



# HOUSTON LAKE

*Presbyterian Church*

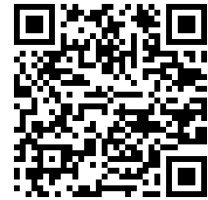
*Proclaiming and Living in the Light  
of the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

## *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].

Assisting in worship today:

Pastoral Intern Zach Hood

# LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

JANUARY 5, 2025

† -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: Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary;  
praise Him in his mighty heavens!

People: **Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to his excellent greatness! Praise Him with trumpet sound; praise Him with lute and harp!**

Minister: Praise Him with tambourine and dance; praise Him with strings and pipe! Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with loud clashing cymbals!

People: **Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD! (Psalm 150)**

### †PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

†**HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

#381

†**CORPORATE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH**

*Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1*

**Leader:** What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**People:** **That I am not my own, but belong- body and soul- to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

**Leader:** What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

**People:** **Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.**

## **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 therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, (Ephesians 4:1-2)

### **SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN**

### **HYMN OF CONFESSION AND GRACE**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

#457

### **†WORDS OF GRACE**

Leader: Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.  
(Ephesians 4:32)

People: **We are forgiven and declared righteous in the Father's sight by faith in the finished work of His Son, Jesus 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

“Arise, My Soul, Arise”

1. Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears;  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.

*Chorus:* Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise

2. He ever lives above, for me to intercede;  
His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead;  
His blood atoned for every race,  
His blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace. *Chorus*
3. Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:  
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,  
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,  
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die!” *Chorus*
4. The Father hears Him pray, His dear anointed One;  
He cannot turn away the presence of His Son;  
The Spirit answers to the blood,  
The Spirit answers to the blood  
And tells me I am born of God. *Chorus*

5. My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry. *Chorus*

## **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 first grade who wish to attend "Teach Me to Worship" time are welcome to come to the front to pray with the Pastor.*

## **HEARING GOD SPEAK**

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**†SCRIPTURE READING**

Joshua 1:1-9

p.178

**Minister:** This is the Word of the Lord!

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

## **SERMON**

Rev. Paul Bankson

*"Facing a New Year"*

## **MEETING GOD AT HIS TABLE**

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Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

“How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place”

#469

*(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**

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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. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:8)*

### **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

Please join us tonight for worship at 6PM.  
Our Youth will be leading music, and we will have  
fellowship afterwards.

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## **THIS WEEK AT HLPC:**

Sunday                      8:45 am: Prayer  
                                    9:15 am: School of Discipleship for all ages  
                                    10:30 am: Worship Service  
                                    6 pm: First Sunday evening worship

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

*Teach Me to Worship Coordinator: Cathy Alvord*

*Nursery Coordinator: Tish Roberts, Laura Duvall*

<b>ROOM</b>	<b>January 5</b>	<b>January 12</b>	<b>January 19</b>
<b>School of Discipleship</b>	Grace Jeter Becca Bright	Tish Roberts Kristin Epperson	Monica Kinnebrew Erika Acres
<b>Walkers &amp; 2/3's</b>	Kristen & Will Daniels Holly Kirkpatrick	Willey Family	Amanda Pradarits Shane & Christina Hall
<b>Teach Me to Worship</b>	Shane & Christina Hall	Shane & Christina Hall Natalie Sweat	Kim Waters Jennifer Waters

**GREETERS:** Todd & Monica Kinnebrew

*Next week: Charlie & Rebekah Griffis*

**SAFETY TEAM:** Peter Martin

*Next Week: Bob McCullough*

**SOUND TEAM:** Joshua Strasser, Larry Wadsworth

*Next Week: Larry Wadsworth, Dave Maddox*

**USHERS:** Joe Roberts, Ben Blevins

*Next Week: John Sweat, John Kotlarski*

## HLPC 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

Joe Weiss

Roger Hill

Jed Jessup

## HLPC STAFF

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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 Study, Thursday, 9:30-11am

## Men's Ministries

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

- Men's Monthly Fellowship; join us for breakfast in January
- Men's MidWeek Study (Wednesday) Contact Paul Bankson for information [begins January 15]
- Bible Study Friday morning: 7:30 am via Zoom. Contact Paul Bankson for information.

## Fellowship Groups

**Prime Timers - (55+) Fellowship & Meal Monthly**

*Coordinator:* Mary Catherine Cutrell maryccutrell@gmail.com

**Solas (Single Ladies Of all Ages) Second Sunday of the month**

## LIFE Groups (Call church office for info)

<b>Bankson</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> 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>Kinnebew/Moore</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	5:30 pm
<b>Waters/Bermudez</b>	One Sunday a month	12:00 pm
<b>Hall/Weiss (Young Families)</b>	One Saturday a month	
<b>Blevins/Bankson Young Adults</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , & 5 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays	

**Trail Life Troop 4316** Will Booth william.booth82@gmail.com

## MISSIONS & MINISTRIES WE SUPPORT

- ◆ **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
- ◆ **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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