



# 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 23, 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: Do you not know? Have you not heard?

People: **The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth.**

Minister: He will not grow tired or weary. And his understanding no one can fathom.

People: **He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall.**

Minister: But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles;

People: **They will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. The Lord is the everlasting God, he will not grow tired or weary. (Isaiah 40:28-31)**

### †PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

## †HYMN OF PRAISE

“All Praise to Him”

All praise to Him, the God of light  
Who formed the mountains by His might  
All praise to Him who names the stars  
That sing His fame in skies afar  
All praise to Him who reigns in love  
Who guides the galaxies above  
Yet bends to hear our every prayer  
With sovereign power and tender care

All praise to Him whose love is seen  
In Christ, the Son, the Servant King  
Who left behind His glorious throne  
To pay the ransom for His own  
All praise to Him who humbly came  
To bear our sorrow, sin, and shame  
Who lived to die, who died to rise  
The all-sufficient sacrifice

All praise to Him whose power imparts  
The love of God within our hearts  
The Spirit of all truth and peace  
The fount of joy and holiness  
To Father, Son, and Spirit now  
Our souls we lift, our wills we bow  
To You, the triune God, we raise  
With loving hearts our song of praise

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# †CORPORATE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

*The Nicene Creed*

Trinity Hymnal p.846

## **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.*

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. (Psalm 24:3-4)

### **SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN**

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

Psalm 3

*The Trinity Psalter*

[Tune of "Amazing Grace"]

O LORD, how are my foes increased!  
Against me many rise.  
How many say, "In vain for help  
He on his God relies!"

You are my shield and glory, LORD;  
You lifted up my head.  
I cried out, "LORD!" and from His hill  
To me His answer sped.

I lay down, slept, and woke again  
The LORD is keeping me.  
I will not fear ten thousand men  
Entrenched surrounding me.

Arise, O LORD! Save me, my God!  
You punish all my foes.  
You smite the face of wicked men,  
Their teeth break with your blows.

Deliverance is from the LORD,  
Salvation His alone!  
O let Your blessing evermore  
Be on Your people shown!

### †**WORDS OF GRACE**

**Leader:** Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember us, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD! (from Psalm 25:6-7)

**People:** **God's mercy and steadfast love are from everlasting to everlasting. We rejoice in the forgiveness and freedom we have in our Savior, Jesus Christ! Amen.**

### †**GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

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

### †**HYMN OF CELEBRATION**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

#598

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Ruling Elder Chuck Ezell

**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 2:17-3:5

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*  
*"Critical Needs"*

## **MEETING GOD AT HIS TABLE**

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Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

**"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

**#528**

*(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

## 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  
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  
Friday 6:00 pm: Talent Night & Pizza Supper

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

*Teach Me to Worship Coordinator: Cathy Alvord*

*Nursery Coordinator: Tish Roberts, Laura Duvall*

<b>ROOM</b>	<b>February 23</b>	<b>March 2</b>	<b>March 9</b>
<b>School of Discipleship</b>	Tish Roberts Barb Jansen	Amy Booth Connie Bankson	Monica Kinnebrew Laura Duvall
<b>Walkers &amp; 2/3's</b>	Lyn Micko Holly Kirkpatrick Neysa Ezell	Sherry Walker Matt Walker Hali Sampson	Jennifer Waters Amanda Pradarits Grace Jeter
<b>Teach Me to Worship</b>	Kim Waters Jennifer Waters	Suzanne Williams Angelica Williams	Suzanne Williams Angelica Williams Laura Carroll

**GREETERS:** Evan & Erika Acres

*Next week: Mary Catherine Cutrell, Jenny Bryant*

**SAFETY TEAM:** Will Booth

*Next Week: Roger Hill*

**SOUND TEAM:** Josh Strasser, Chuck Ezell

*Next Week: Larry Wadsworth, Dave Maddox*

**USHERS:** John Sweat, Ben Blevins

*Next Week: Lee Ledger, John Kotlarski*

## 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
- ◆ **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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