

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:

Summer Intern Franz Stagl

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

JUNE 23, 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: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

People: **The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.**

Minister: He determines the number of the stars; He gives to all of them their names.

People: **Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure. (Psalm 147:1-5)**

†PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

1. Come now, Almighty King, rule and reign over us
Help us Your praise to sing, Father Glorious.
Embracing us before all time,
You made us heirs with Christ on high.
By Your Spirit now we cry, "Abba, Father."

Chorus: We long for the day, Great One in Three,
We finally behold Your majesty.
Face to face, we'll worship and adore, forever more.

2. Speak now, Incarnate Word, of Your relentless love,
Bearing our fatal curse with Your living blood.
When guilt and doubt come rushing in,
Help us see Your cross again.
You're the Rock on which we live, Jesus, Savior. *Chorus*

3. Come, Holy Comforter, give grace to weary hearts.
Bring back the wanderer, drive away the dark.
You're the summer of our souls;
You're the fountain of our hope,
Our assurance here below, Spirit of the Son. *Chorus*

†CORPORATE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

The Nicene Creed

Trinity Hymnal, p.846

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.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.
(Psalm 19:14)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

HYMN OF CONFESSION AND GRACE

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

#634

†WORDS OF GRACE

Leader: Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. (Psalm 28:6-7)

People: **We praise God for His steadfast love and faithfulness in His Son to forgive us all our sins, and to heal all our diseases.**

†GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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

†HYMN OF CELEBRATION

“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

1. Let us love and sing and wonder;
Let us praise the Savior's name.
He has hushed the law's loud thunder;
He has quenched Mt. Sinai's flame.
He has washed us with His blood;
He has washed us with His blood;
He has washed us with His blood;
He has brought us nigh to God.
2. Let us love the Lord Who bought us,
Pitied us when enemies.
Called us by His grace and taught us,
Gave us ears and gave us eyes.
He has washed us with His blood;
He has washed us with His blood;
He has washed us with His blood;
He presents our souls to God.
3. Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down.
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqueror's crown.
He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood,
Soon will bring us home to God.

4. Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store.
When through grace in Christ our trust is,
Justice smiles and asks no more.
He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood,
Has secured our way to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Rebecca Ledger

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ruling Elder Sean Waters

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**

Nehemiah 8:9-12

p. 404

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Rev. Paul Bankson

Finding Joy Again, Part 1

MEETING GOD AT HIS TABLE

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

COMMUNION HYMN

“No, Not Despairingly I Come to Thee”

#495

(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

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.

Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly, for with a whole heart they had offered freely to the LORD.

(1 Chronicles 29:9)

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

This morning the flowers in the sanctuary are placed in memory of **Ruling Elder Kenny Rahn** by the Prime Timers.

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THIS WEEK AT HLPC:

Sunday 8:45 am: Prayer
 9:15 am: School of Discipleship
 10:30 am: Worship Service
 3-5 pm: Waters/Shepherd Wedding Shower
 6:00 pm: Youth Group

Monday 6:00 pm: Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday 6:30 pm: Young Adult Fellowship & Prayer in FH
 Youth Small Group Studies

Thursday 10-11 am: Young Moms Study
 5:30pm: WIC Paint Party
 8:00pm: Men's Study (fire pit)

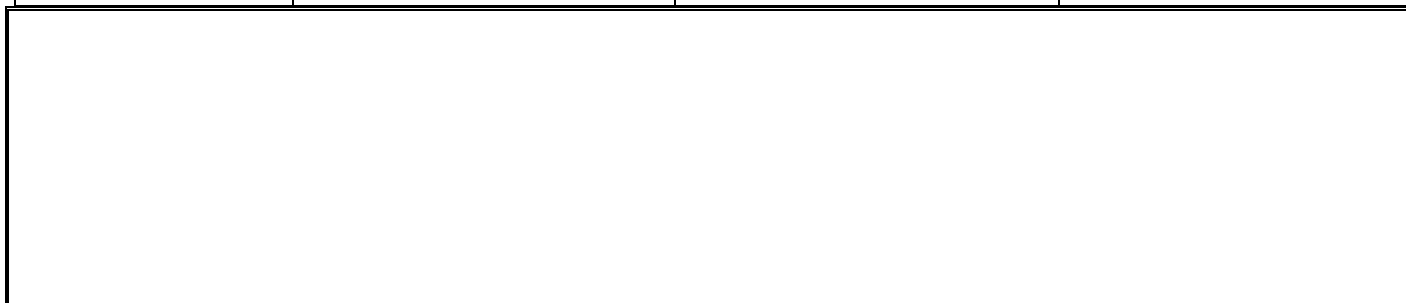
Saturday Young Family Bible Study (watch for text & email)

Children's Ministry Volunteer Schedule

Teach Me to Worship Coordinator: Cathy Alvord

Nursery Coordinator: Tish Roberts

ROOM	June 23	June 30	July 7
School of Discipleship	Monica Kinnebrew Madison Nussbaumer	Courtney & Peter Martin	N/A
Walkers & 2/3's	Strasser Family	Christina & Ryan Watson	Neysa Ezell Lyn Micko Grace Jeter (alt)
Teach Me to Worship	Connie Bankson Sarah & Anna Shelton	Connie Bankson Carlie Ezell	April Jessup Amanda Pradarits



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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 [*on summer break*]
- Men's MidWeek Study (Wed.) 6:30pm Contact Paul Bankson for information [*on summer break.*]
- 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. [*on summer break*]

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	

GREETERS: Matthew & Mary Ross Bankson

Next week: Todd & Monica Kinnebrew

SAFETY TEAM: Jim Micko

Next Week: Will Booth

SOUND TEAM: Tony Bermudez

Next Week: Jed Jessup, Joshua Strasser

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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