



PINES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Looking Upward ✚ Growing Inward ✚ Serving Outward

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

***Call to Worship**

Morriss Partee

One Voice: Brothers and sisters, we are loved by God.

All Voices: The ruler of heaven and earth knows us by name.

One Voice: God hears and answers our cries for help.

All Voices: God shows compassion and kindness to us.

One Voice: May our lives praise and magnify
our great and awesome God.

**All Voices: We have come to worship the one whose image
is imprinted within us.**

***Hymn**

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

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Prayer of Confession

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**O God, our God, you have shown us your ways
and promised to walk with us.**

**Through your son, Jesus,
you have given us an example to follow,
that we might be imitators of your divine love.**

But we have not kept the laws and rules you have given us.

**Lover of justice,
forgive us when we forget whose image we bear.**

**May the deep convictions of our faith
be displayed through acts of kindness,
compassion, and mercy,
in your holy name we pray.**

Silent Confession

Confessional Response

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

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Assurance of Grace

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One Voice: Our God is a God who forgives,

All Voices: showing kindness and compassion to all.

One Voice: When we call on God, God hears and answers us.

All Voices: Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

today in
October 18, 2026
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:**

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**Sunday School: 9:15 am
Coffee Fellowship: 10:15 am
Worship Service: 10:45 am**

Assisting with Today's
Worship

Liturgist: Morriss Partee

Sound: Ron Strawser

Duty Elder: Beth Patterson

Flowers:

The Sanctuary flowers today are
given to the Glory of God by Leslie
Friedrich in memory of Victoria
Carle and in celebration of Tim
and Leslie's birthdays.

The baby rose is to the glory of
God in honor of Bob and Lynda
Barr's new great-granddaughter,
Lilah Josephine Vazquez.

Helpful Devices: Auditory
assistance receivers are
available from the Ushers.

**Our services are recorded
and livestreamed at
www.pinespc.org**

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

Exodus 33:12-23

Anthem

"Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace" Pines Pealers
Sebastian Temple

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon

"Straight A's"

Rev. Andy Gans

Serving Outward

*Hymn

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

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*Saying What We Believe

One Voice: There is one hope, one calling, to which we are called.

All Voices: The hope in our lives is Jesus.

One Voice: There is one hope, one calling, to which we are called.

All Voices: The call we must answer is God's

One Voice: There is one faith, one hope, one Lord of us all.

All Voices: The Lord of our lives is Jesus.

One Voice: There is one baptism, one Father, one Mother of all.

All Voices: The creator who calls us is God.

One Voice: We are one body, one family, one church,

All Voices: woven by the Spirit with bonds of peace.

One Voice: With Christ's children throughout all of this earth,

All Voices: we are one body in unity and love.

*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

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy"

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*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response "Sent Out in Jesus' Name"

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Postlude

Sermon Notes

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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opportunities *to grow* UPWARD + INWARD + OUTWARD

Welcome, Guests! If you have questions about our church, or would like to discuss church membership, please speak with Pastor Andy.

Pledge cards - Thank you to all who have made your 2027 financial commitment to Pines! Your commitment will help the Session prepare a budget for 2027. It's not too late to send in your card by placing it in the offering plate or sending it to Alexis Graham in the church office.

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.

Help fight childhood hunger — join us **October 21**. Youth will meet in the Pines parking lot and travel together to 11612 Memorial Dr, Houston, TX 77024. Registration is required, so please contact Cassandra if interested. Volunteers are asked to bring 5 loaves of sandwich bread per volunteer (no Texas Toast, please).

The Stephen Ministers will host Rev. Greg Han, who is a PCUSA minister with experience in congregational and hospital ministry, and teaching experience in comparative religions. Greg will discuss "Keeping the Faith in a Multifaith Society", while also sharing learnings from his experiences in caring for others. Please join the Stephen Ministry team on **October 22** at 7:00 pm in the Parlor, and bring other who may be interested. RSVP to Ann Guerra.

Trunk-or-Treat is coming on **October 25** from 4-5:30 pm! We're collecting individually wrapped candy to help fill the trunks and treat our community's children to a fun and welcoming evening. Donations can be placed in the collection box in the Narthex. Sign up to host a trunk or run an activity station on the sheet posted in the Fellowship Hallway!



Join us and other local youth at the Houston Food Bank on **November 7** to help our neighbors. Time is TBD. If interested in joining our brothers and sisters in Christ in service, contact Cassandra.

PYCC Youth Rally — Youth grades 6 - 12 and their families are invited to participate in worship, lunch, games, and community service at the PYCC Youth Rally being held on **November 8** at First Presbyterian Church in Galveston, TX. Please contact Cassandra if you are interested in attending this event.

Pray for the People of Pines

Sara Anderson
Barbara Caffall
Sydney DeLaSalle
Elizabeth Deraps
Sharon Dotson
Angie Mills
Becky Neisig

John Plush
Bethel Strawser
Sharon Timmons
Yohanna Tirayoh
Juanita Vislocky
Nancy Walter
Danny Williams

Pray for Friends Experiencing Loss

Tim Timmons

Pray for Friends in Mission

Joy Kreider

Pray for Pines Members and their family in the Military

Olivia Williams (Army)
Jackie Hayre (Navy)

CONNECT WITH US

Keep up with what's happening
at Pines throughout the month

THIS WEEK @ PINES

Get our weekly email with
upcoming events, reminders, and
everything happening at Pines.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Look for our monthly newsletter
for church news, events, ministry
updates, and more. Printed
copies are available in the
Narthex for those unable to
access it online.

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A Congregation of the



Sherwood Christmas

TWO WAYS TO GIVE:



Take an angel from the Christmas Tree.
(Fellowship Hallway) Then start shopping!



Make a donation. [Place in the offering plate, drop off at church, visit pinespc.org/giving, or use Zelle] Please note "Sherwood Christmas".

Return unwrapped gifts (with angel) or donations by Sunday, November 22.

questions: Beth Patterson or Margaret Schafer **more info:** PINESPC.org

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER AGAPE

Mission @ PINES

THIS WEEK @ PINES

SUN 18	12:00 pm	Caring Committee meeting	C7
MON 19	5:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Christian Ed Committee Meeting Tending to Grief Meeting Al Anon Group	C10 Parlor Fellowship Hall
TUE 20	7:00 am 11:30 am	Men's Bible Study Potpourri Circle Meeting	Zoom C3
WED 21	1:30 pm 5:30 pm	Weekly Prayer Team Meeting Handbell Rehearsal	Prayer Room C12
THU 22	7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Stephen Ministers Meeting AA Group	Parlor C3
FRI 23			
SAT 24			
SUN 25	4:00 pm	Trunk or Treat	Kimberley Parking Lot

This Week @ Pines articles due to Dan on Monday by 12 pm.
Bulletin articles are due to Laurie on Tuesday by 9 am.
Newsletter articles are due to Theresa by October 23.