



PINES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOOKING UPWARD - GROWING INWARD - SERVING OUTWARD

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

***Call to Worship**

Brad Hofstetter

One Voice: Welcome to you, the weak and the strong.

All Voices: Christ Jesus welcomes us here.

One Voice: Welcome to you, sinners and saints.

All Voices: God's grace embraces us all.

One Voice: Welcome to you, forgiven and forgiving.

All Voices: The spirit binds us in unity and love.

***Hymn**

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

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Prayer of Confession

See Screen

Merciful God,
when we have inflicted injuries upon others,
forgive us;
when we have laughed and sung
as our enemies faced calamity,
pardon us;
when we have belittled the convictions of others
through word or deed,
restore us in your mercy.
Reclaim us, Mighty One,
that amidst the trials of life,
we might walk on the dry land
of your powerful hope
and your loving grace,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Silent Confession

Confessional Response

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

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Assurance of Grace

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One Voice: God's hand of mercy is stretched out to us, making a way through all that threatens us, to teach us with grace and hope.

All Voices: We stand before our God, singing praise to the One who turns our despair into joy, our fears into faith. Amen.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

September 13, 2026

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

Flowers: The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Phil Johnson in celebration of Linda and in memory of her mother and their shared birthday!

Baby Rose: Today's baby rose is in honor of Elise Brynn Schultz – born Saturday 8/1/26 at 2:29 pm, 7 lbs. 3 oz., 21 in. long. Born to Claire and Brian Schultz, and big sister Emilee.

Pines Presbyterian Church

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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 Scripture Reading

Romans 14:1-12

Anthem

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
arr. Hal Hopson

Chancel Choir

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon

"Grace"

Rev. Andy Gans

Serving Outward

*Hymn

"O God, Show Mercy to Us"

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*Saying What We Believe

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

See Screen

Offering and Offertory

*Doxology

See Screen

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

*Hymn

"Amazing Grace"

See Screen

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response "Sent Out in Jesus' Name"

See Screen

Postlude

Pray for the People of Pines

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

John Plush
Bethel Strawser
Tim Timmons
Yohanna Tirayoh
Juanita Vislocky
Nancy Watler
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)

Prayers for all those on the Scotland trip.

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 13, 2026

Sunday

9:15 am	Children's Sunday School Kick-off Breakfast	Sunday School rooms
10:45 am	Sunday Worship — Pledge Campaign Kick-off	Sanctuary
2:30 pm	NAMI	C3
5:30 pm	Youth Mission Trip meeting	Fellowship Hall

Monday

12:00 pm	This Week at Pines to Dan	
12:00 pm	Worship Committee meeting	C10
6:00 pm	Staff Committee meeting	Zoom—
7:00 pm	Pre-school Committee meeting	C3
7:00 pm	Property Committee meeting	C7
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 meeting	TBD

Wednesday

12:00 pm	Book Club	C3
1:30 pm	Weekly Prayer Team	Prayer Room
5:30 pm	Handbell	Handbell Room
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal	Choir Room

Thursday

6:30 pm	Bingo	Fellowship Hall
8:00 pm	AA Group	C3

Saturday

3:00 pm	Presbytery's Innovation & Vitality workshop	Fellowship Hall
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Sunday

9:15 am	Sunday School	
10:45 am	Worship	



September Agape

Mission@PINES+

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.

SERMON NOTES

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

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 September 18.
 Today's Duty Elder: Terrie Cardwell

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
Cindy Houlihan/Theresa Perales
Office Manager
Alexis Graham
Accounting Manager
Adrian Roman
Custodian/Maintenance
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. Thursday, September 24, 2026, 7:00-8:30pm in the Parlor. This informative meeting is open to all. Please RSVP to Ann Guerra.

Youth Mission Trip Meeting — There will be an info meeting for our 2026-27 summer youth mission trip on September 13 at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. A light supper will be served. Anyone who is interested in contributing a meal or snack, please contact Cassandra.

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.

ACCESSIBILITY FOR THE ENTIRE BODY OF CHRIST:

WELCOMING ALL SENSORY, SPATIAL AND CULTURAL NEEDS

SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

What does it mean for a church to be truly welcoming? Come to a workshop on September 19, 2026 at Pines Presbyterian Church and find out. This workshop will offer ways to welcome and accommodate people with diverse abilities and experiences, including neuro-diversity, physical disabilities, deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals, and people from a wide range of cultural and linguistic backgrounds. Congregations from across our presbytery will be able to experience a day of learning, conversation, and practical ideas as we explore how to create communities where everyone can participate, belong, and flourish. An exciting array of speakers will share their experiences and ideas on how to accommodate the needs of each of us. Lunch will be provided and the event is free. Don't miss this experience!