

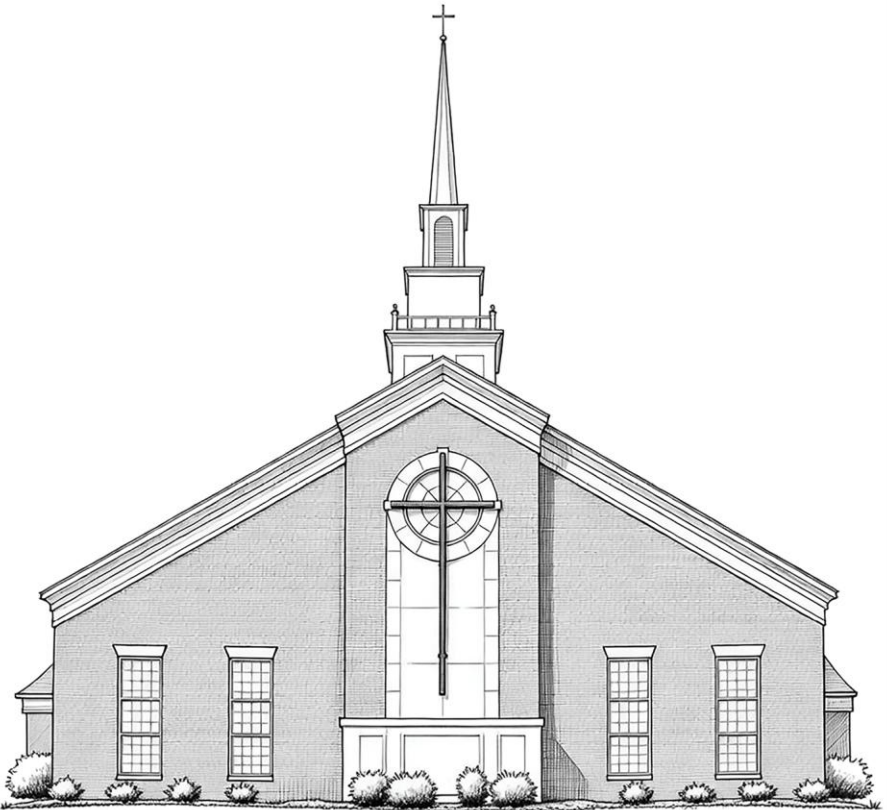


Houston Lake

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!



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

May 3, 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: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

People: **“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”**

Minister: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

People: **“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” (Revelation 5:11-13)**

† Prayer for God's Presence



† Hymn of Praise

“All Praise to Him”

All praise to Him, the God of light
Who formed the mountains by His might
All praise to Him Who names the stars
That sing His fame in skies afar
All praise to Him Who reigns in love
Who guides the galaxies above
Yet bends to hear our every prayer
With sovereign pow’r and tender care

All praise to Him whose love is seen
In Christ the Son, the Servant King
Who left behind His glorious throne
To pay the ransom for His own
All praise to Him Who humbly came
To bear our sorrow, sin, and shame
Who lived to die, Who died to rise
The all-sufficient sacrifice

All praise to Him whose pow’r imparts
The love of God within our hearts
The Spirit of all truth and peace
The fount of joy and holiness
To Father, Son, and Spirit now
Our souls we lift, our wills we bow
To You, the triune God, we raise
With loving hearts our song of praise



† Corporate Confession of our Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Questions #60 & 61

Q. How are you right with God?

A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

Q. Why do you say that by faith alone you are right with God?

A. It is not because of any value that my faith has that God is pleased with me. Only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness make me right with God. And I can receive this righteousness, and make it mine, in no other way than by faith alone.

REMEMBERING THE GOSPEL

Sacrament of Baptism

Today we have the joy and privilege of applying the covenant sign of baptism to James William Downey, son of Spencer and Lauren Downey.

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

“May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

#644

† 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

“Amazing Grace”

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Special Music

Gary Johnson

“Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone”

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

† Scripture Reading

1 John 5:1-5 (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
Not a Burden

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.

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. (Malachi 3:10)

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 3:16)

† Singing of the Doxology

Hymn #731



What's Happening at HLPC

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Sunday Evening Worship
6PM

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WIC Ladies Tea
7-9PM | RSVP by today!

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Prime Timers 250 Celebration
11:45-1:45 in the Fellowship Hall

Weekly Events

Sunday 6:00 PM | HLPC Youth

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 or fill out a connection card.

**Childcare provided.*



..... Children's Ministry Volunteer Schedule

	May 3	May 10	May 17
School Of Discipleship	Jan Fall Mary Ross Bankson	Heather Collins Laura Duvall	Monica Kinnebrew Tish Roberts
Nursery <i>During Worship</i>	Amy Pritchett Christina & Titus Watson Neysa Ezell	Kayla Pounds The Strassers Olivia Hood	Stacie Bishop Erika Acres Lanier Pearson
Teach Me to Worship	Cathy Alvord Grace Jerome	Suzanne & Angelica Williams	Jennifer Waters Kim Waters

Teach Me to Worship Coordinator: Cathy Alvord

Nursery Coordinators: Caitlin Shelton, Faith Coffman

..... Sunday Volunteer Schedule

GREETERS: Edith Norniella, Grace Bilbro

Next week: Evan & Erika Acres

**Interested in
volunteering?**



SAFETY TEAM: John Sweat

Next Week: Peter Martin

SOUND TEAM: Tony Bermudez

Next Week: Dave McManus

USHERS: Gary Howell, Kody Morrison

Next Week: Daniel Martin, Rob Strasser

MUSIC: Grant Shelton, Jed Jessup, Melody Howell, Ben Blevins, Bonnie Martin

Next Week: Bonnie Martin, Adeline Pearson, Elizabeth Weiss, Kevin Epperson, Kristin Epperson

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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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John Sweat

Ben Blevins

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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

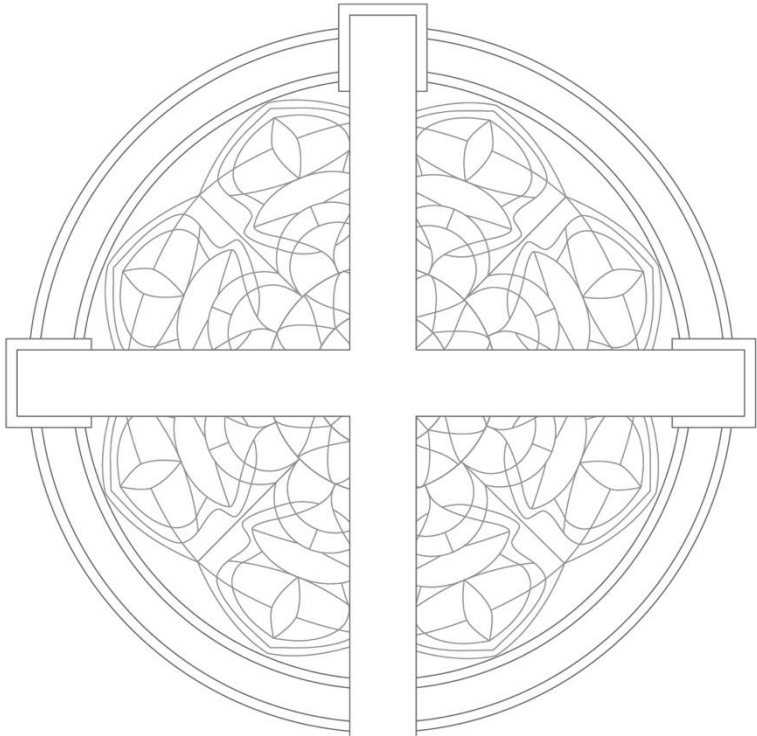
Harvey & Carol Spears – In Orlando, FL with Cru

Trail Life Troop 4316

Donny & Courtney Harwood – Stirling Scotland (MTW)

Ben & Shanna Wright – Wycliffe Bible Translators





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