



# HOUSTON LAKE

*Presbyterian Church*

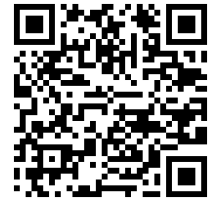
*Proclaiming and Living in the Light  
of the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

## *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 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:*

Rev. Zach Hood

# LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

JUNE 1, 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: And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,

People: **“Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!**

Minister: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?

People: **For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.”** (Revelation 15:3-4)

### †PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

## †HYMN OF PRAISE

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

#119

## †CORPORATE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

Trinity Hymnal, p.845

## RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Reece and Stacie Bishop along with their children Rhett, Royce, Selah, and Cody as the newest members of the HLPC family.

## 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.*

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by. (Psalm 57:1)

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

## **HYMN OF CONFESSION AND GRACE**

“Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord”

#465

### **†WORDS OF GRACE**

**Minister:** I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

(Psalm 57:9-10)

**People:** **We rejoice and give thanks that our God takes great delight in the work of His Son, Jesus Christ, and so takes great delight in us, His people, on whom He has poured out His 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

“Isaiah 43”

When you pass through the waters,  
I will be with you,  
And the waves will not overcome you.  
Do not fear,  
For I have redeemed you,  
I have called you by name,  
You are Mine.

*Chorus:*

For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),  
I am the Lord your God (I am)  
The Holy One of Israel  
Your Savior  
For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),  
I am the Lord your God (I am)  
The Holy One of Israel  
Your Savior  
I am the Lord (do not fear)  
I am the Lord (do not fear)  
I am the Lord (do not fear)  
I am the Lord (do not fear)

When you walk through the fire  
You'll not be burned,  
And the flames will not consume you.  
Do not fear,  
For I have redeemed you,  
I have called you by name,  
You are Mine.

*Chorus*

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

“His Eye is On the Sparrow”

Abigail Strasser

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Ruling Elder Kevin Epperson

**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 5:25-28

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*  
“Parting but Important Words”

## **MEETING GOD AT HIS TABLE**

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Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

#674

*(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 do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly 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

## 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: HLPC Youth  
Mon. – Fri.    9:00 am – Noon: VBS Wonder Junction

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

*Teach Me to Worship Coordinator: Cathy Alvord*

*Nursery Coordinators: Caitlin Shelton, Christina Hall*

<b>ROOM</b>	<b>June 1</b>	<b>June 8</b>	<b>June 15</b>
<b>School of Discipleship</b>	Anna Shelton Erika Acres	Holly Kirkpatrick Kristin Epperson	Caitlin Shelton Connie Bankson
<b>Walkers &amp; 2/3's</b>	Lyn Micko Devon Willey Savannah Willey	Angie Slagh Jan Fall Neysa Ezell	Michele Watts Joanna Kotlarski Barb Jansen
<b>Teach Me to Worship</b>	Christina Hall Grace Jerome	Suzanne Williams Angelica Williams	Suzanne Williams Angelica Williams

**GREETERS:** Todd & Monica Kinnebrew

*Next week: Katy Rahn, Marisol Soto*

**SAFETY TEAM:** Jed Jessup

*Next Week: Tony Bermudez*

**SOUND TEAM:** Dave Carnes, Tony Bermudez

*Next Week: Larry Wadsworth, Dave Maddox*

**USHERS:** Joe Roberts, Shane Hall

*Next Week: Joe Roberts, Ben Blevins*

## HLPC ELDERS

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

- ◆ **Will Allan**- Salford (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
- ◆ **Dan Terry**- Birmingham, UK; UK Partnership
- ◆ **Trail Life Troop 4316**
- ◆ **Ben & Shanna Wright**- Wycliffe Bible Translators

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