



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

MAY 5, 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: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

People: **Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies.**

Minister: Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel —

People: **He is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!** (Psalm 68:32-35)

†PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

†HYMN OF PRAISE

"How Great Thou Art"

#44

†CORPORATE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

The Westminster Catechism #1-6

Trinity Hymnal p.869

GIDEONS' PRESENTATION

Today we welcome **Mr. Rex Bond** who will share with us the ministry of **The Gideons' International**.

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.

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting! (Psalm 139:23-24)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

HYMN OF CONFESSION & GRACE

"Before the Throne of God Above"

1. Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands;
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

2. When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free.
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

3. Before Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die;
My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

†**WORDS OF GRACE**

Leader: The LORD passed before [Moses] and proclaimed,
“The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and
gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in
steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast
love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and
transgression and sin,” (Exodus 34:6-7)

People: **Our God is a merciful and gracious God who sent
His only Son to atone for our sins. We stand
forgiven and clothed in the righteousness of
Christ! 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

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”

1. On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan’s fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

2. All o’er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

Chorus: I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land.
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land.

3. No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain, and death
Are felt and feared no more. *Chorus*

4. When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father’s face
And in His bosom rest? *Chorus*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Ruling Elder Kevin Epperson
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 19:7-25

p. 60

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

Rev. Paul Bankson

Redeemed: Studies in Exodus

"He Is There and He Is Not Silent"

MEETING GOD AT HIS TABLE

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

COMMUNION HYMN

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

#679

(We will sing stanzas 1 & 2 as we distribute the bread and stanzas 3 & 4 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. Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; (Proverbs 3:9)

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

Please join us **tonight at 6PM** for our First Sunday Evening worship. Our youth will be helping lead worship and Zach Hood will be preaching.

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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: First Sunday Evening Worship Service
Monday	6:30 pm: Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	6:30 pm: Youth Small Group Studies
Thursday	9:15 am: Women's Prayer Gathering
	6:00 pm: Women's Taco Thursday
Saturday	8:00 am: Men's Breakfast

Children's Ministry Volunteer Schedule

Teach Me to Worship Coordinator: Cathy Alvord

Nursery Coordinator: Tish Roberts

ROOM	May 5	May 12	May 19
School of Discipleship	Stephanie & Rob Strasser	Courtney & Peter Martin	Jessica Fuqua Tish Roberts
Walkers & 2/3's	Christina & Shane Hall	Christina & Ryan Watson	Jessica & Leah Bermudez
Teach Me to Worship	April Jessup Amanda Pradarits	Erik Fuqua Veronica & Raymond NG	Erik Fuqua Veronica & Raymond Ng

GREETERS: John & Natalie Sweat

Next week: Sean & Jennifer Waters

SAFETY TEAM: Roger Hill

Next Week: Edith Norniella

SOUND TEAM: Chuck Ezell, Jed Jessup

Next Week: David Carnes, Joshua Strasser

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
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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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