



HOUSTON LAKE

Presbyterian Church

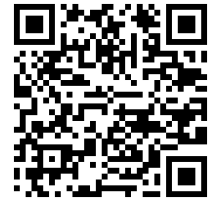
*Proclaiming and Living in the Light
of the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

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 18, 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: We will extol You, our God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.

People: Every day we will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.

Minister: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

People: One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.
(from Psalm 145:1-4)

†PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

†HYMN OF PRAISE

“Come and Welcome”

From the cross uplifted high
Where the Savior deigns to die
What melodious sounds I hear
Bursting on my ravished ear
Love¹s redeeming work is done
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Sprinkled now with blood the throne
Why beneath thy burdens groan
On my pierced body laid
Justice owns the ransom paid
Bow the knee and kiss the Son
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Spread for thee the festal board
See with richest dainties stored
To thy Father¹s bosom pressed
Yet again a child confessed
Never from His house to roam
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Soon the days of life shall end
Lo, I come, your Savior, Friend
Safe your spirit to convey
To the realms of endless day
Up to my eternal home.
Come and welcome, sinner, come.
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

†CORPORATE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

The Westminster Catechism #1-6

Trinity Hymnal p.869

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.

And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, "Thus have you said: 'Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?' Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live;" (Ezekiel 33:10-11a)

SILENT CONFESSON OF SIN

HYMN OF CONFESSON AND GRACE

"By Thy Mercy"

Jesus, Lord of life and glory,
Bend from heaven thy gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore thee,
Friend of helpless sinners, hear:

From the depth of nature's blindness,
From the hardening power of sin,
From all malice and unkindness,
From the pride that lurks within,

Refrain:

By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.

When temptation sorely presses,
In the day of Satan's power,
In our times of deep distresses,
In each dark and trying hour.

When the world around is smiling,
In the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling,
In the day of health and peace. *Refrain*

In the weary hours of sickness,
In the times of grief and pain,
When we feel our mortal weakness,
When all human help is vain.

In the solemn hour of dying,
In the awful judgment day,
May our souls, on thee relying,
Find thee still our Rock and Stay. *Refrain*

†**WORDS OF GRACE**

Leader: I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.
(Ezekiel 36:25-27)

People: **God's grace has forgiven us our sin, He has given us new hearts to believe the gospel, and He has given His Spirit to empower our obedience!
Praise be to God!**

†GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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

†HYMN OF CELEBRATION

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”

On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan’s fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

All o’er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

Chorus: I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land,
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more. *Chorus*

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father’s face,
And in His bosom rest? *Chorus*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Duet: Bonnie Martin & Liz Weiss

“Glory”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Ruling Elder Michael Collins

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 5:16-22 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

“Don’t Stop...”

MEETING GOD AT HIS TABLE

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

COMMUNION HYMN

“All to Jesus I Surrender”

#562

(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

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. Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.
(Malachi 3:10)

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 at **6PM** for a service of Ordination and Installation for Zach Hood with a reception immediately following.

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Hymns: Public Domain

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: Ordination Service for Zach Hood

Children's Ministry Volunteer Schedule

Teach Me to Worship Coordinator: Cathy Alvord

Nursery Coordinators: Caitlin Shelton, Christina Hall

ROOM	May 18	May 25	June 1
School of Discipleship	Holly Kirkpatrick Heather Collins	Grace Jeter Tish Roberts	Anna Shelton Erika Acres
Walkers & 2/3's	Amanda Pradarits Caitlin Shelton Monica Kinnebrew	Courtney Martin Laura Duvall Tish Roberts	Lyn Micko Devon Willey Savannah Willey
Teach Me to Worship	Erik Fuqua Natalie Sweat	Christina Hall Shane Hall	Christina Hall Grace Jerome

GREETERS: Scott & Sarah Shelton

Next week: Evan & Erika Acres

SAFETY TEAM: Will Booth

Next Week: Roger Hill

SOUND TEAM: Tony Bermudez, Josh Strasser

Next Week: Jed Jessup, Dave Maddox

USHERS: John Sweat, Lee Ledger

Next Week: Kody Morrison, Cody Casey

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

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Dave Maddox

Cody Casey

Kirby Moore, *Emeritus*

Tony Bermudez

Shane Hall

Roger Hill

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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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