



PINES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOOKING UPWARD - GROWING INWARD - SERVING OUTWARD

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

***Call to Worship**

Beth Patterson

One Voice: In Jesus Christ, there is a new creation.

**All Voices: Everything old has passed away.
Everything has become new.**

One Voice: This newness is from God, who has reconciled us through Jesus Christ.

All Voices: Rejoice and be glad! Everything has become new.

***Hymn**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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Prayer of Confession

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**On this very day, Waiting God,
we admit all the lengths to which we go so we might avoid you.
You offer us that kingdom of joy and wonder, yet we would hide in
places where temptation waits.**

**You invite us to feast on your grace and peace,
but we stubbornly refuse, because you also welcome those we
call “outsiders”.**

**We are quick to see all the mistakes that those around us make,
but hope you will ignore our foolish choices.**

**Celebrating God,
before we come to our senses,
we find you running towards us,
sweeping us up in your arms,
tears of grace mingling with our cries of confession,
a mighty river washing away our sinful ways to restore
us to new life.**

**In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,
we find no limitations on your grace,
no reservations about your love,
but a feast that overflows with wonder,
a place we can finally call home.**

Silent Confession

Confessional Response

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

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TODAY
October 19, 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: Beth Patterson

Sound: Dan Schafer

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is located at 12751 Kimberley
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A Congregation of the



Assurance of Grace

One Voice: God rolls away everything that stands in our way — our past, our sin, our pain, our hesitation, and reshapes us into new people living in the new creation.

What wonderful grace.

We are forgiven!

All Voices: Broken, we are made whole; lost, we are brought home; empty, we are filled with songs of gladness.

We rejoice and give thanks to God who has graced us with mercy. Amen.

Children's Message

Ann Guerra

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 Reading

Genesis 32:22-31

Anthem

"Here I Am to Worship"
Tim Hughes

Pines Pealers

Second Reading

Luke 15:11-32

Sermon

"When Grace Is Amazing"

Rev. Shawn Kang

Serving Outward

*Hymn

"Amazing Grace"

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*Saying What We Believe (*Belhar Confession*)

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WE BELIEVE in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

WE BELIEVE in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

WE BELIEVE that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain.

*Gloria Patri

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Offering and Offertory

*Doxology

Preparation for Prayers of the People

*Hymn

"There Is Now a New Creation"

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*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response

"We Are One in the Spirit, v. 1"

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Pray for the People of Pines

Sara Anderson	Leanne Messer
Bob Barr	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

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 October 19, 2025

Sunday

12:00 pm Caring Ministry Committee meeting C7

Monday

12:00 pm This Week at Pines to Dan
5:30 pm Christian Ed Committee meeting C8
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
11:30 pm Potpourri Circle meeting La Hacienda

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 Stephen Ministers C8
7:00 pm Post Traumatic Growth — Joy Kreider Parlor
8:00 pm AA Group C3

Sunday

9:15 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Sanctuary
2:30 pm NAMI C3
4:00 pm Trunk or Treat Kimberley Parking Lot



Pledge cards for 2026 — If you have not made your commitment yet, please do so by the end of this month. You can put your card in the offering plate or send it to Alexis Graham at the church office. Your commitment helps our Session set a budget for 2026.

Next Newsletter articles due October 24.

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
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Adrian Roman
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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 You must sign up to play.

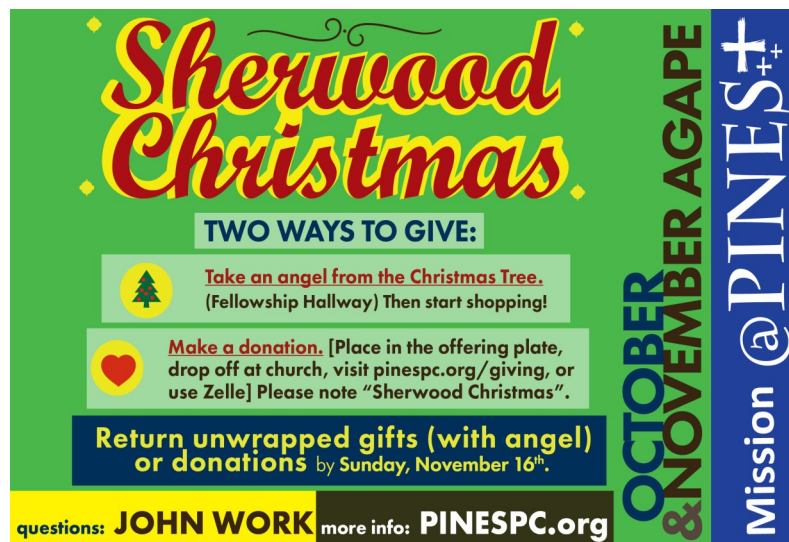
Trunk of Treat is coming! Join us on Sunday, October 26, 4:00-5:30pm, for fun and games with neighborhood families. We already have 11 volunteers signed up to provide their decorated car trunks, so now we need volunteers to man the various stations, help set up (at 3:00pm) and clean up. Please let Margaret Schafer know if you can help be a smiling face of hospitality to our community.

Registration open for Little Miracles at Pines! Please call the Preschool at (713)467-9358 if you would like more information about this Monday-morning Mommy and Me-style program for children 7 months through 21 months old.

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!



Beyond Resilience--Post Traumatic Growth Join the Stephen Ministers on Thursday, October 23, 7:00-8:30 pm in the Parlor, where Joy Kreider, long-time friend of Pines and founder of Deliberate Dialogues, will be the speaker. Joy's presentation is called "Beyond Resilience--Post Traumatic Growth". When we face traumatic experiences, resilience/recovery includes the ability to weather the storm and regain our footing emotionally, psychologically and behaviorally. But is there a next step? Can we move from recovery to new thoughts, feelings, beliefs and understanding? Yes, we can! It's called Post Traumatic Growth. Come learn more. This event is open to all - invite friends and family. RSVP to Ann Guerra at annieguerra@att.net.

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**.



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 16th.

questions: **JOHN WORK** more info: **PINESPC.org**

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER AGAPE

Mission @PINES⁺