Clothing Drive

**JULY/AUGUST AGAPE**

Donations can be placed in the offering plate, made online at [pinespc.org/giving](http://pinespc.org/giving) or on Zelle, or brought to the church office.

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