



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:



Assisting in worship today:

Ruling Elder Gregg Jerome

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

MAY 19, 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 God, you are our God; earnestly we seek you; our souls thirst for you; our flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

People: So we have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Minister: Because your steadfast love is better than life, our lips will praise you.

People: So we will bless you as long as we live; in your name we will lift up our hands.
(from Psalm 63:1-4)

†PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

†HYMN OF PRAISE

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

1. O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright:
On Thee, the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,
Sing holy, holy, holy, to the great God triune.
2. On Thee, at the creation, The light first had its birth;
On Thee, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth;
On Thee, our Lord, victorious, the Spirit sent from heav'n,
And thus on Thee, most glorious, a triple light was giv'n.
3. Thou art a port protected, from storms that round us rise,
A garden intersected with streams of paradise.
Thou art a cooling fountain in life's dry dreary sand;
From Thee like Pisgah's mountain,
We view our promised land.
4. Today on weary nations the heav'nly manna falls;
To holy convocations the silver trumpet calls.
Where gospel light is glowing with pure and radiant beams,
And living water flowing, with soul-refreshing streams.

†CORPORATE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

The Nicene Creed

Trinity Hymnal p.846

RECOGNITION OF OUR GRADUATING SENIORS:

Asher Ezell
Josiah Daniels
Madeline Jerome

Anna Shelton
Joshua Strasser

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.

Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear. (Isaiah 59:1-2)

SILENT CONFESSON OF SIN

HYMN OF CONFESSON AND GRACE

“Abide with Me”

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee.
Help of the helpless, abide with me.
2. Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile,
And, thou rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou has not left me, though I oft left Thee,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.
3. I need Thy presence, every passing hour.
What, but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.
4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless.
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness.
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

†WORDS OF GRACE

Leader: She will bear a son, and you shall call his name
Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.
(Matthew 1:21)

People: **We rejoice in the gift of God's Son, Jesus Christ,
who is our Redeemer from sin's power and it's
penalty!**

†GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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

†HYMN OF CELEBRATION "The Sands of Time are Sinking"

1. The sands of time are sinking;
The dawn of heaven breaks.
The summer morn I've sighed for —
The fair, sweet morn awakes.
Dark, dark had been the midnight,
But dayspring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.
2. The King there in His beauty,
Without a veil is seen.
It were a well-spent journey,
Though seven deaths lay between.
The Lamb and His fair army
Doth on Mount Zion stand;
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

3. O Christ, He is the fountain,
The deep, sweet well of love!
The streams on earth I've tasted
More deep I'll drink above.
There to an ocean fullness
His mercy doth expand.
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

4. The bride eyes not her garment,
But her dear bridegroom's face.
I will not gaze at glory
But on my King of grace.
Not at the crown He giveth,
But on His pierced hand.
The Lamb is all the glory
Of Emmanuel's land.

SPECIAL MUSIC

HLPC Ensemble

"I'll Fly Away"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ruling Elder Gregg Jerome

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 "Teach Me to Worship."

HEARING GOD SPEAK

†**SCRIPTURE READING**

Ephesians 6:10-20

p. 979

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Pastoral Intern Zach Hood

“Stand In Him Complete”

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. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (Hebrews 13:16)

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
 6:00 pm: Youth Group
Wednesday 6:30 pm: Youth Small Group Studies
Thursday 6:00 pm Women's study

Children's Ministry Volunteer Schedule

Teach Me to Worship Coordinator: Cathy Alvord

Nursery Coordinator: Tish Roberts

ROOM	May 19	May 26	June 2
School of Discipleship	Erika Acres Jan Fall	Jessica Fuqua Holly Kirkpatrick	Connie Bankson Kelly Moore
Walkers & 2/3's	Jessica & Leah Bermudez	Neysa Ezell, Sarah Shelton	Laura Duvall Joanna Kotlarski
Teach Me to Worship	Erik Fuqua Veronica & Raymond Ng	Jessica & Leah Bermudez	Jessica & Leah Bermudez

GREETERS: Sean & Jennifer Waters

Next week: Gregg & Katie Jerome

SAFETY TEAM: Edith Norniella

Next Week: Peter Martin

SOUND TEAM: David Carnes, Joshua Strasser

Next Week: Chuck Ezell, Larry Wadsworth

OUR STAFF

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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
Kinnebew/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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