



Fifth Sunday of Lent

PINES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

***Call to Worship**

Morriss Partee

One Voice: Can these bones live?

All Voices: Only God knows.

One Voice: Can these people wake up to the good news?

All Voices: Only God knows.

One Voice: Can this church be revitalized?

All Voices: Only God knows.

One Voice: Come, Holy Spirit, and breathe your life into our worship this hour.

All Voices: Unbind us and set us free to proclaim our faith as your Easter people!

***Hymn**

“O God, Who Gives Us Life”

See Screen

Prayer of Confession

See Screen

God of the resurrection,
 we do not always live as Easter people.
 Too often, we find ourselves distracted
 by the rattling of dry bones.
 It is so easy to forget your gift of living water
 when we are surrounded by dust, despair, and desert.
 In the midst of death,
 we cannot envision the way of life;
 we lack the ability to see beyond
 the bondage of hopelessness.
 Come free us, O God!
 Heal us, Christ Jesus!
 Loosen the bonds
 that prevent us from entering new life in your Spirit.
 We long for Easter.
 Come free us!

Silent Confession

Confessional Response

“Sunday’s Palms Are Wednesday’s Ashes”

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

March 22, 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: Morriss Partee

Sound: Dan Schafer

Pines Presbyterian Church

is located at 12751 Kimberley Lane
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Flowers: The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Bob Barr in honor of Lynda’s birthday.

A Congregation of the



Assurance of Grace

One Voice: Hope in the Lord!

All Voices: With the Lord, there is steadfast love.

One Voice: With God, there is great power to redeem.

All Voices: Thanks be to God who redeems us from all our iniquities.

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

First Scripture Reading

Romans 8:6-11

Anthem

"The King of Love"
arr. Walter L. Pelz

Chancel Choir

Second Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Sermon

"What Can God Do?"

Rev. Andy Gans

Serving Outward

*Hymn

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

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*Saying What We Believe (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

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.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

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

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Offering and Offertory

*Doxology

See Screen

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

*Hymn

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

See Screen

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response

"Farewell, Good Friends!"

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Postlude

Pray for the People of Pines

Sara Anderson
Jean Breitenwischer
Barbara Caffall
Mary Catherine Cezeaux
Marsha Deison
Sydney DeLaSalle
Elizabeth Deraps
Sharon Dotson

Angie Mills
Juanita Vislocky
Nancy Watler
Danny Williams
Duane Wood

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 March 22, 2026

Sunday

2:30 pm NAMI C3

Monday

12:00 pm This Week at Pines to Dan
6:30 pm Session meeting C3
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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

6:15 pm Active Stephen Ministers meeting C8
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry meeting Parlor
8:00 pm AA Group C3

Saturday

3:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

Sunday — Palm Sunday

9:15 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Sanctuary
12:00 pm Palm Sunday Potluck Fellowship Hall

Lilies for Easter — now is the time to place your order. Sign-up sheets are outside Fellowship Hall and in the Narthex for your convenience and the cost is \$12.00. Please designate whether the Lilies are "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of" when you make your Selection, and you may order as many as you wish. Please place your check or cash (in a marked envelope with your name on it) in the offering plate at church and write on the notation line "Lilies". You may also pay electronically using Breeze or Zelle. The Lilies may be taken home after the Easter service. Thank you in advance for helping to beautify our Sanctuary on Easter morning. Linda Aldred; Melissa Gravett



**Palm Sunday
Potluck!**
*Come for food, fun and
fellowship after worship
on Palm Sunday - March 29*

**Sign Up
To Bring
A Dish!**

**Fellowship
Hall**

Next Newsletter articles due April 17.
Today's Duty Elder: Scott Greene

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.

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

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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.

Footsteps of Faith through Scotland and the Reformation — You're invited to join us on our trip to Scotland, 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 or talk to Pastor Andy.

Easter Egg Hunt — Please bring individually-wrapped candy for the Annual Pines Easter Egg Hunt, held in Bendwood Park on Saturday, April 4, 10:00am—11:30am. Donations of candy can be dropped off in the office. Thanks so much!!!!

One Great Hour of Sharing — During Lent, we will be collecting for our denomination's special offering, to provide safety, sustenance, and hope to people around the world who are struggling with disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and displacement.

Cave Quest Vacation Bible Camp (June 22-25, 2026)
<https://www.emailreform.com/builder/form/bKlwHd8NoOteWja2M7>

Easter Sunday — Remember to bring fresh, live flowers to decorate the big wooden cross on Easter Morning. There will be a bucket for flowers in the Narthex, beginning on Palm Sunday, March 29. He is risen! He is risen, indeed!!

Vacation Bible Camp Volunteers Needed! Join in the fun: be a Crew Leader, Station Leader, or Set up/Decorate! Contact Shirley Bollich.

MARCH AGAPE

ITEMS NEEDED

- Small Dish Soap (24oz max)
- Single Roll Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper 4-Roll Packs
- Laundry Detergent Pods (60 pod bag max)
- Large Tote Bags
- Bar Soap
- Household Cleaner Spray (32oz max)
- Tall Kitchen Trash Bags (20 bag max)
- Small Box Tissues

DONATIONS
DROP OFF

OUTSIDE FELLOWSHIP HALL

FINANCIAL GIFTS

PLACE CHECK IN THE OFFERING PLATE,
BRING IT TO THE OFFICE,
OR DONATE ONLINE OR ZELLE
(NOTE "MAM AGAPE" IN SUBJECT LINE)

URGENT NEED: DIAPERS (SIZES 4&6) PINESPC.ORG

EASTER

MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 2
6:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 3
6:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 5
6:30 AM
& 10:45 AM

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