



# 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-1<sup>st</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:



We welcome **Rev. Bill Douglas** to the HLPC pulpit this morning. Bill was the church planter and organizing pastor for St. Andrew's PCA in Columbus, GA, where he served since 1983 and is now Pastor Emeritus. Bill serves Central Georgia Presbytery as a mentor to pastors and consultant for churches.

# LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 9, 2025

*MISSIONS WEEK*

† -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: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

**People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!**

Minister: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

**People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! (Psalm 67:1-5)**

### †PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

## †HYMN OF PRAISE

“Jesus Shall Reign”

#441

## †CORPORATE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

*The New City Catechism #29-30*

Q. How can we be saved?

A. **Only by faith in Jesus Christ and in His substitutionary atoning death on the cross; so even though we are guilty of having disobeyed God and are still inclined to all evil, nevertheless, God, without any merit of our own, but only by pure grace, imputes to us the perfect righteousness of Christ when we repent and believe in Him.**

Q. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

A. **Faith in Jesus Christ is acknowledging the truth of everything that God has revealed in His Word, trusting in Him, and also receiving and resting on Him alone for salvation as He is offered to us in the gospel.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today we have the joy and privilege of administering the covenant sign of baptism to **Asher Malcolm Morrison**, son of Kody & Madelyne Morrison.

## **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.*

Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us! Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? (Psalm 85:4-6)

### **SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN**

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

"The Church's One Foundation"

#347

### **†WORDS OF GRACE**

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, (Psalm 103:2-4)

People: **We praise God for His grace and mercy toward us in Jesus Christ, His Son, that is applied to us by the Holy Spirit!**

### **†GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

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

# †HYMN OF CELEBRATION

“These Great Things”

How can it be this truth divine  
Declared by God above?  
That all things by His grand design  
Work good for us by love

[*Refrain*]

What shall we say to these great things of mystery sublime?  
That if He is for us we can sing, now and for all time

Called by our Lord in purposed ends  
No tragedy shall win  
No curse for those He calls His friends  
He saved us from our sins

Foreknown by Him with hearts made new  
To His Son we conform  
No pow'r on earth can this undo  
For those He's made reborn

First He did choose and called  
He then to surely justify  
For those of the faith beyond  
Our ken He soon will glorify

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Ruling Elder Keith Duvall

**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**

I John 1:1-5

p.1021

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

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

## **SERMON**

Rev. Bill Douglas

*"What We Declare to the Nations and Our Neighbors"*

## **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. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (Hebrews 13:16)*

### **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

## SERMON NOTES:

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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  
5:00 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*

<b>ROOM</b>	<b>February 9</b>	<b>February 16</b>	<b>February 23</b>
<b>School of Discipleship</b>	Anna Shelton Olivia Hood	Bonnie Martin Jenny Bryant	Tish Roberts Barb Jansen
<b>Walkers &amp; 2/3's</b>	Stephanie & Rob Strasser Angie Slagh	Michele Watts Joanna Kotlarski Mary Ross Bankson	Lyn Micko Holly Kirkpatrick Neysa Ezell
<b>Teach Me to Worship</b>	Jessica Bermudez Leah Bermudez	Jessica Bermudez Leah Bermudez	Kim Waters Jennifer Waters

**GREETERS:** Jon & Natalie Sweat

*Next week: Scott & Sarah Shelton*

**SAFETY TEAM:** Matt Walker

*Next Week: Tony Bermudez*

**SOUND TEAM:** Dave Maddox, Tony Bermudez

*Next Week: Jed Jessup, David Carnes*

**USHERS:** Kody Morrison, Peter Martin

*Next Week: Joe Roberts, Shane Hall*

## HLPC SESSION

Paul Bankson: Moderator

Michael Collins: Clerk of Session/Youth Ministry

Keith Duvall: 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

Jed Jessup, *Chairman*

Dave Maddox

Cody Casey

Kirby Moore, *Emeritus*

Tony Bermudez

Shane Hall

Roger Hill

Ben Blevins

Daniel Martin

Joe Weiss

Gary Howell

Peter Martin

Will Booth

John Sweat

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## 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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