



# First Sunday of Lent

PINES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

“The Servant Song”  
Richard Gillard

Allie Guerra

\*Call to Worship

Jim Patterson

One Voice: Make a joyful noise, a noise of love and care!  
**All Voices: Praise God with generosity and compassion!**  
One Voice: Sing to the Lord with acts of kindness!  
**All Voices: Give God glory with missions of mercy!**  
One Voice: Make a joyful noise, a noise of love and care!  
**All Voices: Praise God with justice and righteousness!**

\*Hymn

“Take My Life”

See Screen

Prayer of Confession

Mike Lade

God of glory, we do not always see your glory  
in the world around us.  
When we see a person in need,  
it is not easy to look him in the eye.  
When we hear a cry for help,  
it is not easy to offer her quick assurance.  
When we know of a lonely prisoner,  
it is not easy to make that unannounced visit.  
Forgive us when we fail to see you  
in our everyday lives.  
Forgive us when are afraid to act,  
afraid to care.  
Encourage us, God of glory.  
Help us to see others with the eyes of compassion,  
that we might be your love presence in the world. Amen.

Silent Confession

Confessional Response

“Sunday’s Palms Are Wednesday’s Ashes”

See Screen

Assurance of Grace

Mike Lade

One Voice: The one who calls us to show mercy has shown us mercy.  
**All Voices: God knows our faith and the love we have in our hearts.**  
One Voice: In the name of our merciful and healing God,  
you are forgiven.

# TODAY February 22, 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.

**Liturgists:** The Stephen Ministers

**Sound:** Ron Strawser

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

**Flowers:** In lieu of flowers today, the Stephen Ministers have made a donation to The Restoration Team, to the glory of God.

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God by the Calhoun family in memory of Jack and Janet Calhoun.

A Congregation of the



**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**

<b>First Reading</b>	2 Corinthians 1:3-4	Susan Babineck
<b>Second Reading</b>	Romans 12:10-13	Larry Shamp
<b>Anthem</b>	"Fairest Lord Jesus with Tallis Canon"	Wind Ensemble
<b>Third Reading</b>	Acts 6:1-8	Linda Aldred
<b>Sermon Testimonies</b>	Adrienne Buscher, Bill Willis, Andy Gans	

**Serving Outward**

<b>*Hymn</b>	"How Firm a Foundation"	See Screen
<b>*Saying What We Believe</b>		Roger Mowell

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.**

<b>*Gloria Patri</b>		See Screen
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<b>Offering and Offertory</b>	"The Servant Song" Richard Gillard	Allie Guerra
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**\*Doxology**

<b>Rededication of Stephen Ministers</b>		Andy Gans
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<b>Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer</b>	Dianne Harrington Swinney	
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<b>*Hymn</b>	"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"	See Screen
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<b>*Charge and Benediction</b>		Andy Gans
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<b>*Benediction Response</b>	"Farewell, Good Friends!"	See Screen
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**Postlude**

**Pray for the People of Pines**

Sara Anderson	Angie Mills
Jean Breitenwischer	Juanita Vislocky
Barbara Caffall	Nancy Watler
Mary Catherine Cezeaux	Danny Williams
Marsha Deison	Duane Wood
Sydney DeLaSalle	
Elizabeth Deraps	
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)

**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 January 22, 2026

### Sunday

9:15 am	Sunday School	
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:45 am	Annual Meeting of the Congregation	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Elder Training	C8
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
6:30 pm	Discernment Team	C7
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal	Choir Room
7:30 pm	Westside AA	C3

### Thursday

8:00 pm	AA Group	C3
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### Sunday

9:15 am	Sunday School	
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Trustees Meeting	C10

### SERMON NOTES



All Pines youth and college-age young adults are invited to participate in our mission trip to Memphis, Tennessee, this summer. We leave on June 27th and return on July 3rd, 2026. The mission trip will be with Praying Pelican Missions. If you are interested in attending, please contact Ron Langston or the church office. Registration closes on 2/28/2026.

Get the latest announcements and reminders right before events happen. Find us here:

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

Next Newsletter articles due March 20.  
 Today's Duty Elder: Tim Timmons

# 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 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.

You're invited to join us on our **Footsteps of Faith through Scotland and the Reformation**, 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](http://pinespc.org/Scotland) or talk to Pastor Andy.

**Annual Meeting** — The Session has called for the Annual Meetings of the Congregation and the Corporation to be held **TODAY**, following Worship. The purpose of the meetings will be to vote on the 2026 Terms of Call for Rev. Gans, to elect a trustee for a 3-year term, to elect at-large members of the 2026-27 Congregational Nominating Committee, and to conduct any other business appropriate to an Annual Meeting.

**Don't Forget Palm Sunday Potluck Lunch on March 29th!** Check out the sign-up sheet in the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall. Bring a favorite dish to share!

You are invited to join the Foundations Class in their Lenten Study, **John, The Gospel of Light and Life**, by Adam Hamilton. The study begins February 22 and runs through March 29. Join us in Room C-8 at 9:15 every Sunday morning. There is a Zoom option available, as well as a study book (optional), plus a short video for each session. Contact Margaret Schafer for more details. Hope to see you there!