



# 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.

For **online giving**, scan here:



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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].

# LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

OCTOBER 12, 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

“This is My Father’s World”

#111

## †CORPORATE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

*The Westminster Catechism #7-11*

Trinity Hymnal, p.869

## 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.*

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, (Ephesians 4:1-2)

### SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### HYMN OF CONFESSION AND GRACE

Trinity Psalter #63 [vss. 1-5]

*To the tune of “How Sweet and Awesome is the Place”*

God, Thee, my God, I'll early seek;  
My soul's athirst for Thee.  
On dry land, weary, waterless  
My flesh has longed for Thee.

Thus have I looked for  
Thee before Within Thy holy place  
That there I might behold Thy strength  
And glory of Thy face.

Because Thy grace is more than life  
My lips Thee praise shall give;  
I in Thy name will lift my hands  
And bless Thee while I live.

My soul with rich, abundant food  
Shall be well satisfied;  
With shouts of joy upon my lips  
My mouth shall praise provide.

### †**WORDS OF GRACE**

Minister: Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving  
one another, as God in Christ forgave you.  
(Ephesians 4:32)

**People: We are forgiven and declared righteous in the  
Father's sight by faith in the finished work of His  
Son, Jesus Christ! 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**

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

#457

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

"Agnus Dei" Heather Collins, Liz Weiss, Kristin Epperson

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rev. Zach Hood

**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**

Exodus 21:12-17

p.62

**Minister:** This is the Word of the Lord!

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

## **SERMON**

Rev. Paul Bankson

*Redeemed: Studies in Exodus*  
*"The Weight of Glory"*

## **MEETING GOD AT HIS TABLE**

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Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

**"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"**

**#535**

*(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

Assisting in leading worship today:

Rev. Zach Hood

## SERMON NOTES:

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# MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Oct  
**12**

**Intro to HLPC  
Class begins**

During School of  
Discipleship for those  
desiring to become members.  
Oct, 12, 19, & 26

Oct  
**14**

**WIC Dinner &  
a Movie**

6 PM in the youth building  
Bring an Italian dish to share

Oct  
**18**

**Men's  
Breakfast**

8 AM in the Fellowship Hall

Oct  
**25**

**Parenting in  
the Pew  
Conference**

9-12 in the Fellowship Hall  
Contact Olivia for more info.  
ohood@houstonlakepres.org

Oct  
**26**

**Reformation  
Celebration**

5-6 PM | activities & fun  
6-7 PM | hotdog supper

## WEEKLY EVENTS

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	HLPC Youth
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	Studies for all ages
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Women's Study
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	Men's Study via Zoom

For more info, email our office administrator Olivia at  
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## Children's Ministry Volunteer Schedule

*Teach Me to Worship Coordinator: Cathy Alvord*

*Nursery Coordinators: Caitlin Shelton, Christina Hall*

<b>ROOM</b>	<b>October 12</b>	<b>October 19</b>	<b>October 26</b>
<b>School of Discipleship</b>	Barb Jansen Olivia Hood	Amy Booth Tish Roberts	Caitlin Shelton Michele Watts
<b>Walkers &amp; 2/3's</b>	Neysa Ezell Stacie Bishop	Angie Slagh	Shane & Christina Hall Kristen Daniels
<b>Teach Me to Worship</b>	Cathy Alvord Laura Carroll	Erik Fuqua Natalie Sweat	Cathy Alvord Grace Jerome

### Sunday Volunteer Schedule

**GREETERS:** Scott & Sarah Shelton

*Next week: Neil & Mardi Barker*

**SAFETY TEAM:** Bob McCullough

*Next Week: Will Booth*

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

*Next Week: Jed Jessup, Josh Strasser*

**USHERS:** Daniel Martin, Justin Bristol

*Next Week: John Kotlarski, Peter Martin*

**MUSIC:** Grant Waters, Jed Jessup, Liz Weiss, Bonnie Martin, Scott Shelton

*Next Week: Sharon Phelps, Adeline Pearson, Melody Howell, Kevin & Kristin Epperson, Scott Shelton*

## HLPC SESSION

Paul Bankson: Moderator

Michael Collins: Youth Ministry

Keith Duvall: Administration

Kevin Epperson: Worship

Chuck Ezell: LIFE Groups

Erik Fuqua: Clerk of Session/Men's Ministry

Zach Hood: Associate Pastor

Gregg Jerome: Youth Ministry

Todd Kinnebrew: Women in the Church/Missions

Tieman Slagh: Children's Ministry

## HLPC DIACONATE

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; United Kingdom Partnership
- ◆ **Bob & Andrea Burnham** - Odessa, Ukraine (MTW)
- ◆ **Covenant Care Services** - Christian Adoption Agency serving the State of Georgia.
- ◆ **Nathan & Lea Gibbs**- church planting in US Military community in Germany
- ◆ **Gospel Reformation Network**- promoting health and vitality in the PCA
- ◆ **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; United Kingdom Partnership
- ◆ **Trail Life Troop 4316**
- ◆ **Ben & Shanna Wright**- Wycliffe Bible Translators

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