



# HOUSTON LAKE

*Presbyterian Church*

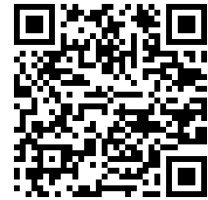
*Proclaiming and Living in the Light  
of the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

## *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.



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### *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

FEBRUARY 16, 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: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

People: **Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies.**

Minister: Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel –

People: **He is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God! (Psalm 68:32-35)**

### †PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

I do not ask to see the way  
My feet will have to tread;  
But only that my soul may feed  
Upon the living Bread.  
'Tis better far that I should walk  
By faith close to His side;  
I may not know the way I go,  
But oh, I know my Guide.

*Refrain:*

His love can never fail, His love can never fail,  
My soul is satisfied to know His love can never fail.  
My soul is satisfied to know His love can never fail.

And if my feet would go astray,  
They cannot, for I know  
That Jesus guides my falt'ring steps,  
As joyfully I go.  
And tho' I may not see His face,  
My faith is strong and clear,  
That in each hour of sore distress  
My Savior will be near. (*Refrain*)

I will not fear, tho' darkness come  
Abroad o'er all the land,  
If I may only feel the touch  
Of His own loving hand.  
And tho' I tremble when I think  
How weak I am, and frail,  
My soul is satisfied to know  
His love can never fail. (*Refrain*)

# †CORPORATE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

*The Westminster Catechism #1-6*

Trinity Hymnal p.869

## **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.*

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**

*"If Thou Hast Drawn a Thousand Times"*

Draw me from created good,  
From self, the world, and sin  
To the fountain of Thy blood,  
And make me pure within

*Chorus:*

If Thou hast drawn a thousand times(Oh draw me Lord again)  
Around me cast the Spirit's bands(Oh draw me Lord again)

Lead me to Thy mercy seat,  
Oh draw me nearer still  
Like Mary, draw me to Thy feet,  
To sit and learn Thy will (*Repeat chorus*)

Draw me all the desert through  
With cords of heavenly love  
And when prepared for going home,  
Oh draw me up above (*Repeat chorus twice*)

### †**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**

“And Can It Be”

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me who caused His pain!  
For me who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be That  
Thou, my God, should die for me?

*Chorus:* Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!

He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace!  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray;  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own!

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Pastoral Intern Zach Hood

**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 Thessalonians 2:13-16

p.986

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## **SERMON**

Rev. Paul Bankson

*1 Thessalonians: Living Today in Light of Tomorrow*

*"God is at Work!"*

## **MEETING GOD AT HIS TABLE**

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Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

"Man of Sorrows"

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*(We will sing stanzas 1 & 2 as we distribute the bread and stanzas 3-5 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. 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**

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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

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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

Monday 1-5 pm: Blood Drive at HLPC

Wednesday 6:30 pm: MidWeek Studies, Youth Small groups

Thursday 9:30 am: Women of the Word Study  
6:00 pm: NO Trail Life this week

Saturday 3-5 pm: Youth & Prime Timers Trivia Challenge

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

*Teach Me to Worship Coordinator: Cathy Alvord*

*Nursery Coordinator: Tish Roberts, Laura Duvall*

<b>ROOM</b>	<b>February 16</b>	<b>February 23</b>	<b>March 2</b>
<b>School of Discipleship</b>	Bonnie Martin Jenny Bryant	Tish Roberts Barb Jansen	Amy Booth Connie Bankson
<b>Walkers &amp; 2/3's</b>	Michele Watts Joanna Kotlarski MaryRoss Bankson	Lyn Micko Holly Kirkpatrick Neysa Ezell	Sherry Walker Matt Walker Hali Sampson
<b>Teach Me to Worship</b>	Jessica Bermudez Leah Bermudez	Kim Waters Jennifer Waters	Suzanne Williams Angelica Williams

**GREETERS:** Scott & Sarah Shelton

*Next week: Evan & Erika Acres*

**SAFETY TEAM:** Tony Bermudez

*Next Week: Will Booth*

**SOUND TEAM:** Jed Jessup, David Carnes

*Next Week: Josh Strasser, Chuck Ezell*

**USHERS:** Joe Roberts, Shane Hall

*Next Week: John Sweat, Ben Blevins*

## 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

## 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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