



PINES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOOKING UPWARD - GROWING INWARD - SERVING OUTWARD

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

*Call to Worship

Morriss Partee

One Voice: When hatred and division separate us,

All Voices: God's love binds us together.

One Voice: When quarrels estrange us from one another,

All Voices: Christ's light shows us the way to reconciliation.

One Voice: When we feel excluded and left out,

All Voices: the Spirit's peace eases our pain.

One Voice: When all hope of fellowship seems lost,

All Voices: God's grace restores our hope.

One Voice: Come! Let us worship God, who makes us one.

*Hymn

"We All Are One in Mission"

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Prayer of Confession

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Merciful God, we yearn to be like the Joseph
who wept with forgiveness
on the necks of those who sold him into slavery.

But we fear that our anger and resentment
would lead us to take retribution
on those who have wronged us.

We long to see in the Canaanite woman
a child of God worthy of mercy and compassion.

But we fear that our deep-seated prejudices
might lead us to dismiss her out of hand,
as Jesus's disciples did before us.

We want to open our hearts, O God,
to those who are different from ourselves.

But we fear to expect too much of ourselves.
Help us know the joy of living in peace and harmony,
even with those we would rather live without.

O Lord, hear our prayers.

Silent Confession

Confessional Response

"Cares Chorus"

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TODAY
August 16, 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: 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 are given to the Glory of God by Linda Carlson in loving memory of her brothers, Michael and Patrick Goodin.

A Congregation of the



Assurance of Grace

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One Voice: The gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

All Voices: **We rejoice in the knowledge of God's saving love.**

Thanks be to God!

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

Matthew 15:21-28

Anthem

"Three Psalms for Bells"
Valerie Harelson and Bethel Strawser

Judy Hunnicutt

Second Scripture Reading

Genesis 45:1-15

Sermon

"We're All in This Together"

Rev. Andy Gans

Serving Outward

*Hymn

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

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*Saying What We Believe — *Belhar Confession*

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 a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain.

*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

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

See Screen

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response "Go Ye, Go Ye into the World"

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Postlude

Pray for the People of Pines

Sara Anderson	John Plush
Barbara Caffall	Bethel Strawser
Sydney DeLaSalle	Tim Timmons
Elizabeth Deraps	Yohanna Tirayoh
Sharon Dotson	Juanita Vislocky
Angie Mills	Nancy Watler
Becky Neisig	Danny Williams
	Bill Willis

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.

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Calendar for the Week of August 16, 2026

Sunday

12:00 pm	Welcome reception for Theresa Perales and family	Narthex
12:00 pm	Caring Committee meeting	C7
12:00 pm	Stephen Leaders	C8

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	
11:30 am	Potpourri Circle	TBD

Wednesday

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

Thursday

8:00 pm	AA Group	C3
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Sunday

9:15 am	Sunday School	
10:45 am	Worship — 3rd grade Bible Sunday	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Space City Sound concert	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Trustees meeting	C10
2:30 pm	NAMI	C3

Come hear Space City Sound! After they sing in church NEXT SUNDAY, they will perform a selection of their contest pieces in the Fellowship Hall after worship. Come enjoy their amazing sound!

Friends Night Out has been a huge success at Pines. This event has been a long-standing tradition at Pines, usually involving a potluck type of experience with a small group of 6 – 8 people. Sign-ups are now through August 23rd 2026. The timeline for the Fall 2026 Friends Night Out will be September, October, and November. Look for the clipboards outside Fellowship Hall and in the Narthex. Emails will be sent to those who participated in the past to see if they wish to continue and participate again. If you have any questions please reach out to Linda Adred, Patsy Jackson, or Chris Wolfe.

Summer is HOT!

So is the Pines Summer Speaker Series!

**New Topics
Every Week**

 Scan for
Schedule



**Coffee - 9:15am
Speaker - 9:30am**
 Beginning
June 7

Fellowship Hall

Invite Your Friends for a COOL Sunday Morning!



Children and Youth
Senior High Room

Nursery Available

Next Newsletter articles due August 21.
Today's Duty Elder: Steve Ballard

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
Custodian/Maintenance



Connie Pike
Director, Preschool
Alicia Flick
Administrative Assistant

PinesPresbyterianPreschool.com

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.

Would you like to truly make a difference in the life of a child? Consider becoming a Reading Buddy or Mentor at Sherwood Elementary. Reading buddies meet weekly to help build reading skills. Mentors also meet with their student weekly to help inspire their student to reach their full potential. Commitment is 30 minutes/week during the school year. A one-hour training per school year is required and provided by SBISD. Sign-ups and training dates are available now. For more information, contact Beth Patterson or Margaret Schafer or visit www.springbranchisd.com/engage.

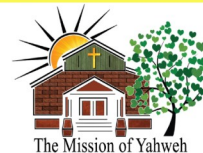
Love to knit or crochet? Join **Pines Needles** and craft for a cause. We are a welcoming needlework group dedicated to bringing warmth, comfort, and hope to neighbors in need. We create handmade hats, scarves, shawls, and blankets for cancer patients through **CanCare**, as well as residents at **The Mission of Yahweh** and **Star of Hope**. Our 2025 impact: 250+ warm hats, 40+ comfy blankets/ shawls, and 175+ cozy scarves donated!! We'd love for you to join our group! If you'd like to help but don't do needlework, donations of yarn are appreciated – a list of needs is in the Prayer Room. Contact Valerie Harelson for more information.

Your Stephen Ministry Team invites you to hear Paula Paine, LCSW speak on "Worshipping Through Grief" on August 27 at 7:00 in the Parlor. Paula uses the scriptures as another way to navigate grief. This is open to everyone. Please bring your friends! Questions? Ask Ann Guerra.

Meet Teresa Perales! After worship today, meet Theresa Perales, our new office manager, and her family.

Save The Date! Sunday, August 30, after worship, let's celebrate Cindy Houlihan for her 27 years of service to Pines. Check the newsletter and TWAP for more information about "Thank You" notes and a Love Offering.

BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE



Your gifts will help provide back-to-school clothes, shoes and school supplies!

JULY/AUGUST AGAPE

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

PINESPC.ORG Include "Back to School" with your donation.

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