



HOUSTON LAKE

Presbyterian Church

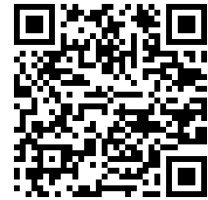
*Proclaiming and Living in the Light
of the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

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:

Pastoral Intern Zach Hood

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

JANUARY 12, 2025

† -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: And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,

People: **“Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!**

Minister: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?

People: **For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.”** (Revelation 15:3-4)

†PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

†HYMN OF PRAISE

“How Great Thou Art”

#44

†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.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and
cleans me from my sin! (Psalm 51:1-2)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

HYMN OF CONFESSION AND GRACE

Psalm 54:1-6

The Trinity Psalter

[tune: “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”]

By Your name, O God, now save me;
Grant me justice by Your strength.
To these words of mine give answer;
O my God, now hear my prayer.
Strangers have come up against me,
Even men of violence.
And they seek my life's destruction;
God is not within their thoughts.

See how God has been my helper,
How my Lord sustains my soul:
To my foes He pays back evil –
In Your truth destroy them all!
I will sacrifice with gladness;
I will praise Your name, O LORD.
He has saved me from all trouble;
I have looked on all my foes.

†**WORDS OF GRACE**

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (Romans 8:1)

People: **The Lord Jesus Christ, through His perfect life, sacrificial death, and resurrection from the dead has secured our justification and our adoption as God's children. Praise be to God!**

†**GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

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

1. What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

2. What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Chorus: Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

3. What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Chorus: Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
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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 who wish to attend "Teach Me to Worship" time are welcome to come to the front to pray with the Pastor.

HEARING GOD SPEAK

†**SCRIPTURE READING** I Thessalonians 1:1-3 p.986

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Rev. Paul Bankson

I Thessalonians: Living Now in Light of Tomorrow

"How Do You Want to be Remembered?"

MEETING GOD AT HIS TABLE

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

COMMUNION HYMN

"Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands"

#427

(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

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. Moses said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, “This is the thing that the LORD has commanded. Take from among you a contribution to the LORD. Whoever is of a generous heart, let him bring the LORD’s contribution: (Exodus 35:4-5)

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 for all ages
10:30 am: Worship Service
6:00 pm: Youth Group
Wednesday 6:30 pm: MidWeek Studies, Youth Small groups
Thursday 9:30 am: Women of the Word Study
6:00 pm: Trail Life

Children's Ministry Volunteer Schedule

Teach Me to Worship Coordinator: Cathy Alvord

Nursery Coordinator: Tish Roberts, Laura Duvall

| ROOM | January 12 | January 19 | January 26 |
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| School of Discipleship | Jan Fall Kristin Epperson | Monica Kinnebrew Erika Acres | Tish Roberts Heather Collins |
| Walkers & 2/3's | Willey Family | Amanda Pradarits Shane & Christina Hall | Sarah Shelton Peter Martin Courtney Martin |
| Teach Me to Worship | Shane & Christina Hall Natalie Sweat | Kim Waters Jennifer Waters | Kim Waters Jennifer Waters |

GREETERS: Charlie & Rebekah Griffis

Next week: Neil & Mardi Barker

SAFETY TEAM: Bob McCullough

Next Week: Jim Micko

SOUND TEAM: Larry Wadsworth, Dave Maddox

Next Week: Jed Jessup, Tony Bermudez

USHERS: John Sweat, John Kotlarski

Next Week: Lee Ledger, JD Jeffers

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

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Tony Bermudez

Bob McCullough

Joe Weiss

Roger Hill

Jed Jessup

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Women's Ministries

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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
- Men's MidWeek Study (Wednesday) Contact Paul Bankson for information
- 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)

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| Bankson | 2 nd & 4 th 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 |
| Hall/Weiss (Young Families) | One Saturday a month | |
| Blevins/Bankson Young Adults | 1 st , 3 rd , & 5 th 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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