



PINES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOOKING UPWARD - GROWING INWARD - SERVING OUTWARD

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

*Call to Worship

Morriss Partee

One Voice: O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,
All Voices: make known his deeds among the peoples.
One Voice: Sing to him, sing praises to him;
All Voices: tell of all his wonderful works.

*Hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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Prayer of Confession

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Forgive us, Mighty God,
when we doubt your strength.
Assure us, Faithful God,
when we doubt your constant presence.
Renew us, Loving God,
when we neglect to love others
as you have loved us.
Empower us with your strength,
and encourage us with your steadfast love.
Unite us through the power of your Holy Spirit,
that we might live with a faith that honors you,
and abide with a hope that encourages others
to know your love and grace.

Silent Confession

Confessional Response

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

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Assurance of Grace

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One Voice: This is the good news: there is no ranking in God's kingdom.
God graces everyone with the same gifts: mercy, restoration,
new life.
**All Voices: God has kept the covenant. We have been forgiven, we
have been made new people. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

TODAY

September 20, 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

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A Congregation of the



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 20:1-16

Anthem

"In the Name of the Lord"
Sandi Patti

Joy Kreider

Second Scripture Reading

Exodus 18:21-35

Sermon

"Thriving!"

Rev. Andy Gans

Serving Outward

*Hymn

"Faith Begins by Letting Go"

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*Saying What We Believe (*The Apostles' Creed*)

One Voice: Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?

**All Voices: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

One Voice: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**All Voices: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven;
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

One Voice: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**All Voices: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri

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Moment for Stewardship

Linda and Val Aldred

Offering and Offertory "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
Ludwig van Beethoven

Pines Pealers

*Doxology

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

*Hymn

"Let Us with a Gladsome Mind"

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*Charge and Benediction

***Benediction Response** "Sent Out in Jesus' Name"

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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

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 September 20, 2026

Sunday

12:00 pm Caring Ministry Committee meeting C7

Monday — committee reports due to Clerk of Session

12:00 pm This Week at Pines to Dan
 7:00 pm Tending to Grief meeting Parlor
 5:30 pm Christian Ed committee meeting C10
 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
 5:30 pm Handbell rehearsal Handbell Room
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal Choir Room

Thursday

6:15 pm Active Stephen Ministers meeting C8
 7:00 pm Joy Kreider — Post Traumatic Growth —
 The Slow Movement of Water on a Stone Parlor
 8:00 pm AA Group C3

Sunday

9:15 am Sunday School
 10:45 am Worship

SERMON NOTES



September Agape

Collecting food for RUF Christmas Party

Select a tag from the Missions Board outside Fellowship Hall. Purchase the listed items and place them in a bag (with the tag attached) in the Agape Offering Box outside the Sanctuary.



Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate, made online (pinespc.org/giving or Zelle), or sent to the church office. Include "September Agape" with your donation.

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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.

Next Newsletter articles due October 23rd.
 Today's Duty Elder: Brad Hofstetter

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW UPWARD, INWARD AND OUTWARD

Church Staff

The Reverend Andy Gans
Pastor

Cassandra Burke
Director of Faith Formation

Laurie Conner
Director of Music Ministries

Shawn Heller
Church Musician

Theresa Perales
Office Manager

Alexis Graham
Accounting Manager

Adrian Roman
Custodian/Maintenance

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Connie Pike
Director, Preschool

Alicia Flick
Administrative Assistant

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.

The Stephen Ministry Team presents Dr. Joy Krieder speaking on Post Traumatic Growth — The Slow Movement of Water on a Stone. Many of you attended her talk last year. She will continue on the topic offering more insight to understanding and managing trauma — past and present. This Thursday, 7:00-8:30pm in the Parlor this informative meeting is open to all. Please RSVP to Ann Guerra.

Family Missions Bingo Sheets are available in the Narthex! Pick one up after church, and together as a family, try to get B-I-N-G-O during September by doing service, being kind, and praying for others.