Welcome to Worship

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 22, 2025 | 10:30 A.M.

ORDINARY TIME

Gathering

Welcome to worship! *We are glad you are here. If you need any assistance, please notify an usher. Please take a moment to register your attendance with us by using the friendship register located in each pew. We welcome the opportunity to learn more about you.*

Please silence *all cellular devices for the duration of the service.*

Congregational responses *are in* ***bold*** *text.* ✠ *is an indication to rise in body or in spirit as you are able.*

WELCOME — **BUZZY RIIS**

PRELUDE — *Largo (Xerxes)*
G.F. Handel

INTROIT — *The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune (All People That on Earth Do Dwell)*
Ralph Vanghan Williams

The Sanctuary Choir
Text: No. 385 in The Hymnal plus Doxology

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Adapted from Psalm 42:1-2; responsive)*
As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so we long for you, O God. You are merciful and mighty.
Our souls thirst for God. God in three persons, a blessed Trinity.
We thirst for the living God. Let us worship God together.

✠**HYMN 1** — *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*
NICAEA

Despite our best efforts*, we continue to sin against God and others. We begin our worship with corporate and individual prayers of confession, trusting that God will grant forgiveness as promised in scripture.*

✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Unison)*
Merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

(Silence)

In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

We pass the peace *by greeting one another and saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," to which one replies, "And also with you." The ancient ritual of the church reminds us that Christ offers us peace that passes understanding.*

✠**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

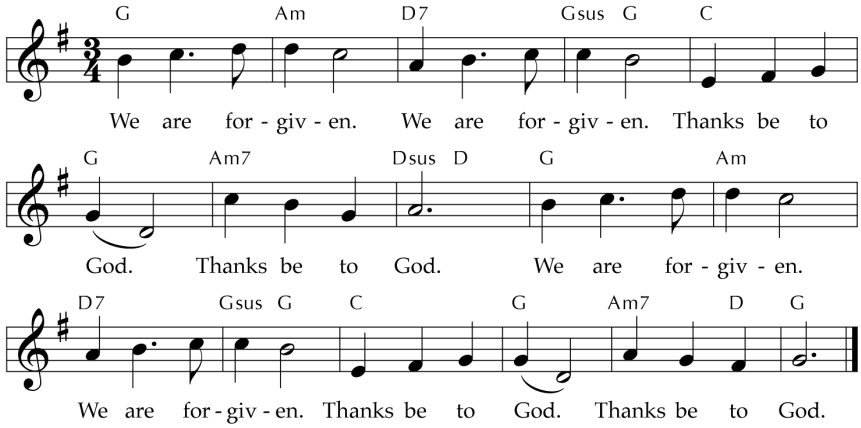
✠**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Children ages three *and older are invited to the front for the Children's Sermon. Children ages 3 through kindergarten may go to Wee Worship following the Children's Sermon. They may be picked up from the Sunday School classroom following worship. Children under 3 are welcome in the nursery. Older children may return to sit with their parents.*

Wee Worship sign-in slips *are available next to the bulletins at the front and back of the church as well as in the children's worship totes. Children may bring these filled out slips with them when they go to Wee Worship.*

Children's worship totes *are available for children in the sanctuary. These totes include children's bulletins and other items to help children engage in the worship service.*

✠Response | Hymn 447 *We Are Forgiven*
WE ARE FORGIVEN



Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination **Sally Ericson**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:9-22

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God!

Children's Sermon **Buzzy Riis**

Wee Worship Leaders: Emily Watson and Toots Weaver

Second Reading: Matthew 24:1-8

Sermon: "Daring to Speak" **Rev. Robert E. Madsen**

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 434 *Restore in Us, O God*
BAYLOR

✠Affirmation Of Faith *(The Apostles' Creed)* **Dick Otts**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ
his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Prayer is a place we bring ourselves fully before God. *In the Prayer of Intercession, we hold the needs of our hearts and of the world before a powerful and loving God. If you have a need for prayer, you may call the church office to speak with a pastor or to have your request passed on to our prayer team.*

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.

Response *Amen!*
Marty Haugen; arr. Chris Nemec

Offering

Offertory *Lord, Here Am I*
John Ness Beck

The Sanctuary Choir

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey; Only direct me, And I'll find Thy way. Teach me the mission appointed for me, What is my labor, And where it shall be. Master, Thou callest, And this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I." Willing my Savior to take up the cross; Willing to suffer Reproaches and loss; Willing to follow, If Thou will but lead; Only support me with grace in my need. Master, Thou callest, And this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I." Living or dying, I still would be Thine, Yet I am mortal While Thou art divine. Pardon whenever I turn from the right; Pity, and bring me again to the light. Master, Thou callest, And this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I!"

✠Doxology | Hymn 609 *Doxology*
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Prayer of Intercession **Dick Otts**
and the Lord's Prayer

Sending

✠Hymn 744 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*
FESTAL SONG

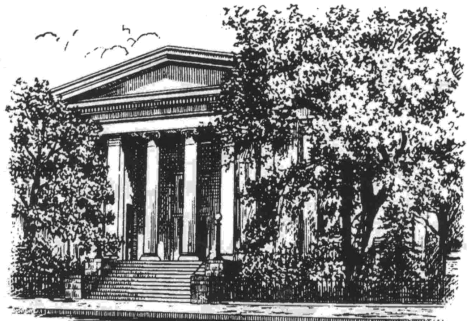
✠Benediction **Rev. Robert E. Madsen**

Postlude *Passacaglia*
G. Young

We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Robert E. Madsen as our guest preacher today. The Rev. Madsen serves as the Regional Presbyter for the Presbyteries of South Alabama and Mississippi. Rev. Anne Apple returns to the office tomorrow (Monday, June 23) and the Rev. Lamar continues her sabbatical.

Sunday, June 29

Join us next Sunday, June 29, as the Rev. Anne H.K. Apple preaches a sermon titled "Unfamiliar Tasks" based on 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14. While the Sanctuary Choir is on their summer break, soloists and instrumentalists will provide Sunday music. Next Sunday, Sopranos Kelly Connor and Gabrielle Mohr will sing J. Mosenthal's "I Will Magnify Thee." Kelly will also sing Kurt Kaiser's arrangement of "I Need Thee Every Hour."



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Joy Rue
by Bob and Cathy Clyne.

Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, JUNE 19
Church Office Closed: The church office will be closed on Thursday for the Juneteenth Holiday.

SUNDAY, JULY 6
Hymn Festival: The congregation is invited to submit the names of their favorite hymns to be included in the Hymn Festival during the July 6 worship service. We will celebrate our freedom in Christ with scripture, song, and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper by intinction. Submit hymn names on the sheets provided in the sanctuary and in the office, or email them to Chris Nemec at chris@gspcmobile.org.

ADDITIONAL NEWS AND NOTES

Seeking a 12-Step Program Host: The Mission Committee is searching for a volunteer with AA-12 step program history to host a new program at GSPC. This will be a weekly commitment. The committee will help with providing books and meeting space to get this program up and running. If you have the knowledge and interest, please contact Neal Horner or Lynn McDaniel.

GSPC During World War II: In honor of the 80th anniversary of World War II, Meredith Johnston and a group of volunteers are working on a display about GSPC's congregational life during wartime. They are collecting copies of photos of GSPC from that time, or photos of downtown Mobile during the war years, especially if they show any GSPC members. The display will include information about the service of GSPC members who served in the war. Please email photos and information to Meredith at mwjohnston@crimson.ua.edu, or text them to 251-323-5954.

McKemie Place Lunches: Volunteers are needed to help provide a light summer lunch for about 20-24 homeless ladies at McKemie Place. If you can help on July 11, August 8 or September 11, please call Lisa deShazo at 251-591-1077 or Mary DeWitt Dukes at 504-920-1918.

Missing Children's Worship Totes: We are missing several of the small bags that we use for Children's Worship materials. Parents, please check to see if you have any of these bags at home or in your car. Thank you!

GSPC Book Club: The GSPC Book Club will meet on Tuesday, August 26, at 5:30 p.m. in the GSPC Library and via Zoom. Our reading selection will be "Fairhope, 1894–1954: The Story of a Single Tax Colony" by Paul Alyea and Blanche Alyea. Please RSVP to Meredith Johnston at mwjohnston@crimson.ua.edu or 251-323-5954.

Flower Dedications: If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please contact Ann Adams at Adams-marion@att.net or 251-591-8586.

About Government Street Presbyterian Church

Government Street Presbyterian Church, known as the mother of Presbyterianism in Southern Alabama, was founded in 1831. This vibrant congregation has a long tradition of servant leadership and urban mission work in the heart of downtown Mobile. We welcome all to join us in responding to the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ.