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**Growing Inward**

**Prelude**

**Gathering for Worship**

**\*Call to Worship**

Brad Hofstetter

One Voice: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the highest heaven!

**All Voices: Let the sun and the moon and the stars in the sky sing  
praises to our God!**

One Voice: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the deepest valley!

**All Voices: Let the mountains and the hills, the fruit trees  
and tall cedars, sing praises to our God!**

One Voice: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord all the peoples of the earth!

**All Voices: Let the old and the young, the mighty and the meek,  
lift their voices and praise God's holy name!**

One Voice: Praise the Lord!

**\*Hymn**

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

See Screen

**Prayer of Confession**

See Screen

Holy One of God,  
we rejoice with the angels  
who proclaimed your birth  
and saved your life,  
but we pay little heed to the messengers  
who proclaim your birth  
to save our lives;  
we celebrate the heavenly light  
that guided the wise to Bethlehem,  
but we fail to see the light  
that can see us safely through  
our darkest journeys.  
Open our eyes anew,  
that we might see the old stories come alive  
and find the grace we need  
to meet each day with hope and joy.

**TODAY**  
December 28, 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:** Brad Hofstetter

**Sound:** Ron Strawser

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

**A Congregation of the**



## Silent Confession

**Confessional Response** "O Little Town of Bethlehem", v. 4 See Screen

## Assurance of Grace

One Voice: God is faithful and abounding in steadfast love.

**All Voices: In Christ, God has come to us to be our salvation.**

One Voice: In the birth of Jesus,

**All Voices: God lifts us up and carries us all the days of our lives.**

## Children's Message

Kristen Davis-Owen

**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

Matthew 2:13-23

### Anthem

"How Great Our Joy"  
arr. Linda Lamb

Pines Pealers

### Second Reading

Isaiah 63:7-9

### Sermon

"Surely"

Rev. Cory Stott

### \*Hymn

"Good Christian Friends Rejoice"

See Screen

## Serving Outward

### \*Saying What We Believe

See Screen

**Christ Jesus,  
Child of Mary, God with us,  
King and Suffering Servant,  
High Priest and Lamb of God,  
Teacher and Word,  
living, suffering, dying and rising again,  
you challenge, redeem and restore us.**

**Holy Spirit,  
Breath of life, Counselor and Comforter,  
Fire of God, you inspire, sustain, and purify us.  
Forming us in the nature of Christ,  
transforming us with your gifts,  
you bind us together in one body, your church.**

**God of all creation,  
Made known to us in Jesus Christ  
Through the Holy Spirit,  
Your boundless love exposes our rebellion and greed.  
A mother who will not abandon her child,  
A father who welcomes the prodigal home,  
You forgive, accept, and embrace us  
And call us into loving communion forever.**

**In life and death we belong to you,  
Everlasting God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### \*Gloria Patri

See Screen

## Offering and Offertory

### \*Doxology

## Pray for the People of Pines

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

## A Stephen Ministry



Congregation

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

\*Hymn "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" See Screen

## \*Charge and Benediction

\*Benediction Response "Joy to the World", v. 1 & 4 See Screen

## Postlude

### *Calendar for the Week of December 28, 2025*

#### Sunday

9:15 am Sunday School  
10:45am Worship  
2:30 pm NAMI

#### 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  
7:30 pm Westside AA C3

#### Thursday - church offices closed

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

#### Sunday

9:15 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Worship Service Sanctuary  
12:00 pm Trustees meeting C10  
12:00 pm Undecorating the church

## SERMON NOTES

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

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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 January 23.  
Today's Duty Elder: Phil Wetz

# 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.

**Joy Gift Christmas Offering will be collected** during the month of December. This gift supports current and retired church leaders and the future leaders studying at Presbyterian-related colleges.

**Our final results this year depend on each of us!** In order to be recorded on your charitable giving report from Pines for 2025, gifts (including stock donations) must be postmarked or received via Zelle by December 31, or received in the church office no later than noon on Wednesday, December 31. If you have questions, please contact Alexis Graham at [alexis@pinespc.org](mailto:alexis@pinespc.org).

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](http://pinespc.org/Scotland) or talk to Pastor Andy.

**Rev. Cory Stott** is from Chattanooga, TN. He was raised in a small Presbyterian church where the pastor taught him the finer details of Reformed theology and -- canoeing. After serving as a musician and youth director for wonderful PCUSA congregations during college in Knoxville, he started a journey of dual callings by enrolling in Emory University's Law and Religion program in Atlanta. He finished his M.Div. at Columbia Theological Seminary and was ordained in 2006, serving for a few years as solo pastor of a church in Mississippi. In 2012, he earned a law degree from the University of Virginia. He has worked in a variety of roles for Harris County and enjoys serving as pulpit supply or otherwise helping as needed in the presbytery. His wife works at Rice University; on weekends, you might find them enjoying the music at St. Philip or chauffeuring their two young boys around town.

**Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack** is coming February 21 and 22. Online sign-ups are open. Use passcode PPC26. Go to [www.pinespc/FMSC](http://www.pinespc/FMSC) to volunteer for a 2 hour shift.