



# Houston Lake

*Presbyterian Church (PCA)*

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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].*

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# LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

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April 26, 2026

† Indicates congregation is to stand

## GATHERING

### Prelude

*We enter the sanctuary and gather as God's people with the intent of worshipping 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: Our hearts are steadfast, O God! We will sing and make melody with all our being! Awake, O harp and lyre! We will awake the dawn!

People: **We will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the peoples; we will sing praises to You among the nations.**

Minister: For Your steadfast love is great above the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

People: **Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let Your glory be over all the earth! (from Psalm 108:1-5)**

### † Prayer for God's Presence



## † Hymn of Praise

“To God Be the Glory”

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## † Corporate Confession of our Faith

*The Nicene Creed*

Trinity Hymnal, p.846

### 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.*

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? (Psalm 130:1-3)

#### Silent Confession of Sin

#### Hymn of Confession and Grace

“Be Thou My Vision”

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## † Words of Grace

Minister: O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.  
(Psalm 130:7)

**People: We give thanks to our God that His steadfast love is without limit and covers all of our sins in the work of His Son, Jesus Christ, which is applied to us through the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## † Greeting One Another

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

## † Hymn of Celebration

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My comforter, my all in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live



There in the ground, His body lay  
Light of the world, by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave, He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Til He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

### Special Music

HLPC Choir

“God Is Our Refuge”

### 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

1 John 4:7-21 (p.1023)

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

Rev. Paul Bankson

1 John: That You May Know  
*Loving One Another*

## 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"

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*(We will sing stanza 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.*

Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly, for with a whole heart they had offered freely to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced greatly. (1 Chronicles 29:9)

## 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.*

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. (Jude 24-25)

† **Singing of the Doxology**

Hymn #731



## What's Happening at HLPC

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### Midweek Meals & Studies

FINAL WEEK! Join us for a cookout!  
Burgers, dogs, etc.

#### Midweek Meals Sign-Up



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### RYM Sign Up Deadline

Reach out to Zach for details

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### Young Adults/Families Hangout

4-7PM @ Daniel & Bonnie Martin's  
Sign up here!

#### Young Adult Hangout



## Weekly Events

**Sunday** 6:00 PM | HLPC Youth

**Wednesday** 6:30 PM | Studies for all ages\*

**Thursday** 10:00 AM | Men's Study w/ Jim Clark @ Morning By Morning

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

For more information, email our office administrator Olivia at [ohood@houstonlakepres.org](mailto:ohood@houstonlakepres.org) or fill out a connection card.

*\*Childcare provided.*



## ..... Children's Ministry Volunteer Schedule .....

	<b>April 26</b>	<b>May 3</b>	<b>May 10</b>
<b>School Of Discipleship</b>	Amy Booth Barb Jansen	Jan Fall Mary Ross Bankson	Heather Collins Laura Duval
<b>Nursery</b> <i>During Worship</i>	Faith Coffman Grace Jerome Katie Jerome	Amy Pritchett Christina & Titus Watson Neysa Ezell	Kayla Pounds The Strassers Olivia Hood
<b>Teach Me to Worship</b>	Amanda & Colton Pradarits	Cathy Alvord Grace Jerome	Suzanne & Angelica Williams

*Teach Me to Worship Coordinator: Cathy Alvord*

*Nursery Coordinators: Caitlin Shelton, Faith Coffman*

## ..... Sunday Volunteer Schedule .....

**GREETERS:** Marisol Soto, Mary Catherine Cutrell

*Next week: Edith Norniella, Grace Bilbro*

**Interested in  
volunteering?**



**SAFETY TEAM:** Jim Micko

*Next Week: John Sweat*

**SOUND TEAM:** Dave Carnes, Jed Jessup

*Next Week: Tony Bermudez*

**USHERS:** Ben Blevins, John Kotlarski

*Next Week: Gary Howell, Kody Morrison*

**MUSIC:** Grant Waters, Jackson Griffith, Cathy Alvord, Jessica Bermudez, Sharon Phelps

*Next Week: Grant Shelton, Jed Jessup, Melody Howell, Ben Blevins, Bonnie Martin*

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## HLPC SESSION

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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

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Jed Jessup, *Chairman*

Cody Casey

Daniel Martin

Kirby Moore, *Emeritus*

Shane Hall

Peter Martin

Tony Bermudez

Roger Hill

John Sweat

Ben Blevins

Gary Howell

Joe Weiss

Will Booth

Dave Maddox

## HLPC STAFF

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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

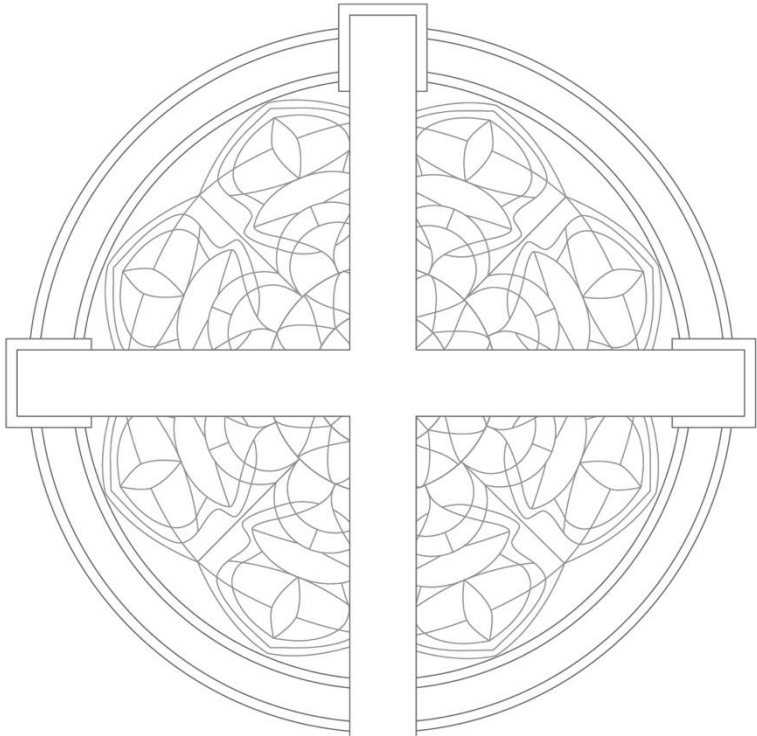
**Harvey & Carol Spears** – In Orlando, FL with Cru

**Trail Life Troop 4316**

**Donny & Courtney Harwood** – Stirling Scotland (MTW)

**Ben & Shanna Wright** – Wycliffe Bible Translators





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