



# PINES

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOOKING UPWARD - GROWING INWARD - SERVING OUTWARD

### Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

\*Call to Worship

Sam Singer

One Voice: As the sun rises in the morning,

**All Voices: let all creation worship God.**

One Voice: From the highest mountains to the deepest seas,

**All Voices: let all creation proclaim the name of the Lord,  
for God alone is worthy to be praised.**

One Voice: God alone makes all things new.

**All Voices: All praise, glory, and honor be yours, forever.**

\*Hymn

"Let the Whole Creation Cry"

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Prayer of Confession

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**Eternal God, it's so easy to get lost in the noise and busyness of life. Forgive the times we lose focus and forget the praise we owe you, offering it to the world instead. You alone are worthy of our praise. You alone are worthy of our adoration. You alone are worthy of our love. Creator who makes all things new, renew our hearts and strengthen our resolve, that we may graciously receive what you have in store for us today.**

Silent Confession

Confessional Response "Hear the Good News of Salvation"

Assurance of Grace

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One Voice: When we are thirsty,

**All Voices: God renews our souls with living waters.**

One Voice: Drink deeply, knowing that in Jesus Christ,

**All Voices: we are forgiven.**

Children's Message

Kristin Beall

**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.**

# TODAY

May 18, 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:** Sam Singer

**Sound:** Ron Strawser

### Pines Presbyterian Church

is located at 12751 Kimberley Lane Houston, Texas 77024 ~ 713-467-2234 ~ [pinespc.org](http://pinespc.org)

**Flowers:** The grandbaby rose today is given to the Glory of God in honor of Virginia Margaret Johnson, born May 12 at 12:25pm in Austin, Texas, to parents Drew and Molly Johnson; grandparents, Phil and Linda Johnson.

A Congregation of the



### **Looking Upward**

**First Reading**

John 13:31-35

**Anthem**

"Thine Is the Glory"  
G. F. Handel

Pines Pealers

**Second Reading**

Revelation 21:1-6

**Sermon**

"Trustworthy and True"

Rev. Andy Gans

### **Serving Outward**

**\*Hymn**

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

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**\*Saying What We Believe**—from A Brief Statement of Faith

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**In life and in death we belong to God.**

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

**We trust in Jesus Christ,  
fully human, fully God.**

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed. . .

**We trust in God,  
whom Jesus called Abba Father.**

In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image,  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
Everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**Offering and Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

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

**\*Hymn**

"Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show"

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**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response**

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

**Postlude**

### **Pray for the People of Pines**

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| Sara Anderson    | Janan Plush      |
| Lynda Barr       | Melissa          |
| Jean             | Sandstrom        |
| Breitenwischer   | Beth Sibley      |
| Barbara Caffall  | Juanita Vislocky |
| Carolyn Craig    | Nancy Watler     |
| Elizabeth Deraps | Danny Williams   |
| 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 May 18, 2025

### Sunday

12:00 pm Caring Ministry committee C7

### Monday — committee minutes due to Clerk of Session

12:00 pm This Week at Pines to Dan

5:30 pm Christian Ed committee C8

7:00 pm Tending to Grief meeting Parlor

7:30 pm Al 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

10:00 am Meditation class Prayer Room

1:30 pm Weekly Prayer Team Prayer Room

5:45 pm Pines Pealers C12

7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal Choir Room

7:30 pm Westside AA C3

### Thursday

6:00 pm Active Stephen Ministers C8

7:00 pm Stephen Ministers continuing ed Parlor

8:00 pm AA Group C3

### Sunday — no Sunday School for children and youth

9:15 am Sunday School

10:45 am Worship Fellowship Hall

## SERMON NOTES



### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE LAY CHAPLAINCY TRAINING

Lay Chaplaincy Training prepares you for life's inevitable sufferings. Beautiful life stories are shared. Key moments conveyed through laughter and tears with newfound friends. Transformation begins as hope transcends pain.

*Your listening heart is a beautiful blessing to others!*

### JOIN POP LAY CHAPLAINS' TRAINING & GUILD

Please join us for the POP Hospital Ministry Training! This training will develop your desire to provide comfort, peace and prayer for those who are sick. Using the POP Manual, you will enjoy this Training and feel confident to hear the concerns of God's precious people. All Caring Ministry volunteers are encouraged to attend including Deacons, Elders, Stephen Ministers, and Homebound ministries.

**Day 1 Training** – Classroom style, includes a light breakfast, lunch, manual – all FREE!

**Day 2 Training** – Takes place in the chosen hospital at a later date. You will be "shadowing" with a POP Staff Chaplain to practice visiting patients until you feel ready.

*Our Tender Father's love transforms us together!*

**Date:** Day 1 of Training – Saturday, May 3, 2025, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Location:** Training will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Room CE 225.

First Presbyterian Houston  
5300 Main Street  
Houston, TX 77004  
Room: CE 225  
Phone: (713) 620-6500  
<https://fpchouston.org/>

**Registration:** To register, please visit the POP Website at <https://popministry.org/home/programs/training> or [click here](#) to go directly to the Registration Form. A confirmation will be sent to your email address.

We'd love to have you among the  
Guild of compassionate Lay Chaplains!  
50 years of serving – All praises to Our Gracious Lord!

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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 May 23.

Today's Duty Elder: Emily Gairo

# OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW UPWARD, INWARD AND OUTWARD

## Church Staff

The Reverend Andy Gans  
Pastor  
Kristin Beall  
Director of Family Ministries  
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

## 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.

**Fellowship Hall restroom renovations** continue. Please use the west door entrance into the Fellowship Hallway.

**Come play Pickleball at Pines!** Open play Monday 7-10pm and Thursday 7:30-10pm and Sunday 4-10pm. Go to [pickleheads.com](http://pickleheads.com), create an account, and sign up to play!


**Music Theater Camp** is coming back! Monday, June 2 through Friday, June 6, 8:30am-12:30pm, Pines Presbyterian Church offers a Music Theater Camp which is open to children who have completed first grade through high school who would like to sing, dance, and act. Don't worry if you don't have any experience – that's OUR job to help you gain it! The final production will be presented during 10:45am worship on June 8, followed by a reception/autograph party for all the actors and their families, as well as the Pines church family. The cost is \$75 per student. Sign up at [pinespc.org](http://pinespc.org) or email [Laurie@pinespc.org](mailto:Laurie@pinespc.org).

**The Explorers Sunday School class** is exploring the six-session video series, "God is Closer Than You Think", by John Ortberg.

**The Pentecost Offering** is a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. By receiving the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of children, youth, and young adults. 40% of the offering remains with our congregation to support youth and children ministries in our church and the local community. We will be collecting the offering during Pentecost season beginning May 18, and continuing through Pentecost Sunday, June 8.

**Oaks Presbyterian Church** is hosting a rededication of their newly-renovated Sanctuary this afternoon, Sunday, May 18, at 4:00 pm. Our Pines Pealers will play during the service, so come join this joyous celebration!

## May Agape Offering



**Donate New or Like-New Children's Books**

**Books Between Kids** serves Houston's at-risk children by providing them with books to build their own home libraries.

**DROP OFF DONATIONS**  
IN THE **MISSIONS BIN** IN  
THE **NARTHEX**

**OR**  
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OFFERING PLATE,  
BRING IT TO THE OFFICE OR  
GIVE ONLINE ON ZELLE  
OR AT [PINESPC.ORG](http://PINESPC.ORG)  
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