Welcome to Worship

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 10, 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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — **REV. ANNE H.K. APPLE**

PRELUDE — *Sarabande*
Arcangelo Corelli

INTROIT — *Think on Me*
Arcangelo Corelli

Gabrielle Mohr, *soprano*

When I no more behold Thee, think on Me. By all Thine eyes have told me; When hearts are lightest, when eyes are brightest, when griefs are slightest, think on Me. In all thine hours of gladness, if e'er I soothed thy sadness. When foes are by thee, when woes are nigh thee, when friends all fly thee, think on Me. When thou hast none to cheer thee, when no fond heart is near thee. When lonely sighing, o'er pleasure flying, when hope is dying, think on Me.

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsive; adapted from Psalm 50)*

The mighty one, God the LORD, **speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, **God shines forth**. **Let us worship God together.**

✠**HYMN 833** — *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*
ST. MARGARET

CALL TO CONFESSION

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** *(Responsive)*
When we become conformed to this world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice the blessings you provide, O Lord in your mercy, **Forgive us, we pray.**
When we conform to this world's reckless waste, exploiting what and whom you entrust to our care, O Lord in your mercy, **Forgive us, we pray.**
When we conform to this world's shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people who are different from us, O Lord in your mercy, **Forgive us, we pray.**
When we fail to listen, to trust you are leading us through a narrow and particular way, O Lord in your mercy, **Forgive us, we pray.**
In this period of silence, you are invited to consider and to pray about what separates you from listening and living in deep faithfulness.

(Silence)

We pray,
Forgive our conformity and transform us in Jesus 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.*

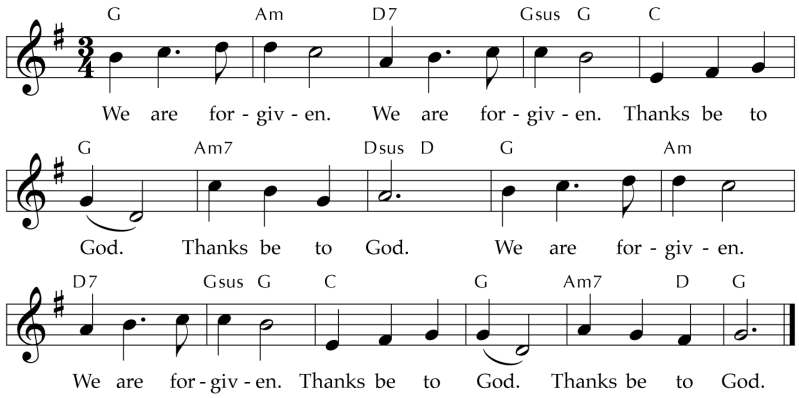
Wee Worship sign-in slips *are available next to the bulletins at the front and back of the church as well as in the children's worship totes. Children may bring these filled out slips with them when they go to Wee Worship.*

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.*

✠Assurance of Pardon

✠Response | Hymn 447 *We Are Forgiven*

WE ARE FORGIVEN



✠Passing of the Peace

Proclaiming the Word

Sung Prayer for Illumination

✠Hymn 291 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

SPIRIT

Refrain, verse 2 and refrain

First Reading: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 **Scott Weldon**

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon and Blessing of the Backpacks **Buzzy Riis**

Wee Worship Leaders: Emily Watson and Sadie Weldon

Second Reading: Luke 12:32-40

Sermon: "Waiting" **Rev. Anne H.K. Apple**

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 829 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

OLIVET

Affirmation of Faith (*Unison; adapted from the Belhar Confession*)

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ.

We believe that, through the working of God's Spirit, reconciliation is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain.

This we believe and strive to attain. 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.*

Offering

Offertory *His Eye Is On the Sparrow*
arr. Luigi Zaninelli

Gabrielle Mohr, *soprano*

Text: No. 661 in The Hymnal

✠Response | Hymn 606 *Doxology*
OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God, above ye heavenly hosts; 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.

Sending

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

✠Benediction **Rev. Apple**

Postlude *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*
arr. James Richens

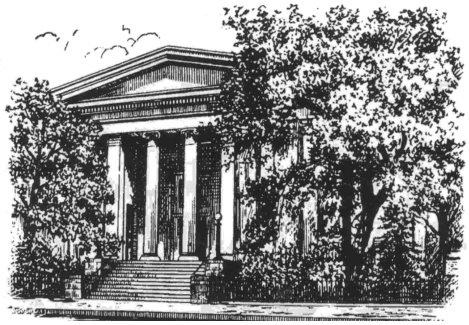
Sunday, August 17

Join us next Sunday, August 17, as the Sanctuary Choir returns to worship following their summer break. Rev. Anne H.K. Apple will preach on "What Do You Think?" Scriptural references are Isaiah 5:1-7 and Luke 12:49-56. Music includes Gordon Young's "Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing."

Officer Nominations and Announcements

Please use the top QR code to access the Officer Nomination Form. To access the code, hold up your phone as if you were taking a photo and click on the small yellow box. You may make as many nominations as you like.

Please use the bottom QR code to access the Announcement Form. You may use this form to submit news for the newsletter or bulletin.



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given to the glory of God by the Frederick Price family.

GSPC News

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10
Second Sunday Luncheon: The congregation is invited to a luncheon in Fellowship Hall after the worship service.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 6-7:30 p.m.: The Sanctuary Choir will resume rehearsals this week after the summer break. We're excited to welcome back our choir members, and eager to recruit new singers to join us! For information about GSPC's music programs, please contact Chirs Nemec, Director of Music and Organist.

NEWS AND NOTES

Call for Nominations: The congregation is invited to submit nominations for Elders and Deacons in the Class of 2028. Please use the QR code on page 3 of the bulletin to access the nomination form. You may make as many nominations as you like.

Call for Musicians: The Bell Choir and Sanctuary Choir currently have openings. The Bell Choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m., starting September 3. The Sanctuary Choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m., starting August 13. For more information, please contact Chris Nemec at chris@gspcmobile.org.

Back-to-School Uniform Drive: The congregation is invited to provide assistance to sutdents who need school uniforms. GSPC supports the uniform closet at Barton Academy. If you would like to assist these families, please submit a check to the church office, or through the offering, and put "Uniform Assistance" in the memo line.

Status Update on the Elevator: The elevator repair project has begun, and the sanctuary will soon have a chair lift as well. If you need help when entering or exiting the sanctuary, please call the church office, or notify a Sunday Assistant.

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. If you have the knowledge and interest, please contact Neal Horner or Lynn McDaniel.

McKemie Place Lunches: Volunteers are needed once a month to bring lunch to McKemie Place, which provides shelter, food, and counseling to homeless women. If you can help on September 11, October 10 or November 14, please call Lisa deShazo at 251-591-1077 or Mary DeWitt Dukes at 504-920-1918.

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

Flower Dedications: To place flowers in the Sanctuary in memory of or in honor of a loved one, 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.