



# Houston Lake

*Presbyterian Church (PCA)*



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





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*Welcome*

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.

**First time here?**  
Scan to let us know!



*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.

*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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May 24, 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: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble,

People: **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

Minister: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns

People: **The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. (Psalm 46:1-7)**

#### † Prayer for God's Presence



## † Hymn of Praise

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

#119

## † Corporate Confession of our Faith

*The Westminster Catechism, #1-6*

The Trinity Hymnal, p.869

# 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.*

“Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster. (Joel 2:12-13)

## Silent Confession of Sin

## Hymn of Confession and Grace

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

#338



## † Words of Grace

Minister: You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God and there is none else. And my people shall never again be put to shame. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Joel 2:26-27, 32)

**People: God's gracious covenant promises are "yes" in Jesus Christ so that we are forgiven and justified before the Father! Praise be to God! Amen.**

## † Greeting One Another

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



## † Hymn of Celebration

“His Mercy Is More”

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient all-knowing, He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea, without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

### *Chorus*

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait, as we constantly roam  
What Father so tender, is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

### *Chorus*

What riches of kindness, He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt, we could never afford  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

### *Chorus (x2)*

## Special Music

Rebecca Ledger

## 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 5:14-17 (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  
He Hears Us*

## MEETING GOD AT HIS TABLE

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Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

### Communion Hymn

"More About Jesus Would I Know"

#538

*(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

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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.*

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:8)

## 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 may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. Amen.

(1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

### † Singing of the Doxology



Hymn #731

## What's Happening at HLPC

MAY  
24

**No Youth Tonight!**  
Happy Memorial Day Weekend!

MAY  
31

**Youth Parent Meeting**  
After church in the Youth Room

JUNE  
1-5

**HLPC VBS**  
Student sign-ups are open!  
**Volunteer sign-ups on the Welcome Table.**

HLPC VBS Sign-up!



Check out Church Center to see our Summer Calendar!

## 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](mailto:ohood@houstonlakepres.org) or fill out a connection card.

*\*Childcare provided.*



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

*Teach Me to Worship Coordinator: Cathy Alvord*

*Nursery Coordinators: Caitlin Shelton, Faith Coffman*

	<b>May 24</b>	<b>May 31</b>	<b>June 7</b>
<b>School Of Discipleship</b>	Bonnie Martin Holly Kirkpatrick	Faith Coffman Kristin Epperson	Stacie Bishop Grace Jeter
<b>Nursery <i>Crawlers (0-2)</i></b>	Rebekah Griffis Shane Hall	Grant Shelton Lyn Micko	Amy Pritchett Kayla Pounds
<b>Nursery <i>Walkers (2-3)</i></b>	Christina Hall Amy Highsmith	Katelyn Hawkinson Caitlin Shelton	Barb Jenson Amy Booth
<b>Teach Me to Worship</b>	Erik Fuqua Natalie Sweat	Cathy Alvord Leah Bermudez	Kim Waters Leah Bermudez

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

**GREETERS:** Charlie & Rebekah Griffis

*Next week: Jeanette Bennett, Katy Rahn*

**SAFETY TEAM:** Will Booth

*Next Week: Will Booth*

**SOUND TEAM:** Joshua Strasser, Jed Jessup

*Next Week: Tony Bermudez, Dave Maddox*

**USHERS:** Justin Bristol, Cody Casey

*Next Week: Ben Blevins, John Sweat*

**MUSIC:** Sharon Phelps, Heather Collins, Bonnie Martin, Jan Fall

*Next Week: Jed Jessup, Melody Howell, Jenny Ledger, Kevin Epperson*

**Interested in  
volunteering?**



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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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## ..... 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)

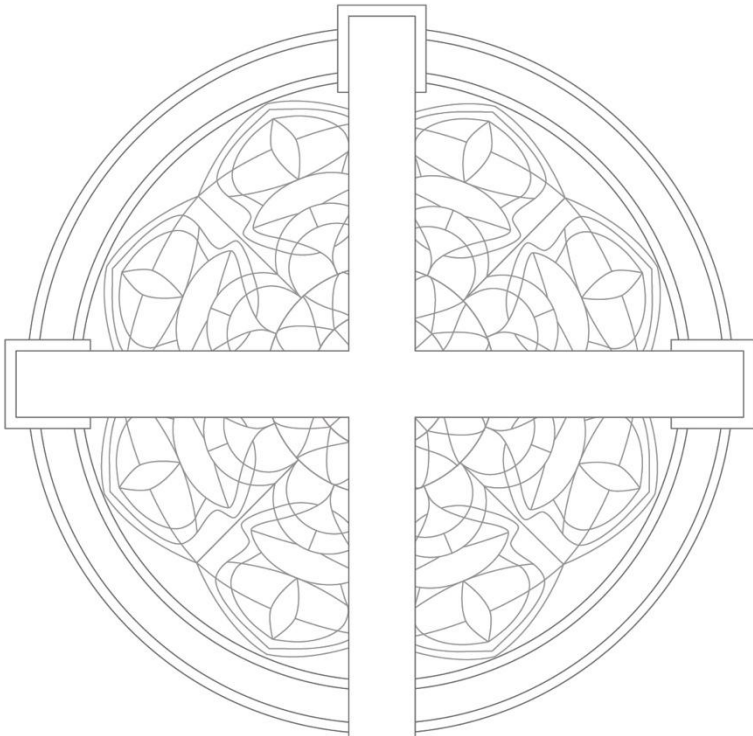
**Seminario Reformado Latinoamericano (SRL)** – Reformed Seminary serving Latin America, Noe & Mimi Acosta

**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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