



PINES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOOKING UPWARD - GROWING INWARD - SERVING OUTWARD

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship

Morriss Partee

One Voice: Can you hear the voice of God?

All Voices: We hear God calling us by name.

One Voice: Are you troubled or distressed?

All Voices: We come here to find a place to rest for awhile.

One Voice: Come and find a guide who knows these lands.

**All Voices: We come to praise our Shepherding God,
whose pathways and doors lead to life.**

*Hymn

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken “

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Prayer of Confession

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Shepherding God,
be with us in our need.

Like sheep who have gone astray—
we have not heeded your voice,
calling us to follow the right paths,
beckoning us to lie down and be restored;
we have acted as if our salvation lies
in busyness and control.

We do not want to be sheep—
dependent on a shepherd for everything.

We want to do it alone—
to maintain our independence.

Forgive us for rejecting your shepherding care
and your love and guidance.

Forgive us for our need to do it by ourselves,
to be separate from the flock.

Forgive us for doubting your presence
in times of trouble.

Forgive us our despair
in the face of seemingly unrelenting evil
and death.

Lead us back to the path of life.

Silent Confession

Confessional Response

“Hear the Good News of Salvation”

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TODAY
April 26, 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: Morriss Partee

Sound: Dan Schafer

Pines Presbyterian Church

is located at 12751 Kimberley Lane
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A Congregation of the



Assurance of Grace

One Voice: Even those who have gone astray like lost sheep are welcomed back into the loving arms of Christ our shepherd, the guardian of our souls.

All Voices: Rejoice! For all are welcome into God's grace through the gate of the shepherd's love.

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 2:19–25

Anthem

"Brother James' Air"

Chancel Choir

Second Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

Sermon

"Bad Days"

Rev. Andy Gans

Serving Outward

*Hymn

"I Come with Joy"

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*Saying What We Believe (from the *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

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

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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)

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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Congregation

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Calendar for the Week of April 26, 2026

Sunday

2:30 pm NAMI C3

Monday

12:00 pm This Week at Pines to Dan
 6:30 pm Moderator Training 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

10:00 am Board of Pensions Benefit Summit Fellowship Hall
 1:30 pm Weekly Prayer Team Prayer Room
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal Choir Room
 7:30 pm Westside AA C3

Thursday

6:00 pm Stephen Ministers Parlor
 8:00 pm AA Group C3

Saturday

7:00 am Voting Fellowship Hall

Sunday

9:15 am Sunday School
 10:45 am Worship Sanctuary
 12:00 pm Stephen Leaders C8

SERMON NOTES

April Agape - The Mission of Yahweh

TAKE A CHILD TAG FROM THE MISSION OF THE MONTH BOARD OUTSIDE FELLOWSHIP HALL. SHOP AND DROP THE NEW CLOTHES IN THE MISSIONS BOX IN THE NARTHEX.

Help Clothe the Children of The Mission of Yahweh

New Clothing is a REAL Treat and an Ego Booster!

OR

PLACE A CHECK IN THE OFFERING PLATE, BRING IT TO THE OFFICE OR GO TO PINESPC.ORG OR ZELLE (NOTE: "MOY AGAPE")

Suggested Stores:
 Target | Walmart
 JCPenney | Macy's
 T.J.Maxx

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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 May 22.
 Today's Duty Elder: Ron Langston

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 or talk to Pastor Andy.

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

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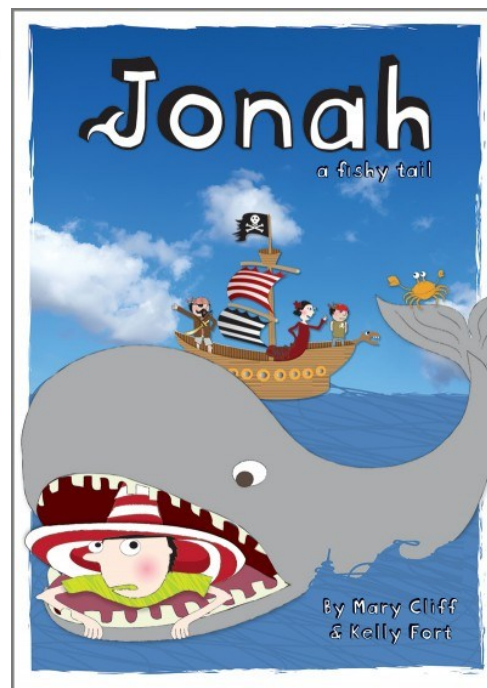
Vacation Bible Camp Volunteers Needed! Join in the fun: be a Crew Leader, Station Leader, or Set up/Decorate! Contact Shirley Bollich.

Foundations Sunday School — What do you know about the Dead Sea Scrolls? How have they impacted our understanding of the Bible? Join the Foundations Class as we explore these ancient manuscripts, starting 4/12. We will use the DVD from Union Theological Seminary's faculty as a framework of our study. We meet in C-8 every Sunday morning at 9:15. Come and bring a friend.

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. We ask that each member of a household complete their own survey.

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. Use 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!



ENVELOPE FUND RAISER FOR YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT 2026 MISSION TRIP TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE Please help support the 2026 Pines youth/young adults mission trip to Memphis. From May 17th to May 31st, there will be 100 donation envelopes attached to a divider in the Pines Narthex which will be available for making donations for the trip. If you have any questions, please contact Ron Langston.