

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 9, 2022 | 10:30 A.M.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Gathering

PRELUDE *My God Will Never Leave Me*
J.C. BACH

MINUTE FOR MISSION **JULIE OTTS**

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Responsive*)

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

Sing the glory of God's name and give to the Lord, glorious praise!

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

Because of your great power, all the earth worships you.

They sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.

Come and see what the Lord has done.

Let us worship God!

✠**HYMN 409** *God Is Here!*
ABBOT'S LEIGH

✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *unison* **REV. ALEXANDRA HUTSON**

Holy God, We believe and we beg you to help our unbelief. We ask to see you, but we shut our eyes. We ask to hear your voice, but we follow the noise of a busy and broken world. We ask you into our hearts, but do not make room for you there. Hear our silent prayers of confession:

(silence)

Have mercy on us, Lord. In your goodness, redirect our wayward actions and give us faith to follow you each day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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.*

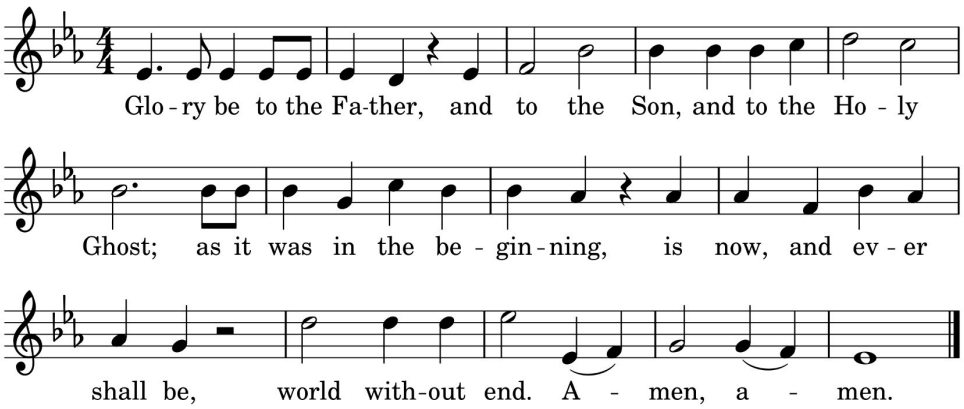
Please silence *all cellular devices for the duration of the service.*

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

✠Assurance of Pardon **Rev. Alexandra Hutson**

✠Response | Hymn 581 *Glory Be To The Father*

GLORIA PATRI



Following the Children's Sermon, children ages 3-Kindergarten *are invited to leave the sanctuary with two volunteers for Wee Worship. Wee Worship is a special time designed for young children to have a space to learn about God through bible stories, crafts and play. The sign–in binder is located in the first pew of the middle section of the sanctuary.*

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination **Jane Hale**

First Reading 2 Timothy 8:15

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God!

Children's Sermon **Rev. Alexandra Hutson**

Second Reading **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Matthew 14:22-33

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Sermon "Why Did You Doubt?" **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Thanksgiving

✠ **Hymn 250** *In the Bulb, There Is a Flower*

PROMISE

✠ **Affirmation of Faith** *unison* **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty; maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through whom all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

The Nicene Creed was written in 325 in order to unify the church. *It affirms that the divinity of Christ, the Son, is of the same substance as the divinity of God, the Father. It is an ecumenical creed used by Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, and Protestant Christians with slight variations.*

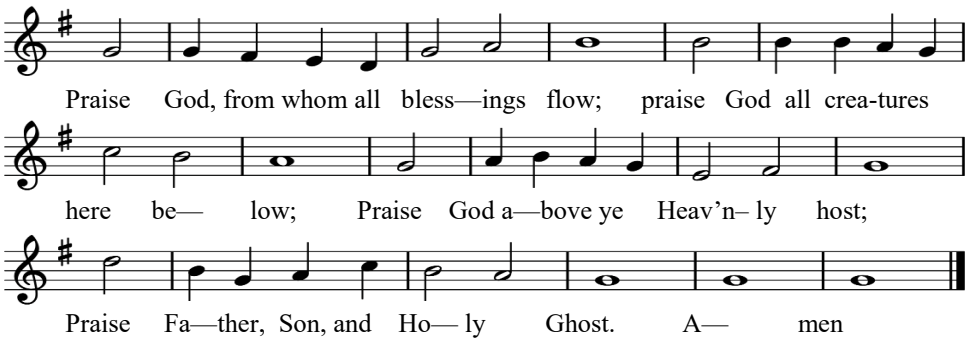
Offering

Meditation *Jesus, Our Shield*

JOHANNA WALTHER

✠**Response | Hymn 607** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH



✠ **Prayer Of Thanksgiving** **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Prayer of Intercession **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

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

Sending

✠**Hymn 817** *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*
DUNLAP'S CREEK

The benediction begins with a charge, or a challenge, to the faithful *as they prepare to leave and is concluded with a blessing and assurance of God's presence as they go from the sanctuary into their lives of discipleship.*

✠**Benediction** **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Postlude *You Shall Go Out With Joy*
STUART DAUERMANN

The Rose on the pulpit is in honor of our Pastors,

Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar

and Rev. Alexandra Hutson

as we celebrate Clergy Appreciation Month.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Timothy 2:6-15

.[8] Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the
dead, a descendant of David—that is my
gospel, [9] for which I suffer hardship, even to
the point of being chained like a criminal. But
the word of God is not chained. [10] Therefore I
endure everything for the sake of the elect, so
that they may also obtain the salvation that is
in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. [11] The saying
is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with
him;[12] if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
[13] if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
he[a] cannot deny himself.

[14] Remind them of this, and warn them before
the Lord[b] that they are to avoid wrangling
over words, which does no good but only
ruins those who are listening. [15] Do your best
to present yourself to God as one approved by
him, a worker who has no need to be
ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth

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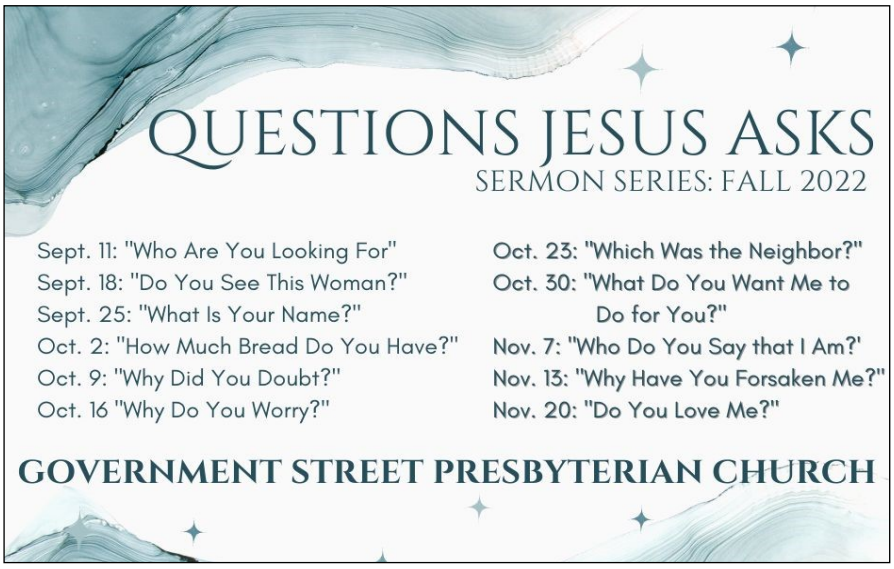
[22] Immediately he made the disciples get into a
boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he
dismissed the crowds. [23] And after he had
dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by
himself to pray. When evening came, he was there
alone, [24] but by this time the boat, battered by the
waves, was far from the land,[a] for the wind was
against them. [25] And early in the morning he came
walking toward them on the sea. [26] But when the
disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were
terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out
in fear. [27] But immediately Jesus spoke to them and
said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

[28] Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command
me to come to you on the water." [29] He said,
"Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started
walking on the water, and came toward Je-
sus. [30] But when he noticed the strong wind,[b] he
became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried
out, "Lord, save me!" [31] Jesus immediately reached
out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You
of little faith, why did you doubt?" [32] When they got
into the boat, the wind ceased. [33] And those in the
boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son
of God."

[34] When they had crossed over, they came to land
at Gennesaret. [35] After the people of that place
recognized him, they sent word to that whole
surrounding region, and people brought all who
were sick to him [36] and begged him that they might
touch even the fringe of his cloak, and all who
touched it were healed

Thank you to Dr. Nancy Graham for serving as our guest organist today.

GSPC NEWS



Children's Sabbath Sunday: On October 16, the children of our church will lead us in worship. This will be a special day in the life of our church. If your children are interested in being a part of this service, please contact the Rev. Alexandra Hutson.



Bible Basics: Mark your calendars for the Family Bible Basics class, a two-hour overview of the Bible, on Sunday, October 16, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided and the nursery will be available. Please call the church office at 251-432-1749 to register.



Interfaith Bible Study: The Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar joins Rabbi Ed Boraz of Spring Hill Avenue Temple and the Rev. Trey Doyle of First Baptist Church for an interfaith Bible study, "Two Pastors and a Rabbi." The dates are October 20, November 10 and December 1. All are welcome. Please call the church office at 251-432-1749 to register.

Volunteers needed for Trunk or Treat: Our annual Halloween party is coming up on Sunday, Oct. 30, and we need plenty of trunks full of treats! RSVP to the Rev. Alexandra Hutson.

CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

Class of 2022

John Browning, Joy Gardner, Dorothy Morrison, Scott Weldon, Marcia Wyatt

Class of 2023

Susan Ashbee, Casi Callaway, Lisa deShazo, John Moses, Henry Morrissette, Bo Perry

Class of 2024
Bobby Headrick, Charles Jones, Mary Herndon Nordmann, Katherine Ogburn, Dick Otts, Beth Rouse

Clerk of Session: John Browning

Assistant Clerk: Henry Morrissette

DIACONATE

Class of 2022

Kym Carroll, Sally Ericson, John Peebles, Jim Van Haneghan, Zack Weaver

Class of 2023

Damon Boone, Jane Hale, Ashley Oswalt, Harris Oswalt Jr., Leigh Schottgen, LeAnne Tamblyn

Class of 2024

Ashley Ashbee, Stella Jackson, Ashford Kettler, Richard Otts, Jasper Reaves

URBAN MINISTRY

JELLY AND SNACKS FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

We appreciate donations of peanut butter and jelly for sandwiches for our 45 Meals on Wheels recipients. We can also use individually packaged snacks (peanut butter or cheese crackers, chips, cookies, Little Debbies, etc.). The donation box is in the Jackson Street foyer.

BLANKET MINISTRY

All are invited to donate items to be delivered to USA Children's & Women's Mother/Baby/At Risk department for full-term babies of needy families (not the NICU) and to the Mostellar Clinic. Here are suggested items:

- Baby blankets (greatest need) approx. 28-36" square/ rectangles 30-34"x40-46"
- A few hats and booties
- (USACW only): No-scratch mittens (must be fabric, not yarn)

Donations may be left in the "Baby Box" at the Jackson Street entrance.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Carrie Adams
Monnie Anderson
Scott Askew
Charles Bancroft
Sidney Batts
Sheryll Bell
Damon Boone
John Browning
Linda Burke
Mary Baskin Butler
Alexandra Cave
Alice Crotwell
Eddie Curran
Kay Donaho
Madeline Dunne
Sally Pearsall Ericson
Thomas Fusko
Lisa Goodloe
Sophie Herrington
Meg Gardner Heusser
Clint Jameson
Janet Johnson
Charles Jones
Julia King
Sue King
Jeanie Lindsey
Mickie Lorge
Brook McMillan
Robert Mostellar
Tom Mostellar
Jeff Newman
Betsy Otts
Dick Otts
William Parsons
Patrick Sinclair
Elizabeth Smith
Laura Tamblyn
Eleanor Tanner
David Thomason
Michael Tippy
Frank Trice
Duke Walker
Betsy Weaver
Marcia Wyatt
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f you have news items to share in the e-newsletter or the bulletin, please email the information to Heather Hamilton (heathe@gspcmobile.org) and Sally Ericson (sallyericson23@gmail.com).

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers today are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Anne Winn
by Don, Anita and Michael Winn.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

Officer training: The officers will meet in the parlor for a training session today after worship.

Sunday Book Study Group: Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the library. Blanche Parsons is leading a new study on the book "Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others," by Barbara Brown Taylor.

Talking Heads Sunday School class: This class, led by the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar, meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Heltzel Room on the second floor.

Sunday School for children and youth: These classes meet at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays.

Wee Worship: Sundays at 10:45 a.m. for ages 2-6 after the Children's Sermon.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

Barton Academy Luncheon: The Urban Ministry Committee will present a special luncheon at noon for teachers and staff at Barton Academy for Advanced World Studies.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 8 a.m. at the home of Ann Adams.

Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Library. Contact: Mary Elizabeth Perry.

Session Meeting: 5:30 p.m. in the Parlor.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Men's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Library. Contact: Bo Perry.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

Children's Sabbath Sunday

Family Bible Basics: Immediately after worship in Fellowship Hall, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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.