

# 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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Assisting in worship today:

Pastoral Intern Zach Hood

# LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

MAY 26, 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: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

People: **The LORD is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise Your great and awesome name! Holy is He!**

Minister: The King in His might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

People: **Exalt the LORD our God; worship at His footstool! Holy is He! (Psalm 99:1-5)**

### †PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

†HYMN OF PRAISE "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" #302

## †CORPORATE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

*The Westminster Catechism #45-47*

Trinity Hymnal p.872

### **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.*

I say to the LORD, You are my God; give ear to the voice of my pleas for mercy, O LORD! (Psalm 140:6)

#### **CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN**

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways, like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are repentant, according to your promises declared to mankind, in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may from now on live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

## HYMN OF CONFESSION AND GRACE

Psalm 37:1-9  
*The Trinity Psalter*

[tune of: "I Need Thee Every Hour"]

1. Have no disturbing thoughts about  
Those doing wickedly,  
And be not en-vi-ous of those  
Who work iniquity.  
For even like the growing grass  
Soon be cut down shall they;  
And like the green and tender plant  
They all shall fade away.
2. Set thou thy trust upon the LORD;  
Continue doing good.  
Dwell thou securely in the land;  
Make faithfulness thy food.  
Joy in the LORD; He'll grant each gift  
For which thy heart may call.  
Commit thy way unto the LORD;  
Trust Him; He'll do it all.
3. And like the morning light He shall  
Thy righteousness display;  
And He thy judgment shall bring forth  
Like noontide of the day.  
Rest in the LORD; wait patiently;  
Fret not for anyone  
Who prospers in his wicked way,  
Completing schemes begun.

4. Cease being thou by anger stirred;  
Make thou of wrath an end.  
Fret not thyself, for fretting will  
To evildoing tend.  
For evildoers soon shall be  
Cut off, no more to stand;  
But those who wait upon the LORD  
Inherit shall the land.

†**WORDS OF GRACE**

Leader: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made. (Psalm 145:8-9)

People: **We rejoice that our God is One of great mercy and compassion and delights in forgiveness! 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

## “His Mercy Is More”



What love could re - mem - ber no  
 (2. What) pa - tience would wait as we  
 (3. What) rich - es of kind - ness He

A E B C#m



wrongs we have done? Om - ni - scient, all know - ing, He  
 con - stant - ly roam? What Fa - ther, so ten - der, is  
 lav - ished on us. His blood was the pay - ment; His

A Bsus E F#m7



counts not their sum Thrown in - to a sea with - out  
 call - ing us home? He wel - comes the weak - est, the  
 life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could

E/G# A E/G# A E/B 1. B



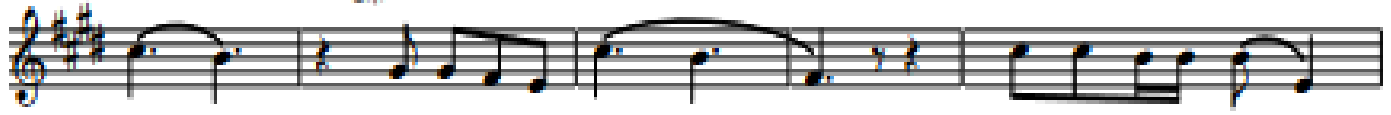
bot - tom or shore, our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is  
 vil - est, the poor. Our sins they are man - y; His mer - cy is  
 nev - er af - ford. Our sins they are man - y; His

E A E B Bsus 2-3. B E



more. 2. What mercy is more. Praise the  
 more.

A E E/G# B A E B A E



Lord His mer - cy is more. Strong - er than dark - ness,

B C#m7 A E B



new ev - ry - one Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Pastoral Intern Zach Hood

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**

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### **†SCRIPTURE READING**

Exodus 20:3

p. 61

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

## **SERMON**

Rev. Paul Bankson

*Redeemed: Studies in Exodus*

*"The Foundational First"*

## **MEETING GOD AT HIS TABLE**

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Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

#644

*(We will sing stanzas 1 & 2 as we distribute the bread and stanzas 3, 4, & 5 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

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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        7:00 pm: Vacation Bible School Training

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

*Teach Me to Worship Coordinator:* Cathy Alvord

*Nursery Coordinator:* Tish Roberts

<b>ROOM</b>	<b>May 26</b>	<b>June 2</b>	<b>June 9</b>
<b>School of Discipleship</b>	Jessica Fuqua Holly Kirkpatrick	Connie Bankson Kelly Moore	Becca Bright Jan Fall
<b>Walkers &amp; 2/3's</b>	Neysa Ezell, Sarah Shelton	Laura Duvall Joanna Kotlarski	Grace Jeter Amanda Pradarits
<b>Teach Me to Worship</b>	Jessica & Leah Bermudez	Jessica & Leah Bermudez	Cathy Alvord Charlotte Sawyer Grace Jerome

**GREETERS:** Evan & Erika Acres

*Next week: Jenny Bryant, Mary Catherine Cutrell*

**SAFETY TEAM:** Tony Bermudez

*Next Week: Jed Jessup*

**SOUND TEAM:** Dave Maddox, Joshua Strasser

*Next Week: Tony Bermudez, Larry Wadsworth*

## **OUR STAFF**

**Paul L. Bankson** ♦ *Pastor* ♦ pbankson@houstonlakepres.org

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## Women's Ministries

*Women in the Church Coordinator:* Monica Kinnebrew  
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*"Take Them a Meal" Coordinator:* Rachel Wadsworth  
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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 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  
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## 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

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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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