



# First Sunday of Lent

PINES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

**\*Call to Worship**

Karen Davis

One Voice: When disasters strike, where can we go?

**All Voices: God is always there.**

One Voice: When enemies surround us, whom can we trust?

**All Voices: Christ is always with us.**

One Voice: When life is hard, who can ease the load?

**All Voices: The Spirit is always there to sustain us.**

One Voice: Come! Let us worship the God of our salvation.

**\*Hymn**

"I Will Call upon the Lord"

See Screen

**Prayer of Confession**

See Screen

**Your ways, Merciful One, always lead to life. When our faith falters, and when we forget the promises you have made, remind us of your steadfast love. When our strength fails us in the wilderness of life, and when temptations threaten to lead us astray, remind us of Christ's faithfulness. When our world seems imperiled by forces beyond our control, remind us that you are our refuge and strength. In Christ's name, we pray for your presence, as we journey this Lenten journey with him all the way to the cross.**

**Silent Confession**

**Confessional Response**

"Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes" See Screen

**Assurance of Grace**

One Voice: The Holy One is generous,  
pouring out blessings on all who call on God's name.  
In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.

**All Voices: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God.**

1st SUNDAY  
IN LENT  
March 9, 2025

### 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

**Flowers:** The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God by Ann and Allie in memory of Luis Guerra -- awesome husband, daddy, friend, and light in our world.

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

**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 Reading**

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

**Anthem**

"I Am the Vine"  
 Allen Pote

Chancel Choir

**Second Reading**

Luke 4:1-13

**Sermon**

"Signs to the Cross"

Rev. Andy Gans

**Serving Outward**

**\*Hymn**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

See Screen

**\*Saying What We Believe**

See Screen

**We believe in God,  
 the Root of all living, Creator of all things.**

**We believe in Jesus the Christ,  
 who loved all people and who makes us one in love,  
 who suffered and died, and was raised to new life.  
 In Christ's death and resurrection  
 we are also raised to life that is transformed.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit.  
 In the Spirit we are one with Christ,  
 one with each other,  
 and one in ministry to all the world.**

**We trust in the one holy church,  
 the communing of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sin,  
 the mystery of resurrection,  
 and the grace of life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

See Screen

**Offering and Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

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

**\*Hymn**

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

See Screen

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response**

"Farewell, Good Friends!"

See Screen

**Postlude**

**Pray for the People of Pines**

Sara Anderson	Sharon Dotson
Lynda Barr	Cindy Houlihan
Jean Breitenwischer	Beth Patterson
Barbara Caffall	Nancy Watler
Carolyn Craig	Darlene Wendt
Elizabeth Deraps	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, 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 March 9, 2025

### Sunday

11:20 am	Second Sunday Lunch	Bull and Bear on Westheimer
2:30 pm	NAMI	C3

### Monday

12:00 pm	This Week at Pines to Dan	
12:00 pm	Worship Committee meeting	C10
6:00 pm	Preschool Committee 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	
11:30 am	Clara Gay Circle	C3
6:30 pm	Miriam Circle	C8
6:30 pm	Missions Committee meeting	C3

### Wednesday

1:30 pm	Weekly Prayer Team	Prayer Room
5:45 pm	Pines Pealers	C12
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal	Choir Room
7:30 pm	Westside AA	C3

### Thursday

7:00 pm	Mahjong	W12
8:00 pm	AA Group	C3

### Friday

5:30 am	Bible Study Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
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### Sunday

9:15 am	Sunday School	
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Caring Ministries Committee	C7
12:00 pm	Youth Hand on Hand	Offsite

### SERMON NOTES

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

Facebook:

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

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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 March 21.  
Today's Duty Elder: Jim Patterson

# 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.

**Here are some ways to support the Youth Program.** Contact Kristin to help!

\*Bring a meal during a youth group time. (5-8 total people).

\*Sign up to be a co-leader for youth group time or retreat

**Fellowship Hall restroom renovations** continue. Please use the west door entrance into the Fellowship Hallway.

**Want to learn to play Mahjong**, or are you already a seasoned player? Suzy Wolfe is hosting a Mahjong group in room W12 on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. If you would be interested, please email Suzy or call the church office.

**The Explorers Sunday School** class began a four-session study starting, Sunday, February 23. "Just Walk Across the Room", written by Bill Hybels, includes video and discussion. Come join this us for this series!

**Brown Bag Book Club**, Tuesday, March 18th, 12:00 Noon. Beth Patterson will lead a discussion about "The Ways We Hide", by Kristina McMorris. See Shirley Bollich with questions.

**Do you know a Pines Graduate?** This is anyone who is part of the Pines Family and graduated in the past year from High School or a higher education. This includes college as well as graduate students. Please email Kristin the name and contact information so that we can celebrate with them in April! Thank you for your help!

# MARCH AGAPE

ITEMS NEEDED

- Small Dish Soap (24oz max)
- Single Roll Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper 4-Roll Packs
- Laundry Detergent Pods (60 pod bag max)
- Large Tote Bags
- Bar Soap
- Household Cleaner Spray (32oz max)
- Tall Kitchen Trash Bags (20 bag max)
- Small Box Tissues



DONATIONS  
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OUTSIDE FELLOWSHIP HALL

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FINANCIAL GIFTS

PLACE CHECK IN THE OFFERING PLATE,  
BRING IT TO THE OFFICE,  
OR DONATE ONLINE OR ZELLE  
(NOTE "MAM AGAPE" IN SUBJECT LINE)

**URGENT NEED: DIAPERS (SIZES 4&6) PINESPC.ORG †**

## Property Committee Invites YOU!

**Spring Work Day**

**A Variety of Jobs  
For Every Age and Skill**

**March 29 - 9am**

