



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Looking Upward ✚ Growing Inward ✚ Serving Outward

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

*Call to Worship

One Voice: Love the Lord your God.

All Voices: We come with love and hope!

One Voice: Love your neighbors too.

All Voices: We come with loving hearts.

One Voice: Love even yourself.

All Voices: We come in humble trust.

One Voice: Love and you will live.

**All Voices: We come to worship God,
that love might live in us.**

Luke & Eli Bullock

*Hymn

"Come! Live in the Light!"

See Screen

Prayer of Confession

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Source of all life,

we confess that we have not allowed
your grace to set us free.

We fear that we are not good enough.

We hear your word of love freely given to us,
yet we expect others to earn it.

We turn the church inward,
rather than moving it outward.

Forgive us. Stir us.

Reform us to be a church powered by love,
willing to speak for what is right,
act for what is just,
and seek the healing of your whole creation.

Silent Confession

Confessional Response

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

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Assurance of Grace

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One Voice: You and I are forgiven people.

**All Voices: We are free and empowered to love God and to love others.
Thanks be to God for everlasting mercy and grace!**

today in

October 25, 2026

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
Serving Outward

Sunday School: 9:15 am
Coffee Fellowship: 10:15 am
Worship Service: 10:45 am

Assisting with Today's
Worship

Liturgist: Luke & Eli Bullock

Sound: Dan Schafer

Duty Elder: Kyle Brinkman

Flowers:

The baby rose is to the glory of God in honor of Bob and Lynda Barr's new great-grandson, Matthew Shane Barr.

Helpful Devices: Auditory assistance receivers are available from the Ushers.

Our services are recorded and livestreamed at www.pinespc.org

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

First Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Anthem

"Jesus Loves the Little Children Medley" Children's Chime
C. Woolston Ensemble

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:34-46

Sermon

"Pop Quiz"

Rev. Andy Gans

Serving Outward

*Hymn

"Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

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*Saying What We Believe (Scott's Confession)

We confess and acknowledge one God alone,
to whom alone we must cleave,
whom alone we must serve,
whom only we must worship,
and in whom alone we put our trust.

Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent,
invisible;

one in substance and yet distinct in three persons,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth,
visible and invisible,
to have been created,
to be retained in their being,
and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such
end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and
to the manifestation of his own glory.

*Gloria Patri

See Screen

Offering and Offertory

*Doxology

See Screen

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

*Hymn

"Live into Hope"

See Screen

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response "Sent Out in Jesus' Name"

See Screen

Postlude

Sermon Notes

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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opportunities *to grow* UPWARD + INWARD + OUTWARD

Welcome, Guests! If you have questions about our church, or would like to discuss church membership, please speak with Pastor Andy.

Pledge cards - Thank you to all who have made your 2027 financial commitment to Pines! Your commitment will help the Session prepare a budget for 2027. It's not too late to send in your card by placing it in the offering plate or sending it to Alexis Graham in the church office.

Trunk-or-Treat is **tonight** from 4-5:30 pm!

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 Fellowship Hallway!



Food Donations - In the season and spirit of Thanksgiving, we are collecting non-perishable food items for the Mission of Yahweh. Beginning **November 2**, items can be placed under the communion table in the Sanctuary.

Join us and other local youth at the Houston Food Bank on **November 7** to help our neighbors. Time is TBD. If interested in joining our brothers and sisters in Christ in service, contact Cassandra.

PYCC Youth Rally — Youth grades 6 - 12 and their families 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.

Advent Devotional - Believe it or not Advent is around the corner, which means we will soon be producing our own Advent Devotional guide. This year's theme is Seeking Faith, and we need your story and your reflection (up to 250 words) on a verse of scripture to make this devotional come to life. If you'd like to write a brief devotional to be included in this year's guide, please let Pastor Andy know, and he will help guide you to a scripture if needed. The deadline for submission is **November 11th**.

Decorating Pines for Advent; Hanging of the Greens - It's that wonderful time of the year again. Decorating for Christmas! Please join us as we decorate the church for Christmas, immediately following the **November 22** service. Many hands make this fun and quick!

Pray for the People of Pines

Sara Anderson
Barbara Caffall
Sydney DeLaSalle
Elizabeth Deraps
Sharon Dotson
Angie Mills
Becky Neisig

John Plush
Bethel Strawser
Sharon Timmons
Yohanna Tirayoh
Juanita Vislocky
Nancy Walter
Danny Williams

Pray for Friends Experiencing Loss

The families of
Tim Timmons
Patrik Workman

Pray for Friends in Mission

Joy Kreider

Pray for Pines Members and their family in the Military

Olivia Williams (Army)
Jackie Hayre (Navy)

CONNECT WITH US

Keep up with what's happening at Pines throughout the month

THIS WEEK @ PINES

Get our weekly email with upcoming events, reminders, and everything happening at Pines.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Look for our monthly newsletter for church news, events, ministry updates, and more. Printed copies are available in the Narthex for those unable to access it online.

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Valerie Harelson
Phil Johnson
David Youngflesh

A Congregation of the

Sherwood Christmas

TWO WAYS TO GIVE:

 **Take an angel from the Christmas Tree.**
(Fellowship Hallway) Then start shopping!

 **Make a donation.** [Place in the offering plate, drop off at church, visit pinespc.org/giving, or use Zelle] Please note "Sherwood Christmas".

Return unwrapped gifts (with angel) or donations by Sunday, November 22.

questions: Beth Patterson or Margaret Schafer **more info:** PINESPC.org

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER AGAPE

Mission @ PINES

THIS WEEK @ PINES

SUN 25	4:00 pm	Trunk or Treat	Kimberley Parking Lot
MON 26	6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Session Meeting Tending to Grief Meeting Al Anon Group	C3 Parlor Fellowship Hall
TUE 27			
WED 28	1:30 pm 5:30 pm	Weekly Prayer Team Meeting Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal	Prayer Room C12 Choir Room
THU 29	8:00 pm	AA Group	C3
FRI 30			
SAT 31		Halloween	
SUN 1		All Saints Day Daylight Savings Ends	

This Week @ Pines articles due to Dan on Monday by 12 pm.
Bulletin articles are due to Laurie on Tuesday by 9 am.
Newsletter articles are due to Theresa by November 20.