



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.

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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

JANUARY 18, 2026

† -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: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

People: **For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.**

Minister: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

People: **Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

(Psalm 95:1-7)

†PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

†HYMN OF PRAISE

“Only a Holy God”

Who else commands all the hosts of Heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else could whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the Sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a Holy God

Chorus

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
And what other name remains undefeated?
Only a Holy God

Chorus x2

†CORPORATE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: **That I am not my own, but belong- body and soul- to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Minister: What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

People: **Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.**

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.

“Come now, let us reason together,” says the LORD: “though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.” (Isaiah 1:18)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

HYMN OF CONFESSION AND GRACE

"Just As I Am"

#501

†WORDS OF GRACE

Minister: But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5)

People: **The Lord Jesus, the lamb of God sent by the Father, has borne sin's penalty in our stead. We are forgiven, free of condemnation, and have the Holy Spirit as our Comforter!**

†GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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

†HYMN OF CELEBRATION

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

#533

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ruling Elder Keith Duvall

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

1 John 2:12-14 (p.1021)

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Paul Bankson

*I John: That You May Know
"Be Encouraged"*

MEETING GOD AT HIS TABLE

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

COMMUNION HYMN

"Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ"

#524

(We will sing stanza 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.

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.

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all. Amen. (2 Thessalonians 3:6)

†SINGING OF THE DOXOLOGY

Hymn #731

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Jan
16-19

**SnoWonder
Trip**

No Youth Tonight due to the
SnoWonder Trip

Jan
24

**WIC
Antiquing &
Lunch**

8:30 AM- 12 PM
Meet at the church!

Jan
27

**PrimeTimers
Luncheon**

12PM in the Fellowship Hall

Feb
1-8

**Missions Week
with
Dr. Guy Waters**
Feb 6-8

More info to come!
Books by Dr. Waters available
on the book table!

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday	6:00 PM	HLPC Youth
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Studies for ALL ages*
Thursday	9:30 AM	Women's Study*
Thursday	10:00AM	Men's Study w Jim Clark @ Woodlands
Friday	7:30 AM	Men's Study via Zoom

For more info, email our office administrator Olivia at
ohood@houstonlakepres.org OR fill out a connection card.

*Childcare provided.

Women's Wednesday Book: *A Quiet Confidence* by Deborah Howard

Women's Thursday Book: *The Word of the Lord: Seeing Jesus in the Prophets*
by Nancy Guthrie

Men's Wednesday Book: *Everyone's a Theologian* by R.C. Sproul

Children's Ministry Volunteer Schedule

Teach Me to Worship Coordinator: Cathy Alvord

Nursery Coordinator: Caitlin Shelton

ROOM	January 18	January 25	February 1
School of Discipleship	Stacie Bishop Erika Acres	Becca Bright Caitlin Shelton	Barb Jansen Erika Acres
Walkers & 2/3's	Amy Booth Laura Carroll Mary Ross B.	Holly Kirkpatrick Rebecca Griffis	Olivia Hood Christina & Shane Hall
Teach Me to Worship	Erik Fuqua Natalie Sweat	Jessica & Leah Bermudez	Suzanne & Angelica Williams

Sunday Volunteer Schedule

GREETERS: Ryan & Christina Watson

Next week: Marisol Soto, Mary Catherine Cutrell

SAFETY TEAM: John Sweat

Next Week: Jim Micko

SOUND TEAM: Larry Wadsworth, Tony Bermudez

Next Week: Jed Jessup

USHERS: Daniel Martin, Justin Bristol

Next Week: Kody Morrison, Peter Martin

MUSIC: Sharon Phelps, Lee Ledger, Melody Howell, Kevin Epperson, Kristin Epperson

Next Week: Adeline Pearson, Grant Waters, Cathy Alvord

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

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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
- ◆ **Trail Life Troop 4316**
- ◆ **Ben & Shanna Wright**- Wycliffe Bible Translators

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