



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.

Masks are encouraged when social distancing is difficult. Mask only seating is available in the back rows of the sanctuary.

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.

Leading us in worship today: Rev. Clif Wilcox

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

MAY 2, 2021

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 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: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

People: **Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the
lyre and the sound of melody! With trumpets and
the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before
the King, the LORD!**

Minister: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and
those who dwell in it! Let the rivers clap their
hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the
LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.

People: **He will judge the world with righteousness, and
the peoples with equity. (Psalm 98:4-9)**

†PRAYER FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

†HYMN OF PRAISE

“Behold Our God”

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.

Chorus

Behold our God, seated on His throne,
Come, let us adore Him.
Behold our King! Nothing can compare,
Come, let us adore Him!

2. Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One Who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Chorus

3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign!

Chorus (2x)

†CORPORATE CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

The Westminster Confession of Faith (Modern Version), XXVI.1

Q. How are believers united to Christ and to one another?

A. All believers are united to Jesus Christ, their head, by His Spirit and by faith, and have fellowship with Him in His grace, suffering, death, resurrection, and glory. United to one another in love God's people have fellowship in each other's gifts and grace and are obliged to perform those public and private duties which nourish their mutual good, both spiritually and physically.

†GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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

MISSIONS MINUTE

Marshall and Cathryn Brown, our missionaries to the Czech Republic, are here with us to update us on their ministry.

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.

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. (Psalm 32:1-2)

SILENT CONFESSION OF OUR SIN

HYMN OF CONFESSION & GRACE

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

#585 (vs. 1, 2, 5, 6)

WORDS OF GRACE

Minister: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. (Psalm 32:5)

People: **God’s steadfast love and faithfulness are proven to us in the life, death, burial, and resurrection of His Son by whom all our sins are forgiven!**
Glory to God! Amen.

†HYMN OF CELEBRATION

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

#381

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ruling Elder Sean Waters

(Concluded by the Lord’s Prayer)

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.

HEARING GOD SPEAK

†SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 13:1-3

p.1009

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

Rev. Paul Bankson

Hebrews: Jesus is Better
Keep On One Anothering

MEETING GOD AT HIS TABLE

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

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.

†SINGING OF THE DOXOLOGY

Hymn #731

SERMON NOTES:

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THIS WEEK AT HLPC

Sunday: 8:45 Prayer
9:15 School of Discipleship
10:30 am: Worship Service
12 pm: Bell Choir
6-8 pm: Unchained Youth Group

Tuesday: 7pm: Ladies Book Exchange

Wednesday: 5:30 pm: Youth sponsored Spaghetti Dinner and Dessert Auction
Choir rehearsal, 7:30 pm

Thursday: Women's College & Career Bible Study, 7-9pm
Women of the Word Thursday study, 7-9pm

Friday: Men's Bible Study via Zoom, 7:30 am

Children's Ministry Volunteer Schedule

Nursery Coordinator: Neysa Ezell

Teach Me to Worship: Connie Bankson,

ROOM	May 2	May 9	May 16
Infants	Sarah Shelton		Tish Roberts
Walkers & 2/3's	Christina & Ryan Watson	H & H Kirkpatrick	Hannah & Stephen Jones
Teach Me to Worship	MC Cutrell Brooke Ezell S & A Williams	Kim Waters Jennifer Waters Anna Shelton	Cathy Alvord Charlotte Sawyer Asher Ezell

USHER CAPTAIN: Scott Shelton

Next week: Roger Hill

GREETERS: Jerome Family

Next week: Katy & Kenny Rahn

SAFETY TEAM: Clint Wilson

Next Week: Kirby Moore

SOUND TEAM: Jed Jessup

Next Week: Dave Maddox

HLPC ELDERS (Session)

Paul Bankson: Moderator

Neil Barker: Children's Ministries

Michael Collins: Youth

Keith Duvall: Administration

Kevin Epperson: Worship

Todd Kinnebrew: Women in the Church

Kenny Rahn: Clerk of Session/Missions

Tieman Slagh: Life Groups

Sean Waters: Shepherding

HLPC DEACONS

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Tony Bermudez

Roger Hill

Jed Jessup

Dave Maddox

Bob McCullough

Joe Weiss

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LIFE Groups (Call the church office for information)

Bankson	1 st & 3 rd Sunday	6:00 pm
Epperson	Every other Sunday	6:00 pm
Kinnebew/Moore	2 nd Sunday	5:30 pm
Lamar	2 nd Friday & 4 th Sunday	5:30 pm
Rahn/Slagh	4 th Sunday	Noon
Young Adults	Every other Tuesday	7:00 pm

Women's Small Groups

College & Career Women's Study, Thursday 7pm (Fellowship Hall)

Women of the Word, Thursday 7pm (Youth Building)

Men's Small Groups

Fridays @ 7:30 am via Zoom (contact church office for info)

Prime Timers (55+) Fellowship & Lunch Monthly

MISSIONS & MINISTRIES WE SUPPORT

- ◆ **Marshall & Cathryn Brown** - Czech Republic
- ◆ **Bob & Andrea Burnham** - Odessa, Ukraine (MTW)
- ◆ **Jeff & Robyn Candell** - Church planting in British Columbia (MNA)
- ◆ **Covenant Care Services** - Christian Adoption Agency serving the state of Georgia.
- ◆ **Amanda DeYoung**- RUF @ Wesleyan College
- ◆ **John & Sarah Gordy**- RUF @ Valdosta State University
- ◆ **Marlin & Caroline Harris** -RUF @ Mercer University
- ◆ **Russell & Amanda Jeffares**- church planting in Ireland with Serge
- ◆ **Mike & Erin Pettengill** - training missionaries for MTW
- ◆ **Michael and Amy Parks** - Australia (MTW)
- ◆ **Samaritan's Purse** - **Operation Christmas Child**
- ◆ **Mike & Ellie Sabin** - Trans World Radio in Guam (MTW)
- ◆ **Seminario Reformado Latinoamericano (SRL)** - Reformed Seminary serving Latin America, Noe & Mimi Acosta
- ◆ **Harvey & Carol Spears** - in Orlando, FL with Cru
- ◆ **Strong Tower Fellowship** - Macon, GA
- ◆ **Ben & Shanna Wright**- Wycliffe Bible Translators

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