



PINES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOOKING UPWARD - GROWING INWARD - SERVING OUTWARD

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

***Call to Worship**

Morriss Partee

One Voice: God has raised up a mighty savior!

All Voices: Prepare the way! Serve God without fear!

One Voice: Thrones, dominions, rulers, powers — these are all as dust before our God.

All Voices: Prepare the way! Serve God without fear!

One Voice: Praise be to God and the day of God's favor.

All Voices: Prepare the way! Serve God without fear!

***Hymn**

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

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Prayer of Confession

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In these moments, Remembering God,
we bring to you all the ways we have not
lived as your people:

we stand by watching
while those in need struggle to survive;
we cast our lots with those
who worship power and success;
we offer insults rather than words of grace
to those who care for us;
we scoff at your words
which call us to a different lifestyle.

Forgive us, God of Mercy,
for not knowing what we do to you,
to others, to ourselves.

Speak to us through Jesus Christ, our King and our Savior,
who bears words filled with your tender mercy
and gracious hope.

Silent Confession

Confessional Response

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

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Assurance of Grace

One Voice: This is the good news: God remembers! Not our sins, not our foolish lives, not our rebellion. God remembers us — and redeems us!

All Voices: God prepares the way for us — the way to grace, to hope, to new life. Joyfully, we offer our thanks to God. Amen.

TODAY
November 23, 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: Morriss Partee

Sound: Dan Schafer

Pines Presbyterian Church

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

Flowers: The Sanctuary flowers today are given by Walt Penberthy to the Glory of God and in honor of his mother, Punky's, birthday and his marriage to Mary Rothwell.

A Congregation of the



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 Reading

Luke 23:33-43

Anthem

"A Thanksgiving Introit"
Jon Paige and David Angerman

Chancel Choir

Gospel Reading

Colossians 1:11-20

Sermon

"First Place"

Rev. Andy Gans

Serving Outward

*Hymn

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

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*Saying What We Believe (*Iona Community*)

See Screen

One Voice: With the whole church

**All Voices: we affirm that we are made in God's image,
befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit;**

One voice: With people everywhere

**All Voices: we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity,
planted more deeply than all that is wrong;**

One Voice: With all creation

**All Voices: we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life,
the unfolding purposes of God,
forever at work in ourselves and in the world. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri

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Offering and Offertory

*Doxology

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

*Hymn

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

See Screen

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response

"Go Ye, Go Ye, Into the World"

See Screen

Postlude

Pray for the People of Pines

Sara Anderson	Angie Mills
Jean Breitenwischer	Donna Partee
Barbara Caffall	Tim Timmons
Marsha Deison	Juanita Vislocky
Sydney DeLaSalle	Nancy Watler
Elizabeth Deraps	Danny Williams
Sharon Dotson	Bill Willis
Cheryl Gans	

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 November 23, 2025

Sunday

12:00 pm	Decorating the church for Christmas	
12:00 pm	Youth	Youth Rooms

Monday

12:00 pm	This Week at Pines to Dan	
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	CANCELLED
7:30 pm	Westside AA	C3

Thursday — church offices closed

7:00 pm	Stephen Ministers	Parlor
8:00 pm	AA Group	C3

Friday — church office closed

Sunday

9:15 am	Sunday School and Christmas play rehearsal	
10:45am	Worship	
4:00 pm	Christmas play rehearsal	Sanctuary
5:00 pm	Family Advent Night	Fellowship Hall

Service of Wholeness and Healing — This year's "Service of Wholeness and Healing" will be on Tuesday, December 9 at 12:30pm in the Sanctuary. Many call it a Blue Christmas Service. Hard times and loss may darken the festive feelings that are expected during Advent. This service is designed to help you come out of the darkness as you honor memories of *what was* and use your faith to confront the fears of *what may be*. Come share space with others that are looking for God to hold them close and be near until the light returns. All are welcome. Bring a friend. Lunch to follow at Cafe Express. For more information, reach out to Ann Guerra or Phil Wetz.

You are invited to join the Foundations Class for their Advent study, "A Child is Born, A Beginner's Guide to Nativity Stories" by Amy-Jill Levine. This 4-week study book with DVD examines the fascinating connections between ancient birth stories and the Nativity of Jesus. Classes begin November 30, in C-8. If you are interested in a book or in joining us, contact Margaret Schafer. Let Margaret Schafer know if you want to purchase a book.

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.

During the month of December, we are collecting the **Joy Gift Christmas Offering**. This gift supports current and retired church leaders and their future leaders studying at Presbyterian-related colleges.

Next Newsletter articles due December 19.
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/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
Pastor
Laurie Conner
Director of Music Ministries
Shawn Heller
Church Musician
Cindy Houlihan
Office Manager
Alexis Graham
Accounting Manager
Adrian Roman, Selena Jimenez
Custodian/Maintenance



Connie Pike
Director, Preschool
Alicia Flick
Administrative Assistant

PinesPresbyterianPreschool.com

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.

Pines Nominating Committee is looking for names of those willing to serve on Session. If you know of anyone interested, or if you are interested yourself, please place their/your name in the box you will find in the Narthex before leaving church. Thank you!

Come play Pickleball at Pines! Open play Monday 7-9pm and Thursday 7-9pm and Sunday 4-6pm. Sign up at pickleheads.com You must sign up to play.

Save the Date — Join us Sunday, December 14th for the Christmas Cantata followed by the Christmas Luncheon, hosted by the Congregational Fellowship Committee.

You will want to join us in worship on Sunday, December 21, for the annual Christmas play, where we take an intergenerational look at the true meaning of Christmas!

Advent begins next Sunday, and so does the online Family Advent Video series! With daily Scripture, crafts, carols, lessons, an explanation of one of the symbols of the season, as well as prayer, this is a wonderful way for your whole family to prepare to receive the gift of the Christ Child on Christmas Eve! Go to pinespc.org for the link.

Come experience Advent Art with Kezzie each Wednesday of Advent from 6pm – 7pm. All ages are welcome to come and learn to paint from the master artist herself as she helps us create beautiful pieces of art that you can gift to friends and family. A light dinner will be served from 5:30-6:00pm. If you're interested, and to make sure we have enough supplies for you, please contact Pastor Andy. andy@pinespc.org

The Worship Committee would appreciate you staying after worship today to help decorate the church for Christmas. Many hands make FUN and light work!

Our Pines Advent Devotionals are available around the church. Pick up your copy to see what your Pines family members have to share about the gifts of Christmas.

Come help wrap presents for Sherwood Christmas on Saturday, December 6, 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

Advent
FAMILY NIGHT
Sunday, November 30 | 5:00PM
CAROLING | DINNER | COOKIES | CRAFTS
TREE LIGHTING
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