



Houston Lake

Presbyterian Church (PCA)

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





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Welcome to HLPC

Houston Lake Presbyterian Church (PCA) is here for the glory of God to be a graciously redeemed worshipping 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 four years through first grade are welcome to attend “Teach Me to Worship” in the church Fellowship Hall.

First time here?
Scan to let us know!



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

April 12, 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: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

People: **My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Minister: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

People: **Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! (Psalm 84:1-4)**

† Prayer for God's Presence



† Hymn of Praise

“How Great Thou Art”

#44

† Corporate Confession of our Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1

Leader: 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.**

Leader: 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.

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 Confession of Sin

Hymn of Confession and Grace

"My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me"

#79

† Words of Grace

Minister: 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

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

#92



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

† Scripture Reading

1 John 4:1-6 (p.1023)

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rev. Paul Bankson

Test the Spirits

MEETING GOD AT HIS TABLE

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Communion Hymn

“Jesus Paid It All”

#308

(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.

Moses said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, “This is the thing that the LORD has commanded. Take from among you a contribution to the LORD. Whoever is of a generous heart, let him bring the LORD’s contribution: (Exodus 35:4-5)

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.

Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD!
Amen. (Psalm 31:24)

† Singing of the Doxology

Hymn #731



What's Happening at HLPC

APR
12

American Heritage Girls
Info Meeting
Right after church

APR
12

Church Expansion Townhall Meeting
5PM
Pub Subs & Fellowship to Follow

APR
15

Midweek Meals & Studies
Meal @ 5:45P
Studies @ 6:30P

Midweek Meals Sign Up



APR
17

Prime Timers/Youth Trivia
5:30-7:30P
RSVP by April 15

Trivia Sign Up



Weekly Events

Sunday 6:00 PM | HLPC Youth

Monday 6:30 PM | HLPC Choir

Wednesday 6:30 PM | Studies for all ages*

Thursday 10:00 AM | Men's Study w/ Jim Clark @ Woodlands

Friday 7:30 AM | Men's Study via Zoom

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

**Childcare provided.*



..... Children's Ministry Volunteer Schedule

	April 12	April 19	April 26
School Of Discipleship	Amy Booth Leah Robinson	Katelyn Hawkinson Jenny Bryant	Amy Booth Barb Jansen
Nursery <i>During Worship</i>	Mary Ross Bankson Rebekah Griffis Laura Duvall	Angie Slagh Tish Roberts Christina & Shane Hall	Faith Coffman Grace Jerome Katie Jerome
Teach Me to Worship	April, Julia, & Audrey Jessup	April, Julia & Audrey Jessup	Amanda & Colton Pradarits

Teach Me to Worship Coordinator: Cathy Alvord

Nursery Coordinators: Caitlin Shelton, Faith Coffman

..... Sunday Volunteer Schedule

GREETERS: Neil & Mardi Barker

Next week: Ryan & Christina Watson

**Interested in
volunteering?**



SAFETY TEAM: Roger Hill

Next Week: Tony Bermudez

SOUND TEAM: Dave Maddox, Titus Watson

Next Week: Dave McManus, Larry Wadsworth

USHERS: John Sweat, Justin Bristol

Next Week: Cody Casey, Rob Strasser

MUSIC: Lee Ledger, Elizabeth Weiss, Jenny Ledger, Ben Blevins

Next Week: Grant Waters, Jackson Griffith, Elizabeth Weiss, Jan Fall, Sharon Phelps

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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*

Cody Casey

Daniel Martin

Kirby Moore, *Emeritus*

Shane Hall

Peter Martin

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Roger Hill

John Sweat

Ben Blevins

Gary Howell

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Jim Clark, Prime Timers Chaplain



..... 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

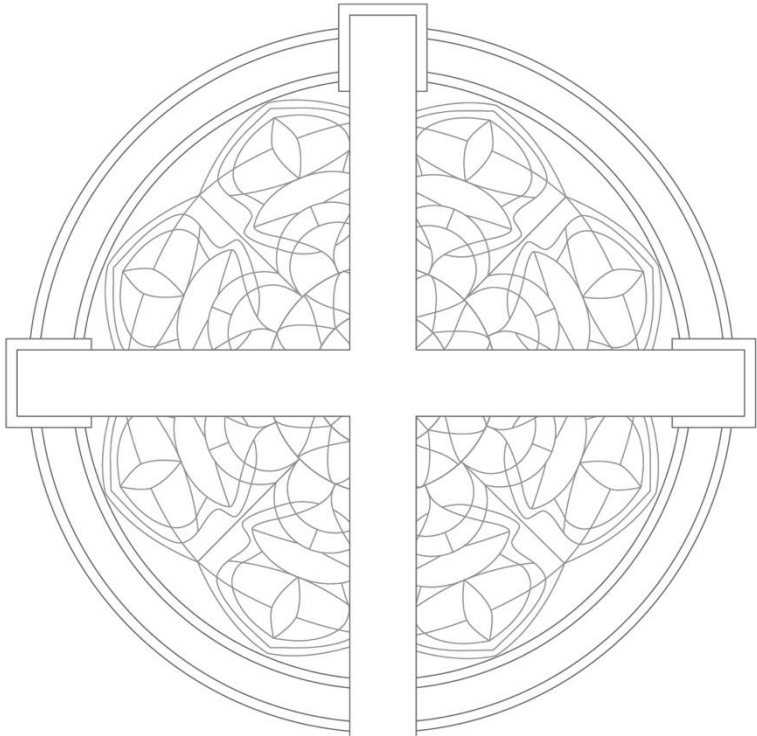
Harvey & Carol Spears – In Orlando, FL with Cru

Trail Life Troop 4316

Donny & Courtney Harwood – Stirling Scotland (MTW)

Ben & Shanna Wright – Wycliffe Bible Translators





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