



HOUSTON LAKE

Presbyterian Church

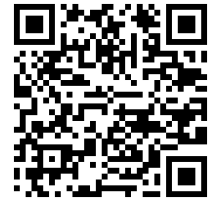
*Proclaiming and Living in the Light
of the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

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-1st grade are welcome to go to “Teach Me to Worship” in the church Fellowship Hall and those who wish to attend are dismissed prior to the sermon.



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].

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

MARCH 30, 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: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

People: **“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”**

Minister: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

People: **“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”** (Revelation 5:11-13)

†PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

†HYMN OF PRAISE

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

#38

†CORPORATE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

The Westminster Catechism #23-26

Trinity Hymnal, p.871

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following newest members to the HLPC family who have already met with the Session and affirmed their faith in Christ:

Jim Clark

Gary & April Johnson

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.

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. (Psalm 32:1-2)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

HYMN OF CONFESSION AND GRACE

“We Rest on Thee”

#449

†WORDS OF GRACE

Leader: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. (Psalm 32:5)

People: **God’s steadfast love and faithfulness are proven to us in the life, death, burial, and resurrection of His Son by whom all our sins are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.**

†GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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

†HYMN OF CELEBRATION

“Anchored in Love”

I've found a sweet haven of sunshine at last
And Jesus abiding above
His dear arms around me are lovingly cast
And sweetly He tells His love

Refrain:

The tempest is o'er
I'm safe evermore
What gladness what rapture is mine
The danger is past
I'm anchored at last
I'm anchored in love Divine

He saw me endangered and lovingly came
To quiet my storm beaten soul
Sweet words He has spoken and bless His dear name
The billows no longer roll

His love shall control me through life and in death
Completely I'll trust to the end
I'll praise Him forever and with my last breath
I'll sing of my soul's best friend

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ruling Elder Tieman Slagh

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

James 2:14-26

p.1012

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Pastoral Intern Zach Hood

"A Faith that Saves"

MEETING GOD AT HIS TABLE

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

COMMUNION HYMN

"Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners"

#498

(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

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

†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

Wednesday 6:30 pm: NO MidWeek Studies and NO Youth Group (Spring Break)

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 Coordinators: Caitlin Shelton, Christina Hall

ROOM	March 30	April 6	April 13
School of Discipleship	Jessica Fuqua Erika Acres	Joanna Kotlarski Michele Watts	Olivia Hood Christina Hall
Walkers & 2/3's	Lyn Micko Courtney Martin Peter Martin	MaryRoss Bankson Neysa Ezell Jan Fall	Angie Slagh Rebekah Griffis Martha Griffis
Teach Me to Worship	Cathy Alvord Sarah Shelton	Cathy Alvord Jake Barker	April Jessup Julia Jessup

GREETERS: Tieman & Angie Slagh

Next week: Todd & Monica Kinnebrew

SAFETY TEAM: Roger Hill

Next Week: Edith Norniella

SOUND TEAM: Dave Maddox, Chuck Ezell

Next Week: David Carnes, Josh Strasser

USHERS: JD Jeffers, Ben Blevins

Next Week: John Sweat, 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

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John Sweat

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MISSIONS & MINISTRIES WE SUPPORT

- ◆ **Will Allan**- Manchester, UK; UK Partnership
- ◆ **Bob & Andrea Burnham** – Odessa, Ukraine (MTW)
- ◆ **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
- ◆ **Dan Terry**- Birmingham, UK; UK Partnership
- ◆ **Trail Life Troop 4316**
- ◆ **Ben & Shanna Wright**- Wycliffe Bible Translators

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