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
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:  Save, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the nations,

People:  that we may give thanks to Your holy name and glory in Your praise. Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

Minister:  And let all the people say,

People:  “Amen! Praise the LORD!”
(Psalm 106:47-48)

†Prayer for God’s Presence
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 dies 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.
Q. How does God rule over every area of my life?

A. God the great Creator of all things doth uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by His most wise and holy providence, according to His infallible fore-knowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of His own will, to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

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

Honoring our Graduating Senior
Today we congratulate and pray God’s blessing upon Ben Turner who will graduate from high school this year. We rejoice with him and his family!

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.

Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the LORD, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you. (Hosea 10:12)
Silent Confession of Our Sin

Hymn of Confession & Grace
“Jesus, Lover of My Soul” #508

Words of Grace

Minister: To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name. (Acts 10:43)

People: Through the name and merits of Jesus Christ, we receive real forgiveness of our sin! Praise be to God!

Children ages 4 through 2nd grade will be dismissed during the next hymn for a time of “Worship Training.”

†Hymn of Celebration
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” #629

Prayers of the People
Ruling Elder Neil Barker
(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.

Special Music Offering
“And Can It Be”
HEARING GOD SPEAK

†Scripture Reading  Psalm 34:1-8  p.463

Minister:  This is the Word of the Lord!
People:  Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE  Rev. Clif Wilcox

Discouragement

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
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**Hymns:** Public Domain
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

Wednesday: Choir rehearsal, 6:30 pm (note time change)

Thursday: Women’s College & Career Bible Study, 7-9pm

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

Saturday: Men’s Bonfire Fellowship @ Kirby Moore home

Children’s Ministry Volunteer Schedule

Nursery Coordinator: Neysa Ezell
Teach Me to Worship: Connie Bankson,

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USHER CAPTAIN: Roger Hill
Next week: Bob McCullough

GREETERS: Todd & Monica Kinnebrew
Next week: Jim & Lyn Micko

SAFETY TEAM: Bob McCullough
Next Week: Edith Norniella

SOUND TEAM: David Carnes
Next Week: Larry Wadsworth
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
Kirby Moore, Chairman
Tony Bermudez
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Jed Jessup
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Bob McCullough
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**Women’s Small Groups**

College & Career Women’s Study, Thursday 7pm (Fellowship Hall) Resumes in fall.

Women of the Word, Thursday 7pm (Youth Building) Resumes in fall.

**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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