



PINES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOOKING UPWARD - GROWING INWARD - SERVING OUTWARD

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

***Call to Worship**

One Voice: Jesus walks to us over the water.

All Voices: "Call to us, Lord. We long to be with you."

One Voice: Jesus calls to us, "Come! Do not be afraid."

All Voices: "Save us, Lord, we're sinking!"

One Voice: Jesus saves us from our fears.
God delivers us from the storm.

All Voices: Thanks be to God!

Sam Singer

***Hymn**

"Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart"

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Prayer of Confession

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God of infinite possibilities,
we are like a boat that is beaten by the storm:
without your aid we are powerless
to get where we are going;
we are like disciples who sit in fear for their lives:
without your presence we are trapped
within the prison of our feelings
of helplessness;
we are like those lost in wonder and disbelief:
without your assurance we quickly drown
in our hopelessness and despair.

Grant us the courage of Peter
to believe that through your power
anything is possible.

Give us the confidence of Joseph
to live as dreamers,
even when the world turns against us,
that we may always be found faithful.

Hear our prayers, O Lord.

Silent Confession

Confessional Response

"Cares Chorus"

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TODAY

August 9 2026

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

Flowers: The Sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God in thanks for Shirley Bollich and her team, for all their hard work this past year!

A Congregation of the



Assurance of Grace

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One Voice: Everyone who risks the uncertain walk of faith
receives aid from the one who calms the waters.

All Voices: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
will be saved.

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

Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Anthem

"Step by Step/Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Chancel Choir
David Beaker Strasser

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon

"More Than You Think"

Rev. Andy Gans

Serving Outward

*Hymn

"You Are My Strength When I Am Weak"

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*Saying What We Believe — *Belhar Confession*

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

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

*Hymn

"Live into Hope"

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*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response "Go Ye, Go Ye into the World"

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Postlude

Pray for the People of Pines

Sara Anderson	John Plush
Barbara Caffall	Bethel Strawser
Sydney DeLaSalle	Tim Timmons
Elizabeth Deraps	Yohanna Tirayoh
Sharon Dotson	Juanita Vislocky
Angie Mills	Nancy Watler
Becky Neisig	Danny Williams
	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.

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Calendar for the Week of August 9, 2026

Sunday

10:45 am	Worship — Blessing of the Backpacks	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Welcome for Cassandra Burke and her family	Fellowship Hall
2:30 pm	NAMI	C3

Monday

12:00 pm	This Week at Pines to Dan	
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

Thursday

8:00 pm	AA Group	C3
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Sunday

9:15 am	Sunday School	
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary

Come hear Space City Sound! After they sing in church on August 23, they will perform a selection of their contest pieces in the Fellowship Hall after worship. Come enjoy their amazing sound!

Friends Night Out has been a huge success and many Pines Friends have wished to see it continue. This event has been a long-standing tradition at Pines, usually involving a potluck type of experience with a small group of 6 – 8 people. Sign-ups will begin now through August 23rd 2026. The timeline for the Fall 2026 Friends Night Out will be September, October, and November. Look for the clipboards outside Fellowship Hall and in the Narthex. Emails will be sent to those who participated in the past to see if they wish to continue and participate again. If you have any questions please reach out to Linda Adred, Patsy Jackson, or Chris Wolfe.

Summer is HOT!

So is the Pines Summer Speaker Series!

New Topics Every Week



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Schedule

Fellowship Hall



Coffee - 9-15am Speaker - 9-30am

Beginning
June 7

Invite Your Friends for a COOL Sunday Morning!

Children and Youth
Senior High Room



Nursery Available

Next Newsletter articles due August 21.
Today's Duty Elder: Phil Wetz

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.

Church Staff

The Reverend Andy Gans
Pastor
Laurie Conner
Director of Music Ministries
Cassandra Burke
Director of Faith Formation
Shawn Heller
Church Musician
Cindy Houlihan
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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

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW UPWARD, INWARD AND OUTWARD

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 will be available mid-July. 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.

Your Stephen Ministry Team invites you to hear Paula Paine, LCSW speak on "Worshipping Through Grief" on August 27 at 7:00 in the Parlor. Paula uses the scriptures as another way to navigate grief. This is open to everyone. Please bring your friends! Questions? Ask Ann Guerra.

There will be a welcome reception for Cassandra Burke, our new Director of Faith Formation, **today**, August 9, following worship. Come meet Cassandra and her family!!

Meet Teresa Perales! After worship on Sunday, August 16, come meet Theresa Perales, our new office manager, and her family.

Save The Date! Sunday, August 30, after worship, let's celebrate Cindy Houlihan for her 27 years of service to Pines. Check the newsletter and bulletin for more information about "Thank You" notes and a Love Offering.

BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE



Your gifts will help provide back-to-school clothes, shoes and school supplies!

JULY/AUGUST AGAPE

Donations can be placed in the offering plate, made online at pinespc.org/giving or on Zelle, or brought to the church office.

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