Welcome to Worship

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 3, 2024 | 10:30 A.M.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

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 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.*

PRELUDE *Fairest Lord Jesus*
CRUSADERS' HYMN; arr. Diane Bish

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

✠CALL TO WORSHIP
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.
Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Let us worship God!

✠HYMN 310 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*
ST. THOMAS

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*)
Holy and gracious God,

You are our light and our salvation. You are our strength and our delight. You give us all we need to live. We confess that we become distracted, chasing after our own desires rather than trusting your provision. We are not prepared to serve you as we should and too easily ignore your commands. Hear our silent prayers of confession.

(silence)

Forgive us, Lord, and turn our attention to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with your grace. In Christ's name, Amen.

✠ASSURANCE OF PARDON
✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

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.*

✠RESPONSE | HYMN 581 *Glory Be to the Father*
GLORIA PATRI

Proclaiming the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **HARRIS OSWALT, JR.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 2:1-11

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.*

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.*

Children's Sermon **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:10-16

Sermon: "Christian Life" **Rev. Lamar**

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 527 *Eat This Bread*

BERTHIER

We will sing both Option A and Option B of this hymn.

✠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.

Offering

Offertory *Festive Praise*

Allen Pote

The Sanctuary Choir

Sing to the Lord a song of praise, a wonderful, marvelous song. Sing to the Lord with joy in your heart. Alleluia, Amen. Come, rejoice, as you sing, you will lift up your voices in praise and thanksgiving to God. Sing, all the heavens, sing of the glory of God. Sing, all of the earth rejoice! Sing of the glory, the marvelous glory of God. Sing to the Lord, a marvelous song.

✠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

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Remembering the Saints

Harry Paul Ray, Sr.
December 28, 1960 – December 25, 2023

James Ernest Carroll
January 27, 1944 – June 9, 2024

Albert L. Reese, Jr.
August 3, 1931 – July 28, 2024

Fredrick Dale Price
September 18, 1946 - September 9, 2024

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Communion Meditation

I Waited for the Lord
(Hymn of Praise, Op. 52, No. 5)
Felix Mendelssohn

Gabrielle Corlette & Kelly Connor, sopranos; Jacob Mohr, tenor; Jasaan Roberts, baritone

I waited for the Lord, He inclined unto me, He heard my complaint.
O bless'd are they that hope and trust in the Lord.

Prayer After Communion

✠Hymn 326

For All the Saints
SINE NOMINE

Sending

✠Benediction

Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar

Postlude

Chaconne
Louis Couperin

This week's memory verse:
Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Philippians 4:6,7

Sunday, November 10

Join us next week, November 10, when the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar will continue her sermon series "How Firm a Foundation" with "Faith," referencing Hebrews 11:1-12:2. The Handbell Choir will play "Sounds of Joy" by Susan E. Geschke, and the Sanctuary Choir will sing Mark Hayes' rousing arrangement of the spiritual "Wade in the Water."



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Alice, Joe, and Richard Mighell
and Alice Mighell Ficken
by their family.

Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5
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 speaker will be **Dr. Joel Erdmann, Director of Athletics at the University of South Alabama.** 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.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6
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.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Circles of Hope and Joy: The Circles of Hope and Joy will meet in the Guesnard House at 5:30 p.m. for fellowship and Bible study.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Special Guest: Rabbi Ed Boraz will lead a Sunday School class at 9:30 a.m.

Youth Friendsgiving: Youth and Friends in Faith are invited to a Friendsgiving lunch in the Guesnard House following worship. All who attend are asked to bring a dessert and/or side to share. Please RSVP to Bradley if you plan to attend.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Volunteers Needed: Church office volunteers are needed on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers assist with monitoring the Jackson Street entrance and answering the phone. They may also assist with special projects. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Meredith Johnston at the church office.

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.