



# PINES

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOOKING UPWARD - GROWING INWARD - SERVING OUTWARD

### Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

**\*Call to Worship**

Kristen Davis-Owen

One Voice: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**All Voices: We will break forth into joyous song, and sing praises.**

One Voice: Sing praises to the Lord;

**All Voices: make a joyful noise with trumpet and the sound of the horn.**

One Voice: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.

**All Voices: The floods clap their hands and the hills sing out together;**

One Voice: let us join in the joyful song of creation.

**\*Hymn**

"Great Are You Lord"

See Screen

**Prayer of Confession**

See Screen

Living God,  
our hopes are easily discouraged,  
our confidence is quickly shaken,  
our faith is as fragile as a tender reed.  
When our footsteps falter,  
remind us that we are your beloved children,  
the handiwork of your gracious love.  
When the odds seem stacked against us,  
and we are about to lose our courage,  
give us the strength to stand firm  
and hold fast to your promises.  
So once again, Gracious God,  
have mercy on us.  
You know our hearts so well —  
touch them with your grace.  
You see our deepest fears —  
Heal them with your peace.  
You hear our secret longings —  
speak to them of your hope.

**Silent Confession**

**Confessional Response**

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

See Screen

# TODAY

November 9, 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:** Kristen Davis-Owen

**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 Sanctuary flowers today are given by Nete Sundt to the Glory of God and as a blessing to our troops and those who served before them.

A Congregation of the



## Assurance of Grace

One Voice: Hear the good news: through the Holy Spirit,  
**All Voices: God bears the fruit of salvation in our lives.**  
One Voice: The One who loves us is faithful.  
**All Voices: In Christ, our sins are forgiven. Amen.**

## Children's Message

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

**Anthem** "Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord" Chancel Choir  
Rob Landes

**Gospel Reading** Luke 20:27-38

**Sermon** "What's Really Important?" Rev. Andy Gans

### Serving Outward

**\*Hymn** "We Praise You, O God" See Screen

**\*Saying What We Believe** See Screen

One Voice: With the whole church

**All Voices: we affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit;**

One Voice: with people everywhere

**All Voices: we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong;**

One Voice: with all creation

**All Voices: we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life, the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and in the world. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri** See Screen

## Offering and Offertory

### \*Doxology

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

**\*Hymn** "Give Thanks, O Christian People" See Screen

### \*Charge and Benediction

**\*Benediction Response** "Go Ye, Go Ye, Into the World" See Screen

## Postlude

## Pray for the People of Pines

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

## 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 November 9, 2025

### Sunday

|          |                                                            |                 |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 12:00 pm | Youth                                                      | Youth Rooms     |
| 12:00 pm | Thankfulness Luncheon                                      | Fellowship Hall |
| 2:00 pm  | Take down Fellowship Hallway items to prepare for painting |                 |

### Monday — Painting in Fellowship Hallway

|          |                           |                 |
|----------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 12:00 pm | Worship Committee meeting | C10             |
| 12:00 pm | This Week at Pines to Dan |                 |
| 7:00 pm  | Tending to Grief meeting  | Parlor          |
| 7:30 pm  | Al Anon Group             | Fellowship Hall |

### Tuesday — Painting in Fellowship Hallway

|          |                                 |      |
|----------|---------------------------------|------|
| 7:00 am  | Men's Bible Study               | Zoom |
| 9:00 am  | Bulletin articles due to Laurie |      |
| 11:30 am | Clara Gay Circle                | C3   |
| 6:30 pm  | Missions Committee meeting      | C3   |

### Wednesday — Painting in Fellowship Hallway

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

### Thursday — Painting in Fellowship Hallway

|         |          |    |
|---------|----------|----|
| 8:00 pm | AA Group | C3 |
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### Friday — Painting in Fellowship Hallway

### Sunday

|          |                                      |           |
|----------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| 9:15 am  | Sunday School                        |           |
| 10:45 am | Worship                              | Sanctuary |
| 12:00 pm | Put items back in Fellowship Hallway |           |

**Amazing Place West Tour** — Join the Stephen Ministry Team on Tuesday, November 18, to tour the NEW Amazing Place West Campus. The Amazing Place mission is to empower families facing the challenges of dementia and Alzheimer's and advance brain health for all. The tour will begin at 4:00. *If you are interested in carpooling, please meet in the back parking lot. The carpool will depart at 3:15.* The tour will last 45 minutes followed by a presentation entitled "Untangling Dementia" presented by Mehrnaz Gill and Sally Davis. We are planning to go to dinner following the tour. Please RSVP to Ann Guerra if you are planning to attend.

**Come join us** this Sunday at 2:00pm, after the Thankfulness Luncheon, to help clear the Fellowship Hallway and prepare it for painting! With many hands, it should be done in under an hour.

**In the spirit of Thanksgiving**, we are collecting non-perishable food items for Mission of Yahweh. Please bring your contributions and place under the communion table through November 23.

**Service of Wholeness and Healing** — This year's "Service of Wholeness and Healing" will be on Tuesday, December 9 at 12:30pm in the Sanctuary. Many call it a Blue Christmas Service. Hard times and loss may darken the festive feelings that are expected during Advent. This service is designed to help you come out of the darkness as you honor memories of *what was* and use your faith to confront the fears of *what may be*. Come share space with others that are looking for God to hold them close and be near until the light returns. All are welcome. Bring a friend. Lunch to follow at Cafe Express. For more information, reach out to Ann Guerra or Phil Wetz.

Next Newsletter articles due November 21.  
Today's Duty Elder: Tim Timmons

## SERMON NOTES

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

Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/PinesPresbyterianChurch](http://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.

# 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  
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.

**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.

**Pines Nominating Committee is looking for names** of those willing to serve on Session. If you know of anyone interested, or if you are interested yourself, please place their/your name in the box you will find in the Narthex before leaving church. Thank you!

**Advent Devotional** – believe it or not, Advent is around the corner, which means we will soon be producing our own Advent Devotional guide. This year's theme is Gifts and we need your story and your reflection on a verse of scripture to make this devotional come to life. If you'd like to write a brief devotional to be included in this year's guide, please let Pastor Andy know, and he will help guide you to a scripture if needed. The deadline for submission is **November 10th**.

**Today, today, today!** Come join the Pines Mission Partners for lunch in the Fellowship Hall after worship today. Hear about the work they are doing in our community and the ways that Pines is part of their missions.

# Advent

## FAMILY NIGHT

Sunday, November 30 | 5:00PM

CAROLING | DINNER | COOKIES | CRAFTS

### TREE LIGHTING

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# Sherwood Christmas

Return contributions or donations  
by Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>

Come help wrap presents!  
December 6 | 9:00am

questions? JOHN WORK

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER AGAPE

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