



# PINES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Growing Inward**

Prelude

Gathering for Worship

Introit

**\*Call to Worship**

Sam Singer

One Voice: You are welcome in this place,  
where God meets us in love.

**All Voices: Why are we here?  
We are here to love God  
with all that we have and all that we are.**

One Voice: You are welcome in this place,  
where God loves us as children.

**All Voices: Why are we here?  
We are here to love ourselves  
as deeply as God loves us.**

One Voice: Welcome to this place,  
where God serves us at the  
Table of love and grace.

**All Voices: Why are we here?  
We are here to be sent forth  
to love others as deeply as  
we love God and ourselves.**

**\*Hymn** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

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**Prayer of Confession**

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**Helper God,  
be the hope that overcomes our despair;  
be the love that overcomes our hatred;  
by the mercy that overcomes our sin.  
Set us free from the prisons of our own making,  
and release us from the bonds that bind us.  
Forgive us and watch over us.  
Welcome us home  
into the loving arms of your mercy.  
In Christ's name, we pray.**

**Silent Confession**

**Confessional Response** "Healer of Our Every Ill"

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**Assurance of Grace**

One Voice: You are not far from the kingdom of God,  
**All Voices: for in Christ, we are given grace and forgiveness.  
Praise God for this marvelous gift!**

TODAY  
November 3, 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:** Dan Schafer

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

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**

Ruth 1:1-18

**Anthem**

"Amazing Grace"

John Newton

Valerie Harelson, Bethel Strawser, Kristen Wolfe, Rachel Wolfe

**Second Reading**

Mark 12:28-34

**Sermon**

"That Was Easy. . .Not"

Rev. Andy Gans

**Serving Outward**

**\*Hymn**

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

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**\*Saying What We Believe** (*Belhar Confession*)

**We believe in God — the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
who gathers, protects and cares for the church.**

**We believe the church is one worldwide communion of saints,  
called from the entire human family.**

**We believe the church is the single community of believers,  
reconciled with God and with one another.**

**We believe that through the working of God's Spirit,  
unity is a binding force and also that we must seek this unity,  
which must become visible to the world.**

**We believe that the sin of division,  
separation and hatred between people and groups  
has been conquered by Christ.**

**We commit ourselves to protecting the unity of the church universal.**

**We pledge to make this unity active in all of our words,  
thoughts and deeds.**

**Remembering Our Saints**

Norma Bender  
Ramona Buescher  
Fred Kelly  
Barbara Liles  
Ann Smith

**\*Gloria Patri**

**Offering and Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

**Communion of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn**

"Be Thou My Vision"

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**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response**

"Sent Forth in Jesus' Name"

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**Postlude**

**Pray for the People of Pines**

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

**Pray for Friends in Mission**

Joy Kreider

**Prayers** for the family  
and friends for the loss of Pines  
member Ann Smith.

**Pray for Pines Members and their  
family in the Military:**

Olivia Williams (Army)  
Jackie Hayre (Navy)

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, which 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.

**A Stephen Ministry**



**Congregation**

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**SCAN ME**

## Calendar for the Week of November 3, 2024

### Sunday

11:45 am	Children's Choir	Choir Room
12:00 pm	Trustee's meeting	C8
12:00 pm	Youth Burgers & Bible	Offsite

### Monday

12:00 pm	This Week at Pines to Dan	
1:00 pm	Congregational Fellowship committee	C7
6:00 pm	Property committee	C7
6:00 pm	Staff committee	Zoom
7:00 pm	Tending to Grief meeting	Parlor
7:30 pm	Al Anon Group	Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday

7:00 am to	Election Day Prayer	Sanctuary
7:00 pm		
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
5:45 pm	Pines Pealers	C12
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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### Friday

5:30 am	Bible Study Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
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### Saturday

	PYCC Youth Rally	Offsite
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### Sunday

	PYCC Youth Rally	Offsite
9:15 am	Sunday School	
10:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:45 am	Children's Choir	Choir Room
12:00 pm	Thankfulness Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Project MAM	Offsite
2:30 pm	NAMI	C3

### Here are some ways to support the Youth Program:

\* Sign up to bring a homemade dish for the Thanksgiving community meal on Nov 17.

\*Bring a meal during a youth group time. (5-8 total people).

\*Sign up to be a co-leader for youth group time or retreat

\*Financially sponsor the group efforts for hunger relief when they fast for 30 hours during the retreat with educational and service projects, 11/15-11/17.

**Service of Wholeness and Healing**, Wednesday, December 4, 2024, 12:30 in the Pines Sanctuary. Lunch to follow at Café Express. Hard times and loss may darken the festive feelings that are expected during Advent. The Service of Wholeness and Healing, or "Blue Christmas Service," is designed to help you come out of the darkness as you honor memories of *what was* and use your faith to confront the fears of *what may be*. Come share space with others that are looking for God to hold them close and be near until the light returns. Bring a friend. All are welcome. Lunch to follow at Cafe Express. Contact Ann Guerra, Phil Wetz or the Pine's office for more information.

Next Newsletter articles due November 22.

Today's Duty Elder: Patsy Jackson

## SERMON NOTES

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

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

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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 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.

**Grow in wisdom and give joyfully!** Your pledge for the 2025 calendar year is important and helpful for the Session to develop the church's budget. If you have not yet turned on your pledge card, please put yours in the offering plate or return it to the church office to the attention of Alexis

**Advent Devotional** – Believe it or not, Advent is around the corner, which means we will soon be producing our own Advent Devotional guide. This year's theme is Love and we need your story and your reflection on a verse of scripture to make this devotional come to life. If you'd like to write a brief devotional to be included in this year's guide, please let Pastor Andy know, and he will help guide you to a scripture if needed. The deadline for submission is **November 10th**.

**Hurricane Disaster Assistance** is desperately needed on the east coast following Hurricanes Helene and Milton. The Pines Mission's Committee has initially donated \$2,000 to Operation Blessing, an on the ground relief organization. Operation Blessing provides emergency food, water, and supplies as well as help to rebuild homes and lives in the days after a hurricane. If you would like to make donation go to <https://www.ob.org/disaster-relief/> and click "Donate".

**It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!** It's time to sign up for poinsettias to decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas. The cost is \$12.00. You can sign up outside Fellowship Hall, November 17 through December 8. Or email or call Linda Aldred or Melissa Gravett. Please designate "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of" when you order.

**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 November 3, 2024 at 12:00 noon at Pines Presbyterian Church, 12751 Kimberley Lane, Houston, Texas 77024, and if necessary by Zoom videoconferencing. This is a rescheduling of the September 29, 2024 meeting.

**Houston Hospice** will be presenting information about hospice services on Thursday, November 21 at 7:15 in the Parlor. Hospice is not only for the "final days" of life. This informative information is being offered by your Stephen Ministry team. Please let Ann Guerra know if you will be attending.

Thankfulness  
LUNCH  
Nov. 10th  
After church in Fellowship Hall.  
Everyone is invited for homemade soups & to meet our MISSION PARTNERS.

Sherwood  
Christmas  
TWO WAYS TO GIVE:  
Take an angel from the Christmas Tree.  
(Fellowship Hallway) Then start shopping!  
Make a donation. [Place in the offering plate, drop off at church, visit [pinespc.org/giving](https://pinespc.org/giving), or use Zelle] Please note "Sherwood Christmas".  
Return unwrapped gifts (with angel) or donations by Sunday, November 17th.  
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