



# PINES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOOKING UPWARD - GROWING INWARD - SERVING OUTWARD

## Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

Chancel Choir

\*Call to Worship

Kristen and Luke Wolfe

One Voice: Come into God's house!  
Come and hear what God has done!

**All Voices: God has made the world and breathed the breath of life into us!**

One Voice: But God hasn't stopped there. There's more!  
God is still on the scene, upholding all our life,  
surrounding us in power and love.

**All Voices: We live, move, and have our very being in God!**

One Voice: Let the sound of God's praise be heard!

**All Voices: Praise God! Praise God! Praise God!**

\*Hymn

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

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Prayer of Confession

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**Eternal God, in our searching and groping to find you,  
we have settled for idols  
made of gold, silver, and stone.**

**We have put our faith in our money,  
placed our hope in institutions of brick and mortar,  
and trusted our weapons of war to keep us safe.**

**We have sought after our own comfort and ease,  
rejected calls for personal and national sacrifice,  
and belittled calls challenging us to aim higher.**

Forgive us.

Help us give an accounting  
of the hope that is in us —

**the hope nurtured by our life in Christ,  
the hope found in your commandment of love,  
the hope that comes from being your offspring  
and abiding in your Spirit.**

Silent Confession

Confessional Response

"Hear the Good News of Salvation"

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TODAY  
May 10, 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:** Kristen and Luke Wolfe

**Sound:** Dan Schafer

### Pines Presbyterian Church

is located at 12751 Kimberley Lane  
Houston, Texas 77024 ~  
713-467-2234 ~ pinespc.org

**Flowers:** The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of all mothers by Brad and Amanda Hofstetter. Happy Mother's Day to all!

A Congregation of the



## Assurance of Grace

One Voice: Even when our world falls apart and we find ourselves journeying through fire and water,

**All Voices: God leads us back and brings us to a spacious place of laughter and light.**

One Voice: The One who is faithful, the One who abides in us, forgives our missteps and leads us home.

**All Voices: Thanks be to God!**

## 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

1 Peter 3:13-22

Anthem

"How Beautiful"  
Twyla Paris

Chancel Choir

Second Scripture Reading

Acts 17:22-31

Sermon

"Why Worship"

Rev. Andy Gans

### Serving Outward

\*Hymn

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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## Baptism of Drew Doyle

### \*Saying What We Believe

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?

**People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Receiving of New Members

### Offering and Offertory

\*Doxology

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

\*Hymn

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

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### \*Charge and Benediction

\*Benediction Response

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

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## Postlude

## Pray for the People of Pines

Sara Anderson	Angie Mills
Jean Breitenwischer	Yohanna Tirayoh
Barbara Caffall	Juanita Vislocky
Marsha Deison	Nancy Watler
Sydney DeLaSalle	Danny Williams
Elizabeth Deraps	Duane Wood
Sharon Dotson	

## 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 Lynn Stauffacher**  
and family in the loss of her  
husband Ray, on May 2nd.

## 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 May 10, 2026

### Sunday

2:30 pm NAMI C3

### Monday

12:00 pm This Week at Pines to Dan  
 5:30 pm Christian Ed Committee meeting C10  
 6:30 pm Staff Committee meeting Zoom  
 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  
 5:30 pm Missions Committee meeting C8  
 6:00 pm Miriam Circle C3

### Wednesday

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

### Thursday

8:00 pm AA Group C3

### Sunday

9:15 am Sunday School  
 9:30 am Prayer Pal Breakfast Fellowship Hall  
 10:45 am Worship Sanctuary  
 12:00 pm Caring Committee meeting Fellowship Hall

## SERMON NOTES

## May Agape Offering

**Donate New or Gently Used Children's Books Infant - 5th Grade**



**NO BOOKS?**  
 Scan to use the Amazon Wish List. Note "PINES" and your name in the memo line.

Questions? Ask Ann Guerra or email [ann@booksbetweenkids.org](mailto:ann@booksbetweenkids.org)



**Books Between Kids serves Houston's at-risk children by providing them with books to build their own home libraries.**

**DROP OFF IN THE MISSIONS BIN**

**OR**  
 PLACE A CHECK IN THE OFFERING PLATE, BRING IT TO THE OFFICE OR GIVE ONLINE ON ZELLE OR AT [PINESPC.ORG](http://PINESPC.ORG)  
 (NOTE: "BOOKS BETWEEN KIDS")

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

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[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 May 22.  
 Today's Duty Elder: Mark Babineck

# 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  
  
PinesPresbyterianPreschool.com

## 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](https://pinespc.org/Scotland) or talk to Pastor Andy.

**Cave Quest Vacation Bible Camp** (June 22-25, 2026)

<https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/bKlwHd8NoOteWja2M7>

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

**Isaiah Project Survey** — the Isaiah Project Team is inviting you to complete a church-wide survey. Here is the link to access the 7 question survey: [www.pinespc.org/survey](http://www.pinespc.org/survey). We ask that each member of a household complete their own survey.

**Envelope Fundraiser for Youth 2026 Mission Trip to Memphis, TN** — Please help support the 2026 Pines youth/young adults' mission trip to Memphis. On May 17th, there will be 100 donation envelopes attached to a divider in the Pines Narthex, available for making donations for the trip. Donations may be made by check, credit card, or cash. If you have any questions, please contact Ron Langston.

**The Isaiah Project's next phase** will be small group conversation sessions, where you will have the chance to meet for an hour with a project team member and discuss together our hopes and dreams for the next chapter of Pines. Your voice is extremely important and we want to hear from you. We want everyone to have an opportunity to participate over the course of the next several weeks. Scan the QR code to register for a session!



**Music Theater Camp** registration is open! "Jonah: A Fishy Tail" will take place at Pines from July 13-July 17, 8:30am-12:30 pm, with the final play on Sunday, July 19, during 10:45am worship. Children must have completed first grade to register. Scan the QR code below to access the registration page. It's a whale of a tale and will be a swimmingly good time for all!



**Foundations Class May Series:** In *The Holy Spirit*, Adam Hamilton explores what Scripture teaches about God's Spirit throughout the Bible. This accessible video and book study helps us understand and experience the Holy Spirit's presence and power in our lives. Come join us every Sunday morning in C-8. Contact Margaret Schafer for more information.