



HOUSTON LAKE

Presbyterian Church

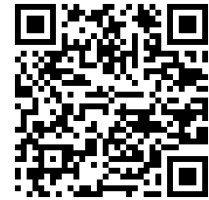
*Proclaiming and Living in the Light
of the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

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-2nd 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].

Assisting in worship today:

Pastoral Intern Zach Hood

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

APRIL 21, 2024

† -indicates congregation is to stand

GATHERING

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: And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,

People: **“Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!**

Minister: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?

People: **For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.”** (Revelation 15:3-4)

†PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

1. Father, long before creation
Thou hadst chosen us in love,
And that love so deep so moving,
Draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us.
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.

2. Though the world may change its fashion,
Yet our God is e'er the same.
His compassion and His covenant
Through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children
Must forever praise His name.

3. God's compassion is my story,
Is my boasting all the day.
Mercy, free and never failing,
Moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us,
That His only Son He gave.

4. Loving Father now before Thee
We will ever praise Thy love.
And our songs will sound unceasing
'Til we reach our home above.
Giving glory, giving glory,
To our God and to the Lamb.
Giving glory, giving glory
To our God and to the Lamb.

REMEMBERING THE GOSPEL

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.

Answer me, O LORD, for Your steadfast love is good; according to Your abundant mercy, turn to me. (Psalm 69:16)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

HYMN OF CONFESSION & GRACE

"If Thou Hast Drawn 1000 Times"

1. Draw me from created good
From self, the world, and sin
To the fountain of Thy blood,
And make me pure within.

Chorus: If Thou hast drawn a thousand times
(O draw me Lord, again)
Around me cast the Spirit's bands
(O draw me, Lord, again)

2. Lead me to Thy mercy seat,
O draw me nearer still.
Like Mary, draw me to Thy feet,
To sit and learn Thy will. *Chorus*

3. Draw me all the desert through!
With cords of heavenly love,
And when prepared for going home,
O draw me up above. *Chorus 2x*

†WORDS OF GRACE

Leader: LORD, you were favorable to Your land; You restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the iniquity of Your people; You covered all their sin. (Psalm 85:1-2)

People: **God's grace to us in Jesus Christ means our guilt is gone and our sins forgiven! Praise be to God!**

†GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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

†HYMN OF CELEBRATION "O Love that Will Not Let Me Go"

1. O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee,
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller, be.
2. O light that followest all my way
I yield my flickering torch to thee.
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.
3. O joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee.
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

4. O cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee.
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ruling Elder Keith Duvall

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

†**SCRIPTURE READING**

Exodus 18:1-27

p. 59

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

Rev. Paul Bankson

Redeemed: Studies in Exodus

"You Can't Do It Alone"

MEETING GOD AT HIS TABLE

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

COMMUNION HYMN

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus "

#481

(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

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. Moses said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, "This is the thing that the LORD has commanded. Take from among you a contribution to the LORD. Whoever is of a generous heart, let him bring the LORD's contribution: (Exodus 35:4-5)

DEPARTING

†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

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THIS WEEK AT HLPC

Sunday	8:45 am: Prayer
	9:15 am: School of Discipleship
	10:30 am: Worship Service
	12:00 pm: AWOL
	6:00 pm: Youth Group
Monday	6:30 pm: NO CHOIR THIS WEEK
Wednesday	6:30 pm: MidWeek Adult & Youth Studies
Thursday	9:15 am: Women's Prayer Gathering
	6:00 pm: Women of the Word study

Children's Ministry Volunteer Schedule

Teach Me to Worship Coordinator: Cathy Alvord

Nursery Coordinator: Jessica Fuqua

ROOM	April 21	April 28	May 5
School of Discipleship	Neysa Ezell Kristin Epperson	Amy Booth Heather Collins	Stephanie & Rob Strasser
Walkers & 2/3's	Monica Kinnebrew Angie Slagh	Christina & Shane Hall	Sherry & Matt Walker
Teach Me to Worship	Amy Booth Suzanne & Angelica Williams	April Jessup Laura & Georgia Carroll	April Jessup Amanda Pradarits

GREETERS: Scott & Sarah Shelton

Next week: Jeanette Bennett, Edith Norniella

SAFETY TEAM: Kirby Moore

Next Week: John Sweat

SOUND TEAM: Jed Jessup, Joshua Strasser

Next Week: Tony Bermudez, David Carnes

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: Adult School of Discipleship/ 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

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Women in the Church Coordinator: Monica Kinnebrew
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- 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 2nd 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)

Bankson	2 nd & 4 th Sunday	6:00 pm
Epperson	Every other Sunday	6:00 pm
Ezell/Martin	One Sunday a month	12:00 pm
Fuqua	One Sunday a month	12:00pm
Kinnebrew/Moore	2 nd Sunday	5:30 pm
Waters/Bermudez	One Sunday a month	12:00 pm
Young Adults	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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