



Fourth Sunday of Lent

PINES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

***Call to Worship**

Karen Davis

One Voice: When the world is dark and full of hate and fear,
when we cannot see God

All Voices: we will turn on the light.

One Voice: When we cannot find our way back to love and peace

All Voices: we will turn on the light.

One Voice: When our vision dims due to the darkness within

All Voices: we will turn on the light.

One Voice: Christ opens our eyes with the gift of sight.

All Voices: The light of the world is Jesus Christ.

One Voice: Come and worship the one who brings sight to the blind.

All Voices: Hallelujah! Praise God, the light of the world!

***Hymn**

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

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Prayer of Confession

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Forgiving God, in a world filled with so much pain,
we would rather shut our eyes and be blind
than see things as they really are.

Grant us the courage to face the reality of our world,
and give us the strength to bring your light
to those who walk in darkness.

Help us see others as you see them,
and forgive us when we do not trust you enough
to open our eyes to the possibilities before us.

Heal our self-inflicted blindness, O God,
and lead us in the footsteps
of the Light of the World,

who reveals your glory in his life,
his teachings, and his love.

In his holy name, hear our prayers.

Silent Confession

Confessional Response

"Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes"

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TODAY

March 15, 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

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A Congregation of the



Assurance of Grace

One Voice: Christ came to lead us in paths of righteousness and to guide us through our lives.

All Voices: Christ is with us in times of danger and times of peace.

One Voice: The goodness and mercy of God are given to us each and every day of our lives.

All Voices: God forgives us for our failings, upholds us in love, and leads us to the place that Christ has prepared for us.

One Voice: Believe in your heart that God loves you and forgives you.

Children's Message

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 Samuel 16:1-13

Anthem

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"
Isaac Watts

Pines Pealers

Second Scripture Reading

John 9:1-17

Sermon

"Clear Vision"

Rev. Andy Gans

Serving Outward

*Hymn

"Faith Begins by Letting Go"

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*Saying What We Believe *(United Church of Canada)*

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

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Offering and Offertory

*Doxology

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

*Hymn

"Come, Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

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*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response

"Farewell, Good Friends!"

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Postlude

Pray for the People of Pines

Sara Anderson
Jean Breitenwischer
Barbara Caffall
Mary Catherine Cezeaux
Marsha Deison
Sydney DeLaSalle
Elizabeth Deraps
Sharon Dotson

Angie Mills
Juanita Vislocky
Nancy Watler
Danny Williams
Duane Wood

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 15, 2026

Sunday

12:00 pm Caring Ministry Committee meeting C7

Monday

12:00 pm This Week at Pines to Dan
 7:00 pm Tending to Grief meeting Parlor
 7:30 pm Al Anon Group Fellowship Hall

Tuesday

7:00 am Men's Bible Study Zoom
 9:00 am Bulletin articles due to Laurie
 11:30 am Potpourri Circle La Hacienda

Wednesday

1:30 pm Weekly Prayer Team Prayer Room
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal Choir Room
 7:30 pm Westside AA C3

Thursday

6:30 pm Bingo Fellowship Hall
 8:00 pm AA Group C3

Saturday

9:00 am Spring Property Workday

Sunday

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

Now is the time to place your order for Lilies for Easter. Sign-up sheets are outside Fellowship Hall and in the Narthex for your convenience and the cost is \$12.00 Please designate whether the Lilies are "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of" when you make your selection and you may order as many as you wish. Please place your check or cash (in a marked envelope with your name on it) in the offering plate at church and write on the notation line "Lilies". You may also pay electronically using Breeze or Zelle. The Lilies may be taken home after the Easter service. Thank you in advance for helping to beautify our Sanctuary on Easter morning. Linda Aldred; Melissa Gravett.



Palm Sunday Potluck!
 Come for food, fun and fellowship after worship on Palm Sunday - March 29
 Sign Up To Bring A Dish!
 Fellowship Hall

Next Newsletter articles due March 20.
 Today's Duty Elder: Phil Johnson

SERMON NOTES

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

Facebook:
www.facebook.com/PinesPresbyterianChurch

Instagram:
[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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW UPWARD, INWARD AND OUTWARD

Church Staff

The Reverend Andy Gans
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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.

You're invited to join us on our **Footsteps of Faith through Scotland and the Reformation**, September 1-11, 2026. Our trip won't just be admiring Scotland's rugged landscapes and ancient castles, but we'll also be delving into a pivotal period of its past: the Scottish Reformation and the history of the Presbyterian Church. For a brochure and application, go to pinespc.org/Scotland or talk to Pastor Andy.

Please bring individually-wrapped candy for the Annual Pines **Easter Egg Hunt**, held in Bendwood Park on Saturday, April 4, 10:00am—11:30am. Donations of candy can be dropped off in the office. Thanks so much!!!!

Please mark your calendars as it is time for another fun **Pines Bingo Night**. We will gather at 6:30 PM on Thursday, March 19th, in Fellowship Hall. For more information or to RSVP please contact Linda Aldred. We need a general head count to make sure we have enough food and Bingo Cards. Expect fun, food, fellowship and Bingo!

Cave Quest Vacation Bible Camp (June 22-25, 2026)

<https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/bKlwHd8NoOteWja2M7>

Remember to bring fresh, live flowers to decorate the big wooden cross on **Easter Sunday** morning! There will be a bucket for flowers in the Narthex, beginning on Palm Sunday, March 29. He is risen! He is risen, indeed!!

Bring the whole family for the **Spring Property Workday** on March 21, 9:00am. All are needed to spruce up the church for Easter!

Vacation Bible Camp Volunteers Needed! Join in the fun: be a Crew Leader, Station Leader, or Set up/Decorate! Contact Shirley Bollich.

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

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MEMORIAL ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES

DONATIONS

DROP OFF

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

EASTER

MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 2
6:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 3
6:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 5
6:30 BENDWOOD PARK AM
& **10:45** AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER 10:45AM LIVE STREAMED

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