Welcome to Worship

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 27, 2024 | 10:30 A.M.

ORDINARY TIME

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 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.*

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.*

Gathering

PRELUDE *Arioso (BWV 156)*
J.S. Bach

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from 1 Corinthians 13)*
If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing.
If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.
Love is patient; love is kind;
Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.
It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs.
It does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth.
It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.
But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.
When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child.
When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.
And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.
Let us worship God.

✠**HYMN 307** *God of Grace and God of Glory*
CWM RHONDDA

✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)
God of love,

You sent Jesus Christ to this world to give his body over to death for the sake of our sins. Now we are Christ's body on earth. We confess that our divisions do not glorify our Lord and Savior. We confess that we have not treated all the parts of your body with equal care and compassion. Forgive us for the ways we have failed to work together for the sake of your name, and hear our silent prayers.

(Silence)

Have mercy on us, Lord. Bind us together in such a way that we may work together to share the gospel in ways that point others toward Christ. 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.*

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.*

New 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.*

For more than 1,000 years, *the church has used the Apostles' Creed to affirm its faith in Jesus Christ. When we say this creed together, we are joined with generations of Christians who have come before us in declaring foundational doctrines of our faith in Christ.*

✠Assurance of Pardon

✠Passing of the Peace

✠Response | Hymn 581 *Glory Be to the Father*
GLORIA PATRI

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer For Illumination **John Moses**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 36:5-10

Children's Sermon **Bradley Daugherty**

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 12:12-27

Sermon: "The Body of Christ" **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 834 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*
PRECIOUS LORD

✠Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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.

✠Response *Seven-fold Amen*
John Rutter

Offering

Offertory *Greater Love Hath No Man*
John Ireland

The Sanctuary Choir; Jacob Mohr, *tenor*; Gabrielle Corlette, *soprano*

Many waters cannot quench Love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater Love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who His own self bore our sins in His own Body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteous. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus; Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. That we should shew forth the praises of Him Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

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.*

✠Response | Hymn 606 *Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✠Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer of Intercession and 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.

✠Hymn 33 *Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show*

LLANFAIR

Sending

✠Benediction **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Postlude *Toccata in d Minor (BWV 565)*

J.S. Bach

This week's memory verse:

And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

I Corinthians 13:13

Sunday, November 3

Join us on All Saints Sunday, when we remember those in our faith community who have died in the last year. The Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar will continue the "How Firm a Foundation" sermon series with scripture from Philippians 3:12-21. Music includes Allen Pote's "Festive Praise" and during Communion, Felix Mendelssohn's "I Waited for the Lord."

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.

Worship has continued on this site since 1836, when the sanctuary, now a National Historic landmark, was completed.



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James Kenneth Bounds by his daughter, Nicole Riis.

Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29
Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 9 a.m. at the home of Ann Adams. The group is studying the Gospel of Matthew with the Rev. George Sinclair as discussion leader. Everyone is welcome.
Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Library. Contact: Mary Elizabeth Perry.
Tuesday Lunch and Learn: Come to lunch! Our guest speakers will be Molly Middleton, Media & Community Relations Manager, and Jack Gilmore, Director of Football Operations at the Reese's Senior Bowl. Lunch is served at noon and the presentation begins at 12:30 p.m. The cost is $12. View the full schedule on gspc.org.
GSPC Book Club: 5:30 p.m. in person at the church and also via Zoom. We will discuss a book chapter by Dr. Joseph Ward on "London's Role in the Reformation Process in a Lancashire Parish." Dr. Ward will join us via Zoom to participate in the discussion. He is the former Chair of the History Department at the University of Mississippi and holds a Phd in History from Stanford. For more information, contact Meredith Johnston.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30
Mid-week Bible Study: Noon to 1 p.m. in the Library and via Zoom. This study is led by the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar.
Choir Rehearsals: Handbells, 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. in the sanctuary; Choir, 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the choir room. If you're interested in participating in GSPC's music ministries, please contact Chris Nemec.
Men's Bible Study: 6 p.m. in the Library and via Zoom. Contact: Bo Perry.

November Birthdays

November 1: Mary McGowin, Richard Otts
November 3: Charles Jackson, Ryan McKee
November 5: Frank Harris, Blanche Parsons
November 6: John Otts
November 8: Don Carlisle
November 9: Susan Groom, Eddy Hawkins
November 10: Ashford Kettler, Melanie Thomason
November 12: Haney Jones
November 13: Lyle Hutchison IV
November 15: Caroline King, James Tamblyn
November 16: Meg Brown, Meredith Johnston
November 18: Libby Hutson, Harris Oswalt, Ulric Sinclair, Mae Weaver
November 19: Harriett Boster, Alexandra Pritchard, Emily Van Haneghan
November 20: Charlotte Naylor, Laura Nelson, Sally Pearsall
November 21: Sage Arnold, Christopher Majure, George Oswalt
November 24: Heather Weaver
November 26: Jenifer Marley, John Bowen Perry
November 28: Sara Kaffer, Susan Lorge
November 30: William Bennett, Becca Lorge