



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-1st 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:

Zach Hood, HLPC Pastoral Intern for Youth Ministries will be exhorting us from God’s Word today.

Assisting in worship today:

Ruling Elder Kevin Epperson

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

AUGUST 25, 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.

Leader: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

People: **“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”**

(Revelation 5:11-12)

†PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

†HYMN OF PRAISE

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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†CORPORATE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

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.

Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the LORD, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you. (Hosea 10:12)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

HYMN OF CONFESSION AND GRACE

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

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WORDS OF GRACE

Leader: But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.

People: **For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**
(Romans 6:22-23)

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

HYMN OF CELEBRATION Psalm 107: 1-9

(tune of *There Is a Fountain*, #253)

1. Praise the LORD, for He is good;
His mercies still endure;
Thus say the ransomed of the LORD,
From all their foes secure.
He gathered them from out the lands,
From north, south, east, and west.
They wandered in the wilderness,
No city found to rest.
2. Their weary soul within them faints
When thirst and hunger press;
In trouble to the LORD they cried;
He saved them from distress.
He made the way before them straight,
And He became their guide,
That they might to a city go
In which they would abide.
3. Let them give thanks unto the LORD
For all His kindness shown,
And for His works so wonderful
Which He to men makes known.
Because the longing soul by Him
With food is satisfied;
The hungry soul that looks to Him
With goodness is supplied.

SPECIAL MUSIC

HLPC Hand Bell Choir

“Victory”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Ruling Elder Todd Kinnebrew
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 first 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**

James 1:9-18

p.1011

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Pastoral Intern Zach Hood

"A Wisdom-Shaped Life"

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. You may place your gifts in the offering box in the church foyer or you may use the QR code on the inside cover of this bulletin for online giving.*

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

†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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SERMON NOTES:

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

Monday 6-8pm: Handbell & HLPC Choir rehearsals

Tuesday 11:30 am: Prime Timers Fellowship Lunch
 6:30 pm: Young Singles & Marrieds Fellowship

Wednesday 6:30 pm: Youth small group studies

Thursday 9:15 am: Women of the Word Thursday

Children's Ministry Volunteer Schedule

Teach Me to Worship Coordinator: Cathy Alvord

Nursery Coordinators: Tish Roberts, Laura Duvall

ROOM	August 25	September 1	September 8
School of Discipleship	K. Epperson Monica Kinnebrew	Neysa Ezell Jan Fall	Mary Ross Bankson Joanna Kotlarski
Worship Service	Courtney Martin Marisol Soto Alt: Peter Martin	Christina Hall Bonnie Martin Alt: Shane Hall	Barbara Jansen, Madison Nussbaumer Alt: James Nussbaumer
Teach Me to Worship	Erik Fuqua Veronica Ng	Cathy Alvord Sarah & Anna Shelton	Connie Bankson Carlie Ezell

GREETERS: Sean & Jennifer Waters

Next week: Evan & Erika Acres

SAFETY TEAM: Peter Martin

Next Week: Jim Micko

SOUND TEAM: Dave Maddox, Larry Wadsworth

Next Week: Tony Bermudez, Larry Wadsworth

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: Men's Ministry

Gregg Jerome: Youth Ministry

Todd Kinnebrew: Women in the Church/ Missions

Tieman Slagh: Children's Ministry

Sean Waters: Shepherding

HLPC DEACONS

Kirby Moore, *Chairman*

Dave Maddox

Tony Bermudez

Bob McCullough

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Roger Hill

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Women's Ministries

Women in the Church Coordinator: Holly Kirkpatrick;
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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, Thursday, 9:15-11 am

Men's Ministries

Men's Ministries Coordinator: Erik Fuqua etfuqua@gmail.com

- Men's Breakfast (on hiatus for the summer)
- Men's MidWeek Study (Wed.) 6:30pm (on hiatus for the summer) Contact Paul Bankson for information
- Men's Thursday Study, 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 - Fellowship & Meal Monthly

Contact Mary Catherine Cutrell <mailto:maryccutrell@gmail.com>

LIFE Groups (Call the church office for information)

Bankson	2 nd & 4 th Sunday	6:00 pm
Epperson	On hiatus for summer	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
Hall/Weiss	First Saturday of the month	
Solas (single ladies of all ages)	Second Sunday 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** - raising for support for Japan (MTW)
- ◆ **Russell & Amanda Jeffares** - church planting in Ireland with Serge
- ◆ **Nathanael & Anna Kristen Miller** - RUF @ Georgia Southern
- ◆ **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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