



# PINES

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOOKING UPWARD - GROWING INWARD - SERVING OUTWARD

### Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

**\*Call to Worship**

Morriss Partee

One Voice: I waited patiently for the Lord. God inclined to me and heard my cry.

**All Voices: God drew me up from the pit, and made my steps secure.**

One Voice: God put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

**All Voices: Many will see and believe, and put their trust in the Lord!**

**\*Hymn**

"Standing on the Promises"

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**Prayer of Confession**

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Precious Lord, you are the light  
who has come into the world.

Forgive us, when we love darkness  
more than we love your light.

Keep us from dwelling on our weakness, shortcomings, and fears.

Guard us from looking for darkness in others  
rather than seeking the beauty that lies within.

Give us eyes to see you,  
and grant us hearts to follow your Spirit,  
that we may shine with the light of Christ.

**Silent Confession**

**Confessional Response**

"You Are Mine"

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**Assurance of Grace**

One Voice: Listen! Before you were born, God called you by name,  
claiming you as God's child. Pay attention! You are forgiven.

**All Voices: We will not keep silent. We will tell, and we will sing;  
we will whisper, and we will shout: God is faithful!  
Amen!**

# TODAY

January 18, 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:** Ron Strawser

### **Pines Presbyterian Church**

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

**Flowers:** The baby rose today is in honor of Vanessa Vargas, daughter of Madison Singer and Kevin Vargas, and great-granddaughter of Sam and Priscilla Singer.

**A Congregation of the**



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**

Isaiah 49:1-7

**Anthem**

"Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us", arr. Victor Gumma  
 Bethel Strawser and Valerie Harelson, handbells; Shawn Heller, piano

**Second Reading**

Psalms 40:1-11

**Sermon**

"Promise Me"

Laurie Conner

**Serving Outward**

**\*Hymn**

"Amazing Grace"

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**\*Saying What We Believe**

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**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**

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

**\*Hymn**

"To God Be the Glory"

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**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response**

"The Trees of the Field"

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**Postlude**

**Pray for the People of Pines**

Sara Anderson	Angie Mills
Jean Breitenwischer	Juanita Vislocky
Barbara Caffall	Nancy Watler
Mary Catherine Cezeaux	Danny Williams
Marsha Deison	Bill Willis
Sydney DeLaSalle	Duane Wood
Elizabeth Deraps	
Sharon Dotson	

**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 January 18, 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      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      TBA

### **Wednesday**

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

### **Thursday**

8:00 pm      AA Group      C3

### **Sunday**

9:15 am      Sunday School  
10:45 am      Worship      Sanctuary  
2:30 pm      NAMI      C3

### **SERMON NOTES**

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

Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com  
PinesPresbyterianChurch](https://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 January 23.  
Today's Duty Elder: Brad Hofstetter

# 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](http://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.

**Come play Pickleball at Pines!** Open play Monday 7-9pm and Thursday 7-9pm and Sunday 4-6pm. Sign up at [pickleheads.com](http://pickleheads.com) You must sign up to play.

**Explorers' Sunday School** — The next study for our class will be by Rick Warren, pastor of Saddleback Church in Orange County, CA, and bestselling author of *The Purpose Driven Life*. "Better Together: What on Earth Are We Here For" includes six teaching sessions, in which you will learn how to fulfill God's five purposes for your life within the context of community: Rick Warren will show you how God planned for you to fulfill his purposes in community with other people... in your church family... in your small group... in the world around you.

**"Friends Night Out"** has been a huge success and many Pines Friends have wished to see it continue. 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 will begin now through the end of January, 2026. The timeline for the Spring 2026 Friends Night Out will be February, March, and April. 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 Aldred, Patsy Jackson, or Chris Wolfe.

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.

**Souper Bowl Lunch** — Come join your church family for soup and a grilled cheese sandwich, with make-your-own sundaes for dessert, following Sunday worship on February 8. There will be a love donation to the Houston Food Bank. Make checks out to Pines Presbyterian Church with "Houston Food Bank" on the notation line.



## Volunteer!

### February 20-21

***Opportunities for all abilities, from sit-down jobs to lifting jobs.  
Ages 5 and up.***

**Join us for a two-hour shift (or more!) as we pack  
more than 100,000 meals for starving children around the world.**

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[pinespc.org](http://pinespc.org)

**To volunteer:**  
**[pinespc.org/fmssc](http://pinespc.org/fmssc)**  
**Or use the QR Code**

