



PINES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOOKING UPWARD - GROWING INWARD - SERVING OUTWARD

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

***Call to Worship**

Beth Patterson

One Voice: God is our strength!

All Voices: Sing it loud.

One Voice: Christ is our joy!

All Voices: Shout it for all to hear.

One Voice: Sing of love and grace!

All Voices: Shout of mercy and truth!

One Voice: Sing of God's goodness!

All Voices: Shout of Christ's love!

***Hymn**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

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Prayer of Confession

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Ever-present God, help us in our weakness.

We do not always listen for your voice.

**We do not always acknowledge the many ways
you sustain us in life and faith.**

**We feast on your providence,
yet wonder if you are near.**

**Forgive our past indifference,
as we pledge to be more attentive
to your presence and guidance.**

**Forgive our past selfishness,
as we promise to share the feast of your bounty
with those in need.**

**For actions and inactions that have hurt your heart
and the well-being of others,
we seek your forgiveness and grace.**

Silent Confession

Confessional Response

"Cares Chorus"

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TODAY
August 31, 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

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

A Congregation of the



Assurance of Grace

One Voice: This is the good news: after what God has done for us, what can anyone or anything do to us? We are new people, graced by our loving God.

All Voices: Forgiven, embraced, welcomed by our God, we will offer open hearts and serving hands to everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Children's Message

Kristin Beall

**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

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Anthem

"Lover of the Children"
Ken Medema

Chancel Choir

Second Reading

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon

"Entertaining 101"

Rev. Andy Gans

Serving Outward

*Hymn

"Great God of Every Blessing"

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*Saying What We Believe

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One Voice: In forming his people and sending them into the world Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death.

All Voices: We believe Jesus calls people today to be his disciples, putting life in the presence of God above the interests of self, family, race, or nation.

One Voice: Life in God's presence must issue in life for others.

All Voices: As a community of disciples, God calls the church to proclaim the good news of the kingdom, to strive for justice, to exercise compassion, and to work for peace.

*Gloria Patri

Offering and Offertory

*Doxology

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response

"We Will Go Out with Joy"

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Postlude

Pray for the People of Pines

Linda Aldred	Sharon Dotson
Sara Anderson	Angie Mills
Bob Barr	Connie Sipp
Jean Breitenwischer	Juanita Vislocky
Barbara Caffall	Nancy Watler
Sydney DeLaSalle	Danny Williams
Elizabeth Deraps	

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 August 31, 2025

Sunday

9:15 am	Sunday School	
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
12:15 pm	Stephen Leaders	C8

Monday - Church offices closed for Labor Day

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
7:30 pm	Westside AA	C3

Thursday

6:15 pm	Stephen Ministers Support Group	C8
6:30 pm	All Church Study	Zoom
8:00 pm	AA Group	C3

Friday

7:00 am	Taco and a Prayer	Fellowship Hall
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Sunday

9:15 am	Sunday School	
9:30 am	All Church Study	C3 and C8
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Youth Group	Youth rooms

FRIENDS NIGHT OUT
Food Fun Fellowship
Back By Popular Demand!
Fall Friends Night Out Begins in September
Look for Sign-Up Sheets outside Fellowship Hall Starting in August
Questions? Contact Linda Aldred, Chris Wolfe or Patsy Jackson
Together@PINES+

BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE
SHERWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
THE MISSION OF YAHWEH
MEMORIAL ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES (MAM)
Back to School Clothing Drive
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.
PINESPC.ORG Include "Back to School" with your donation.
Mission@PINES+

Next Newsletter articles due September 19th.
Today's Duty Elder: Patsy Jackson

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
Kristin Beall
Director of Family Ministries
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

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.

Fellowship Hall restroom renovations are nearing completion.

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.

Church-wide Study — Pines is hosting a church-wide study of Bob Goff's book Everybody Always. What if we stopped avoiding the difficult people in our lives and committed to simply loving everybody? Bob teaches that the path toward the outsized, unfettered, liberated existence we all long for is found in one simple truth: love people, even the difficult ones. This study is offered during all ages of Sunday school. There is also an opportunity on Thursdays at 6:30pm via Zoom. To sign up for the Zoom class, email Kristin to receive the link.

Save the Date, Sunday, September 21st we'll have a picnic lunch in the fellowship hall with hot dogs, chili, chips, watermelon, and ice cream. Celebrate the end of the summer with your Pines Family! Everyone is welcome!!

Look for details soon on the 2026 Stewardship Campaign, which will start soon and culminate on Dedication Sunday, tentatively scheduled for October 5th. Please join us on this journey of introspection and giving.

MAM's team has been on the ground at the 3 Corners Apartment complex registering the 106 families affected by last week's fire to receive assistance. Extra hands are needed at the Blalock location to help the victims of the 3 Corners Apartment fire begin to rebuild their lives. As part of this assistance being offered, MAM is providing clothing vouchers to the families affected by this devastating 3 Corners Apartment fire. To meet the needs of these families, MAM needs additional volunteers to keep the clothing racks filled. Volunteers will tag, hang, and stock the clothing racks. Contact the Office of Volunteer Engagement Services by phone or email at 713-266-3847 or MAMVolunteers@mamhouston.org to schedule a shift. MAM will also be assisting impacted families with financial assistance for basic needs; gas, rent, utilities; and help related to disaster-related recovery. If you would like to contribute, a donation can be made through <https://wl.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E48579&id=10>

PINES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, INC.

Notice of Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Notice is hereby given of a quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of Pines Presbyterian Church, Inc. ("Corporation"), called by a majority of the Trustees, to be held on September 4, 2025 at 2PM at Pines Presbyterian Church, 12751 Kimberley Lane, Houston, Texas 77024.

Notice is given this 13th day of August, 2025 to the Trustees and to the President, Secretary (Clerk of Session), and the Treasurer of the Corporation as *ex officio* members of the Board of Trustees.