

# HOUSTON LAKE

*Presbyterian Church*

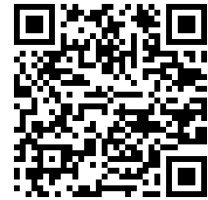
*Proclaiming and Living in the Light  
of the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

## *Welcome to HLPC!*

*Houston Lake Presbyterian Church (PCA) is here for the glory of God to be a graciously redeemed worshiping body that proclaims and lives in the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ so that people, families, and communities in Houston County and beyond may know Christ in all His fullness.*

Please set all mobile phones to silent mode.

Children of all ages are welcome in the worship service. A crying room is in the back of the sanctuary. Children ages 4 yrs-2<sup>nd</sup> grade are dismissed during the sermon for “Teach Me to Worship” in the church Fellowship Hall.



For **online giving** you may use this QR code:

*The Lord's Supper is being served this morning.*

HLPC welcomes all Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, and who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, to participate in the Lord's Supper. Children who have been examined by the elders and admitted to the Lord's Table are able to partake of this Sacrament. If you are not a Christian, or you are not prepared to share in this sacrament, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. [Gluten free wafers are in the center bread cups].

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# LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

APRIL 7, 2024

† -indicates congregation is to stand

## GATHERING

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### PRELUDE

*We enter the sanctuary and gather as God's people with the intent of worshiping the one, true, and living God. Let the music being played remind us of our purpose here this morning.*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please fill out the connection card located in the seatbacks and drop it in the collection boxes located in the foyer at the end of the service.*

### SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

#### †**CALL TO WORSHIP** - *The First Word*

*We believe that God always initiates with sinners, so we begin worship with His Word, His invitation to us to gather in His name.*

Minister: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

People: **For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.**

Minister: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

People: **Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

(Psalm 95:1-7)

## †PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

### †HYMN OF PRAISE

“Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons)”

*Chorus:* Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul, worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul.  
I'll worship You holy Name.

1. The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning;  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes. *Chorus*
2. You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger,  
Your Name is great and Your heart is kind;  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing.  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Chorus*
3. And on that day when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near and my time has come,  
Still my soul sings Your praise unending,  
Ten thousand years and then for evermore. *Chorus*

### †CORPORATE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

*The Nicene Creed*

Trinity Hymnal p.846

### MISSIONS MOMENT

We welcome our newest missionaries supported prayerfully and financially by HLPC, **Matt & Emma Hegler**. The Heglers are in the process of raising support to go to Japan with Mission to the World (MTW).

## **REMEMBERING THE GOSPEL**

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### **CALL TO CONFESS OUR SINS**

*Confession of sin is a way that we are refreshed in the gospel and are reminded that it is truly good news. Rather than wallowing in our sin, we deal with sin and guilt by confessing it and claiming God's promise of forgiveness in Christ.*

“Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster.  
(Joel 2:12-13)

### **SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN**

### **HYMN OF CONFESSION & GRACE**

“Be Thou My Vision”

#642

### **†WORDS OF GRACE**

Leader: You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God and there is none else. And my people shall never again be put to shame. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Joel 2:26-27, 32)

People: **God's gracious covenant promises are “yes” in Jesus Christ so that we are forgiven and justified before the Father! Praise be to God!  
Amen.**

## †GREETING ONE ANOTHER

*Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. (Romans 15:7)*

## †HYMN OF CELEBRATION “Rejoice, the Lord Is King” #310

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Ruling Elder Tieman Slagh  
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.

*Children ages 4 to second grade will come to the front to pray with the Pastor before being dismissed to their time of “Worship Training.”*

## HEARING GOD SPEAK

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†**SCRIPTURE READING** Exodus 17:1-7 p. 59

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## MESSAGE

Rev. Paul Bankson

*Redeemed: Studies in Exodus*

*“God in the Dock”*

## MEETING GOD AT HIS TABLE

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Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

## COMMUNION HYMN

“Man of Sorrows ”

#246

*(We will sing stanza 1 as we distribute the bread and stanzas 2 & 3 as we distribute the cup).*

## **RESPONDING TO THE GOD OF GRACE**

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### **OFFERING**

*Our giving to God is a response to the gospel. We give as an act of worship and as an expression of our trust in God to meet all our needs. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7)*

### **DEPARTING**

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#### **†BENEDICTION - *The Last Word***

*God always has the last word in our worship, and for those who are in Christ Jesus these are always words of blessing. These words come from God, and not from the Pastor. As an expression of receiving this blessing we open our hands.*

#### **†SINGING OF THE DOXOLOGY**

Hymn #731

Please join us tonight for First Sunday evening worship at 6PM.

## SERMON NOTES:

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**Hymns:** Public Domain

## THIS WEEK AT HLPC

Sunday: 8:45 am: Prayer  
 9:15 am: School of Discipleship  
 10:30 am: Worship Service  
 6:00 pm: Evening Worship  
 Wednesday 6:30 pm: MidWeek Adult & Youth Studies  
 Thursday 9:15 am: Women's Prayer Gathering  
 6:00 pm: Women of the Word  
 Friday 7:00 pm: HLPC's Got Talent!  
 Saturday 8:00 am: Men's Breakfast

### **Children's Ministry Volunteer Schedule**

*Teach Me to Worship Coordinator: Cathy Alvord*

*Nursery Coordinator: Jessica Fuqua*

<b>ROOM</b>	<b>April 7</b>	<b>April 14</b>	<b>April 21</b>
<b>School of Discipleship</b>	Becca Bright Tish Roberts	Kristin Epperson Bonnie Martin	Neysa Ezell Jessica Fuqua
<b>Walkers &amp; 2/3's</b>	Holly Kirkpatrick Kelly Moore	Jennifer & Sean Waters	Monica Kinnebrew Angie Slagh
<b>Teach Me to Worship</b>	Connie Bankson Sarah Shelton Anna Shelton	Amy Booth Suzanne & Angelica Williams	Amy Booth Suzanne & Angelica Williams

**GREETERS:** Neil & Mardi Barker

*Next week: John & Joanna Kotlarski*

**SAFETY TEAM:** Scott Shelton

*Next Week: Kirby Moore*

**SOUND TEAM:** Tony Bermudez, Dave Maddox

*Next Week: Chuck Ezell, Larry Wadsworth*

## **HLPC ELDERS (Session)**

Paul Bankson: Moderator

Michael Collins: Youth Ministry

Keith Duvall: Clerk of Session/ Administration

Kevin Epperson: Worship

Chuck Ezell: LIFE Groups

Erik Fuqua: Men's Ministry

Gregg Jerome: Youth Ministry

Todd Kinnebrew: Women in the Church/ Missions

Kenny Rahn: (Elder Emeritus) Shut-ins

Tieman Slagh: Children's Ministry

Sean Waters: Shepherding

## **HLPC DEACONS**

Kirby Moore, *Chairman*

Dave Maddox

Tony Bermudez

Bob McCullough

Joe Weiss

Roger Hill

Jed Jessup

## **OUR STAFF**

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## Women's Ministries

*Women in the Church Coordinator:* Monica Kinnebrew  
tekbrew1@gmail.com

*"Take Them a Meal" Coordinator:* Rachel Wadsworth  
ugagirl85@gmail.com

- Women of the Word Study, Wednesday, 6:30 pm
- Women of the Word Study, Thursday am, 9:30-11
- Women of the Word Study, Thursday pm, 6:30-8 pm,

## Men's Ministries

*Men's Ministries Coordinator:* Erik Fuqua etfuqua@gmail.com

- Men's Breakfast 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month
- Men's MidWeek Study (Wed.) 6:30pm Contact Paul Bankson for information
- Men's Thursday Study (Thursday) 8-10pm (HLPC firepit) Contact Zach Hood for information
- Bible Study Friday morning: 7:30 am via Zoom. Contact Paul Bankson for information.

## Prime Timers - (55+ fellowship)

*Prime Timers Coordinator:* Mary Catherine Cutrell  
maryccutrell@gmail.com

## LIFE Groups (Call the church office for information)

<b>Bankson</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	6:00 pm
<b>Epperson</b>	Every other Sunday	6:00 pm
<b>Ezell/Martin</b>	One Sunday a month	12:00 pm
<b>Fuqua</b>	One Sunday a month	12:00pm
<b>Kinnebrew/Moore</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	5:30 pm
<b>Waters/Bermudez</b>	One Sunday a month	12:00 pm
<b>Young Adults</b>	First Saturday of the month	

## MISSIONS & MINISTRIES WE SUPPORT

- ◆ **Grace Bailey** - RUF intern, UGA
- ◆ **Marshall & Cathryn Brown** - Czech Republic
- ◆ **Bob & Andrea Burnham** - Odessa, Ukraine (MTW)
- ◆ **Jeff & Robyn Candell** - Church planting in British Columbia (MNA)
- ◆ **Covenant Care Services** - Christian Adoption Agency serving the State of Georgia.
- ◆ **John & Sarah Gordy**- RUF @ Valdosta State University
- ◆ **Tim & Anna Grider** - RUF @ Columbus State University
- ◆ **Marlin & Caroline Harris** -RUF @ Mercer University
- ◆ **Matt & Emma Hegler** - Japan (MTW)
- ◆ **Russell & Amanda Jeffares**- church planting in Ireland with Serge
- ◆ **Clay & Hannah Jones**- El Salvador (MTW)
- ◆ **Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child**
- ◆ **Mike & Eli Sabin** - Trans World Radio in Guam (MTW)
- ◆ **Seminario Reformado Latinoamericano (SRL)** - Reformed Seminary serving Latin America, Noe & Mimi Acosta
- ◆ **Harvey & Carol Spears** - in Orlando, FL with Cru
- ◆ **Strong Tower Fellowship** - Macon, GA
- ◆ **Trail Life Troop 4316**
- ◆ **Ben & Shanna Wright**- Wycliffe Bible Translators

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