

# PIN OAK

*Quercus palustris*

Pin Oak takes its name from the great number of pin like or short spur-form branchlets on the main branches. Unlike most oaks which have large heavy horizontal branches, pin oak have a large number of slender branches that arch out gracefully especially in the lower half of the tree. Medium to large trees are often 80' tall. They have small deeply lobed leaves which give it a soft or fine look. The bark is dark gray with broad fissures and relatively smooth. There are persistent small branchlets common along the trunk and branches. The buds are small, and the acorns are small with shallow cups. Pin oak ranks high for its gracious manner of growth and fall coloration of ruby or garnet leaves.



Six Pin Oaks were planted in 2002 and four in 2003, along the inside stone wall that borders east Market Street. Three Pin Oaks were planted in 2005, on the west of Trinity Ave., on the lower side, midway down the avenue. One Pin Oak was planted in 2010, on the south side of Elm Ave. across from the pond, and one was planted in 2011, close to the 16th St. entrance where an old Oak had been removed. All plantings are part of the Arbor Day tree replacement program. The young Pin Oaks along the wall are quite spectacular to view in their ruby fall colors whether driving on Market St. or walking through the cemetery. Many mature Pin Oaks (at least 16) line Trinity and Woodland Avenues in the western portion of the cemetery. And there is a line of Pin Oaks coming up Mt. Laurel Ave., west of the chapel.

