Welcome to Worship

Government Street Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 10, 2026 | 10:30 a.m.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Preparation for Worship

"Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light."
Helen Keller

Prelude *All Creatures of Our God and King*
arr. James C. Kasen

Welcome **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Introit *Glory to Thee, My God, This Night*
Thomas Tallis; arr. Chris Nemec

The Sanctuary Choir
Glory to Thee, my God, this night, for all the blessings of the light. Keep me, oh keep me, King of Kings, beneath Thine own Almighty wings. Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below, Praise Him above angelic host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✠**Call to Worship** *(Responsive)* **James Lamar**

Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Christ is risen indeed!
Christ is risen! Alleluia!
We have been transformed by this good news.
Christ is risen! Alleluia!
We gather expecting the unexpected.
Christ is risen! Alleluia!
With joy and praise, let us worship God!

✠**Hymn 14** *For the Beauty of the Earth*
DIX

✠**Prayer of Confession** *(Unison)* **Emerson Hale**

We confess, O God, that we get stuck in our ways. You bring new life, but we cling to old patterns. You offer unexpected grace, but we prefer expected routines. We forget to look for you in the faces of the vulnerable. We ignore your call to carry resurrection hope to a hurting world. Forgive us, Lord, and hear our silent prayers of confession.

(Silence)

Have mercy on us, Lord. Help us have the courage to follow up, believing where we have not seen. Guide our future as you have guided our past. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

✠**Assurance of Pardon**

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.*

***The congregation of Government Street Presbyterian Church**, as the people of God called to worship and work in downtown Mobile, pursue our mission to use our unique resources and opportunities to love, to honor, and to glorify God and to give hope, comfort, instruction and inspiration to all persons that they may become joyful disciples of Jesus Christ.*

***Government Street Presbyterian Church,** founded in 1831, is a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and participates in the work of the Presbytery of South Alabama.*

***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.

***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.*

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.*

✠Passing of the Peace

✠Response | Hymn 587 *Alleluia!*
CELTIC ALLELUIA

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination **Vivi McKee**

First Reading: I Timothy 4:6-12

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**
Wee Worship leaders: Emily Watson and Shawn Walker

Second Reading: Acts 16:11-16

Reflection **Mac Boone and The Rev. Lamar**

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 626 *As the Deer*
AS THE DEER

The hymn will be sung twice.

Affirmation of Faith *(The Apostles' Creed)* **Carter Hale**

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;

Choral Response *Threefold Amen*
DANISH

Offering **Carter Hale**

Offertory *O God, Beyond All Praising*
THAXTED; arr. Richard Proulx

The Sanctuary Choir

O God, beyond all praising, we worship you today, and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our

When we gather for Communion, *the Spirit draws us into Christ's presence and unites us with Christians in every time and space. We join with the baptized faithful in heaven and on earth in offering thanksgiving to the triune God. We affirm the promises of our baptism and recommit ourselves to love and serve God, one another, and our neighbors in the world.*

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.

Visiting? Welcome to GSPC, *where we hope you'll find our worship meaningful, our fellowship warm and our ministry exciting. Come again! Be sure to sign the Registry booklet that you will find in your pew. If you are considering membership, we'd love to have you. You may join us through transfer of letter, re-affirmation of faith or profession of faith.*

Prayer requests: *Please scan the QR code below to share your joys and concerns so that we may share them with our church family in the newsletter and bulletin.*

great and mighty Lord. The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die, its fragile bloom surrender to you the Lord most high; but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown: for Christ the Man from heaven from death has set us free, and we through him are given the final victory! Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our king; and whether tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we will triumph through sorrows and bless you still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

✠Response | Hymn 609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
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. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

✠Prayer of Thanksgiving **Carter Hale**

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer **Baylor Bennett**

Sending

✠Hymn 324 *For All the Faithful Women*
NYLAND

✠Benediction **Rev. Lamar and Mac Boone**

Postlude *Toccata Brevis*
Ovid Young

Sunday, May 17

On May 17, Mickie Lorge, a senior at Pensacola High School, will be our preacher. She will continue the sermon series, "Expect the Unexpected." Music includes the Handbell Choir playing a setting of "When The Saints" and a setting of the "Llanfair" hymn tune. The Sanctuary Choir will sing Allen Pote's rousing "A Jubilant Song."

Prayers for Healing:

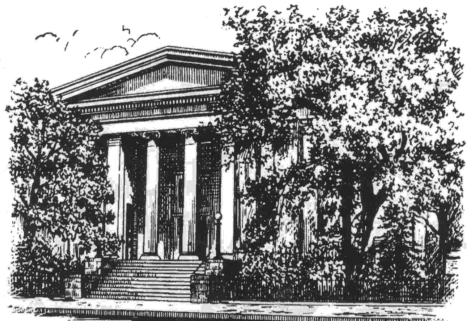
- Anita Winn, who is home recovering from surgery
- Charlotte Crockett, who is in Tuscaloosa, recovering from a recent hospitalization
- Dorothy Morrison, who is recovering from a broken foot
- Ricia Hendrick (friend of Babs Jacobelli), who is recovering from recent surgery
- Isabella Yates (friend of Paula Spath), who has leukemia
- Gunner, grandson of family friends of Neal and Sherrie Horner, who is facing surgery
- Sarah Hale, mother of Carter Hale, who is hospitalized with pneumonia
- Bill Cutts, hospitalized at Mobile Infirmary since May 3
- John Peebles asks for prayers for his friend who has recently had gastrointestinal surgery.
- Lisa and David Martin, members at Idlewild Presbyterian in Memphis, Tenn.; Lisa was hospitalized in Mobile while on vacation in Orange Beach. David is trying to arrange transportation home to Memphis.

Prayers of Gratitude:

Carolyn Jones offers prayers of praise and thankfulness for her parents, Harley and Marlene Jones, for raising her and supporting her and her fiancé.

Prayers for safety and strength:

- Kelly Connor asks for prayers for Anthony Daher and his family, who are in Lebanon. Anthony is working in Beirut during the war. He is angry and depressed. Prayers for Kelly's and Anthony's long-distance relationship and that Kelly remains strong and knows how to best support him.
- Lynn McDaniel asks for prayers for all homeless people and homeless animals to find a safe home.
- George Irvine asks for prayers for his daughter-in-law, Annie Irvine, for her to have a safe delivery of June Elizabeth Irvine, his granddaughter.
- Prayers for the people of Gaza, especially the young



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given by the congregation to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Martha Brown Tissington by her family.

Calendar of Events

MONDAY, MAY 11
Circles of Hope and Joy, 5:30 p.m.: The Circles of Hope and Joy will meet for fellowship and Bible study in the Guesnard House. If you are able, please bring a snack or beverage to share with the group. All are welcome.

TUESDAY, MAY 12
Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 9 a.m. at the home of Ann Adams.
Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Library. Contact: Mary Elizabeth Perry.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13
Music Rehearsals: Handbells, 5:15-5:45 p.m.; choir, 6-7:30 p.m.
Men's Bible Study: 6 p.m. in the Library. Contact: Bo Perry.

SATURDAY, MAY 16
Miles of Hope 5K: The congregation is invited to participate in the Miles of Hope 5K and Fun Run to benefit HOPE for All (formerly Housing First). Register at hfal.org/events.

SUNDAY, MAY 17
Second Sunday Luncheon: The congregation is invited to enjoy lunch together in Fellowship Hall after the worship service.

THURSDAY, MAY 21
Interfaith Bible Study, 5:30-7 p.m.: All are welcome to join "Two Pastors and a Rabbi" — the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar, the Rev. Trey Doyle and Rabbi Ed Boraz — in fellowship and Bible study at First Baptist Church, 806 Government Street.

NEWS AND NOTES

The West balcony is closed while plaster repairs are underway.

McKemie Place: Each month on the second Friday, volunteers provide a light lunch for about 24 residents at McKemie Place, a shelter for homeless women. Volunteers are needed on May 8. Please call Lisa DeShazo at 251-591-1077 or Mary DeWitt Dukes at 504-920-1918 if you are able to volunteer.

Flower Dedications: 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.

Water bottles needed: Please donate reusable water bottles for distribution at the courtyard water fountain. Please bring your donations to the church office.

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.