



# PINES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Growing Inward

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

**\*Call to Worship**

Sam Singer

One Voice: We have been gathered in this place for this time,

**All Voices: that we might hear the good news we can't help but share.**

One Voice: On this day and each one to come,

**All Voices: may the words of our mouths, the meditations of our hearts, and the actions of our lives proclaim our faith.**

**\*Hymn**

"Great Are You, Lord"

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**Prayer of Confession**

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**Wisdom cries in the streets,  
but we do not listen or understand.**

**The words of your law are spoken,  
but we rarely pay heed or obey.**

**You call us to declare who Jesus is for us,  
but we can't seem to get the right words out.**

**Our tongues engage before our brains do.**

**We want so much to be a people  
who are faithful to your word  
and led by your guidance,**

**but we are so easily distracted  
by the cacophony of words and sounds  
that surround us each day.**

**Forgive us when we are quick to speak  
and slow to understand.**

**Forgive us when we do not hear your wisdom  
in all the ways you speak to us.**

**Forgive us when we do not even try  
to truly understand what it means  
to be your disciples.**

**Lead us back to the path of wisdom and life,  
that we may truly live.**

**Silent Confession**

**Confessional Response**

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

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**Assurance of Grace**

One Voice: The perfect law of God is sweeter than honey,  
and far more precious than gold.

**All Voices: It revives the soul and makes us whole.**

One Voice: Hear the Good News this day and be made whole once more.

**All Voices: We are made whole because of God's unending love for us. Thanks be to God!**

TODAY  
September 15, 2024  
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:** Sam Singer

**Sound:** Ron Strawser

**Flowers:** The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God in honor of Linda Johnson's birthday by Phil Johnson

**Pines Presbyterian Church**

is located at 12751 Kimberley Lane  
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**A Congregation of the**



**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**

James 3:1-12

**Anthem**

"Safe Within Your Arms"  
Mark Hayes

Joy Kreider

**Second Reading**

Mark 8:27-38

**Sermon**

"Lip Service"

Rev. Andy Gans

**Serving Outward**

**\*Hymn**

"Though I May Speak"

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**\*Saying What We Believe** (*The Reformed Church of Australia*)

**We believe in God,  
who made the world and reaches out to it  
with a love that is fierce and passionate, tender and kind.**

**We believe in Jesus the Christ;  
God revealed in a human life.  
Jesus touched the untouchable and pardoned the unforgivable.  
Raised by God, Jesus is parting the sea of evil and despair,  
and leading us across into the land of freedom and promise.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit;  
whose breathing gives life;  
whose fire purges and renews;  
whose wisdom awakens courage and hope.**

**Gathered by the Spirit, we have been baptized into a common life:  
overflowing with love and mercy;  
richer than mind can measure,  
but appearing foolish to the world.**

**And we trust that the foolishness of God  
will prove wiser  
than the wisdom of the world,  
and that the suffering of God will heal the earth  
and fulfill our hopes of justice and peace.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**Moment for Stewardship**

**Offering and Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

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

**\*Hymn**

"God of Great and God of Small"

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**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response**

"Sent Out in Jesus' Name"

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**Postlude**

**Pray for the People of Pines**

Sara Anderson Nancy Watler  
Jean Breitenwischer Darlene Wendt  
Barbara Caffall Danny Williams  
Carolyn Craig  
Sharon Dotson  
Carol Schneider

**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 September 15, 2024

### Sunday

2:00 pm Spain Trip meeting Fellowship Hall

### Monday

12:00 pm This Week at Pines to Dan  
 5:30 pm Christian Ed meeting C8  
 7:00 pm Tending to Grief meeting Parlor  
 7:30 pm Al Anon Group Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday

7:00 am Men's Bible Study Zoom  
 9:00 am Bulletin articles due to Laurie  
 11:30 am Potpourri Circle Offsite  
 6:30 pm Miriam Circle C8

### Wednesday

1:30 pm Weekly Prayer Team Prayer Room  
 5:45 pm Pines Pealers C12  
 6:00 pm Youth Group Youth Rooms  
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal Choir Room  
 7:30 pm Westside AA C3

### Thursday

6:30 pm Bingo Fellowship Hall  
 8:00 pm AA Group C3

### Friday

5:30 am Bible Study Fellowship Fellowship Hall

### Sunday

9:15 am Sunday School  
 10:45 am Worship—Space City Sound Sanctuary  
 11:45 am Children's Choir Choir Room  
 12:00 pm Picnic Lunch Fellowship Hall



**Wisdom** — Join Roger Mowell as he and Mike Lade discuss **Wisdom** during worship today. Reflect on God's blessings and the wisdom He has instilled in you through life experiences. Share your thoughts about wisdom in an email to Ann Guerra so they can be added to the bulletin board in the Narthex. Walk with your Pines family and engage as you focus on what Stewardship means to you this year. **Know also that wisdom is like honey for you; if you find it, there is a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off. Prov 24:14 NIV**

Next Newsletter articles due September 20.  
 Today's Duty Elder: Ron Langston

## SERMON NOTES

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.

# 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



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Connie Pike  
Director, Preschool  
Alicia Flick  
Administrative Assistant

### Session

#### Class of 2025

Susan Babineck  
Sharon Dotson  
Linda Johnson  
Walter Penberthy  
Chris Wolfe

#### 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

**Welcome, Guests!** If you have questions about our church, or would like to discuss church membership, please speak with Pastor Andy.

**Sunday September 22** — Picnic Lunch in the Fellowship Hall with hot dogs, chips, and ice cream! Celebrate the end of a fun summer with your Pines Family! Have fun watching slides of Fiesta VBC!

**BINGO!** — Join us for a fun time on Thursday, September 19, 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be available. Please let Linda Aldred know if you will attend

**The Brain and Anxiety** — Come join Dr. Joy Kreider as she talks about "The Brain and Anxiety" and how it affects us and those around us. This event is sponsored by Pines Stephen Ministry and ALL are welcome. Bring a friend! Thursday, September 26 from 7:15 - 8:30 in the Parlor. No RSVP needed. Please reach out to Phil Wetz or Ann Guerra for more information.

**The Congregational Nominating Committee** is meeting to nominate 5 candidates for elder for election by the congregation to 3-year terms on the Session of Pines Presbyterian Church. If you would like to recommend someone or yourself for consideration, please contact Linda Johnson, moderator of the committee.

**Adults and Youth** — Join us for a presentation about the Wycliffe Ministry, Sept. 22nd, during Sunday School, in the fellowship hall. Refreshments will be served.

**Coming soon - can you help?** The annual Trunk or Treat community outreach is Sunday, October 27, 4-5:30pm, in the Kimberley parking lot. Sign up to help run a car (decoration provided!), bounce house, or table to love on our kids and community! And drop a bag of candy anytime in the box in the narthex or at the front office. Sign up here: or with Kristin

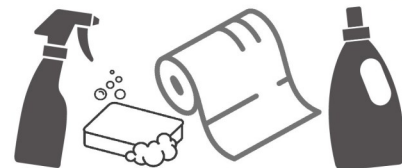
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**September Agape**

**Collecting items for New Home Kits**

**Bring any size:**  
Paper Towels, Toilet Paper,  
Window Cleaner, Sponges,  
Toilet Brushes, Bathroom Cleaner,  
Dish Soap, Garbage Bags,  
Dishwasher Detergent,  
Laundry Detergent,  
Laundry Baskets



**Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate, made online (pinespc.org/giving or Zelle), or sent to the church office. Include "September Agape" with your donation.**

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