



HOUSTON LAKE

Presbyterian Church

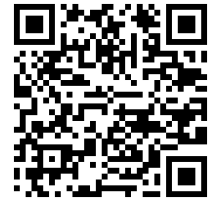
*Proclaiming and Living in the Light
of the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

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].

Assisting in Worship today:

Pastoral Intern Zach Hood

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

MAY 4, 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: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble,

People: **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

Minister: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

People: **The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

(Psalm 46:1-7)

†PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

†HYMN OF PRAISE

"O Worship the King"

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†CORPORATE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

"The Word Made Flesh," The Ligonier Statement on Christology

We confess the mystery and wonder of God made flesh and rejoice in our great salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.

With the Father and the Holy Spirit, the Son created all things, sustains all things, and makes all things new.

Truly God, He became truly man, two natures in one person.

He was born of the Virgin Mary and lived among us. Crucified, dead, and buried, He rose on the third day, ascended to heaven, and will come again in glory and judgment.

For us, He kept the Law, atoned for sin, and satisfied God's wrath. He took our filthy rags and gave us His righteous robe.

He is our Prophet, Priest, and King, building His church, interceding for us, and reigning over all things.

Jesus Christ is Lord; we praise His holy Name forever.
Amen.

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.

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 CONFESSON OF SIN

HYMN OF CONFESSON AND GRACE

“The Perfect Wisdom of our God”

The perfect wisdom of our God
Revealed in all the universe:
All things created by His hand
And held together at His command.
He knows the mysteries of the seas,
The secrets of the stars are His;
He guides the planets on their way
And turns the earth through another day.

The matchless wisdom of His ways
That mark the path of righteousness;
His word a lamp unto my feet,
His Spirit teaching and guiding me.
And O the mystery of the cross,
That God should suffer for the lost,
So that the fool might shame the wise,
And all the glory might go to Christ!

O grant me wisdom from above,
To pray for peace and cling to love,
And teach me humbly to receive
The sun and rain of Your sovereignty.
Each strand of sorrow has a place
Within this tapestry of grace;
So through the trials I choose to say:
“Your perfect will in Your perfect way.”

†**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**

“Trust and Obey”

#672

SPECIAL MUSIC

HLPC Ensemble

“Holy, Is He”

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 5:12-15 p.988

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Rev. Paul Bankson

I Thessalonians: Living Today in Light of Tomorrow

"The Church We All Need"

MEETING GOD AT HIS TABLE

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

COMMUNION HYMN

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

#629

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

Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly, for with a whole heart they had offered freely to the LORD.

(1 Chronicles 29:9)

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

Please join us tonight in the sanctuary at **6:30PM** for
the HLPC Choir and Handbell presentation of
“Take Heart.”

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: HLPC Youth
 6:30 pm: Choir & Handbell Spring Concert -
 "Take Heart"

Wednesday 6:30 pm: MidWeek Studies & Youth
 (No Men's Study this week)

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	May 4	May 11	May 18
School of Discipleship	Nicole Armstrong Jessica Bermudez	Bonnie Martin Heather Collins	Holly Kirkpatrick Connie Bankson
Walkers & 2/3's	Lyn Micko Leah Robinson Amy Booth	Lanier Pearson Adeline Pearson Christina Hall	Amanda Pradarits Courtney Martin Peter Martin
Teach Me to Worship	Kim Waters Amanda Pradarits Colton Pradarits	Erik Fuqua Laura Carroll	Erik Fuqua Natalie Sweat

GREETERS: John & Joanna Kotlarski

Next week: John & Natalie Sweat

SAFETY TEAM: Jim Micko

Next Week: Scott Shelton

SOUND TEAM: Jed Jessup, David Carnes

Next Week: Larry Wadsworth, Dave Maddox

USHERS: Peter Martin, Cody Casey

Next Week: Daniel Martin, 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

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Joe Weiss

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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 Global (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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