



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.

Welcome to Worship

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 16, 2025 | 10:30 A.M.

ORDINARY TIME

Gathering

PRELUDE

Improvisation on "How Great Thou Art"

WELCOME

REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR

INTROIT

Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place

arr. Powell/Nemec

The Sanctuary Choir; Meredith Wilson, mezzo soloist

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face. There's a holy hush around us as God's glory fills this place, I've touched the hem of his garment, I can almost see his face. And my heart is overflowing with the fullness of his joy. I know without a doubt that I've been with the Lord.

✠CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

We had many obstacles to being here today — obligations, frustrations, disillusion, and debilitations — but here we gather, hoping to meet God in worship.

Show us the way, O God.

We have many voices competing for our attention — displeased, distressed, determined, and deafening — but here we gather, hoping to hear that still, small voice of the Lord.

Reveal to us the truth, O Christ.

We carry much with us this morning — fear, faith, grief, and gratitude — but here we gather, seeking to live in a way that God intends.

Grant us the life, O Spirit.

Let us worship God.

✠HYMN 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy God,

You sent us your son to show us the way, but so often we get off the path. We confess that we try to make our own way, that we ignore the commands and instructions you have given to us, that we become confused and overwhelmed and lose sight of your guiding presence. We confuse lies for truth and do not live as you intended. Forgive us, Lord, and hear our silent prayers.

(Silence)

Have mercy on us, Lord, and guide us back to your way. Direct our steps so that we may live and serve faithfully. Through Christ, we pray. 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.

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

SCOTT WELDON

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 2: 2-10

CHILDREN’S SERMON

BRADLEY DAUGHERTY

SCRIPTURE READING: John 14:1-7

SERMON: “I AM The Way, the Truth, and the Life”

REV. LAMAR

Thanksgiving

✠HYMN 612

We Praise You, O God
KREMSER

✠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

Give Me Jesus
Spiritual; arr. Mark Patterson

The Sanctuary Choir; Kelly Connor, soprano soloist

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus, give me Jesus, You can have all this world, give me Jesus. And when I feel afraid, give me Jesus. And when the trumpet sounds, give me Jesus.

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.

✠DOXOLOGY | 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

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 828

More Love to Thee, O Christ

MORE LOVE TO THEE

Sending

✠BENEDICTION

REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR

POSTLUDE

Praise Ye, the Lord of Hosts (Tollite Hostias)

Camille Saint-Saëns

Sunday, February 23

Join us next Sunday, when the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar continues the sermon series "Know Who I AM," from Jesus's "I AM" statements in the Gospel of John. The sermon will be from John 15:1-17 and titled "I AM the Vine." Music includes the Sanctuary Choir singing W.A. Mozart's "Laudate Dominum" with Gabrielle Corlette as soprano soloist, and the Children's Choir singing Hal Hopson's "Gentle Shepherd, Kind and True."



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Gloria Crichton McGehee
by Ceil and Tom McGehee.

Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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. Everyone is welcome.

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

Tuesday Lunch and Learn: Noon-1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall with Lt. Billy Hudson, Commander of the Central Precinct of the Mobile Police Department. Lunch is \$12 and includes drinks and dessert.

Youth Bible Study: Tuesdays at 3 p.m. at Carpe Diem. The group is studying "The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss." All are welcome.

GSPC Book Club: 5:30 p.m. in the Library and via Zoom. Our reading selection will be "Fight Against Fear: Southern Jews and Black Civil Rights" by Dr. Clive Webb. Please RSVP to Meredith Johnston.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Choir Rehearsals: Handbells, 5:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary; Choir, 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the choir room.

Men's Bible Study: 6 p.m. in the Library and via Zoom. Contact: Bo Perry.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Interfaith Bible Study: 5:30 p.m. at Springhill Avenue Temple. Join "Two Pastors and a Rabbi" — Rabbi Ed Boraz, the Rev. Trey Doyle of First Baptist and the Rev. Lamar — for an evening of fellowship and Bible study.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Mardi Gras Dinner & Parade Viewing: Families, children, and Youth are invited to share a meal and watch the parades together with dinner beginning at 5 p.m. and the first parade at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Bradley.

ADDITIONAL NEWS AND NOTES

Joe Cain Sunday: On Sunday, March 2, GSPC will worship at First Baptist Church at 9 a.m. Rabbi Ed Boraz (Spring Hill Avenue Temple), the Rev. Trey Doyle (FBC), and the Rev. Lamar will offer the sermon as part of the "Two Pastors and a Rabbi" collaboration. Passes to help those traveling downtown for worship will be available at GSPC on February 16 and 23 and during the week.

Helping local schools: GSPC is collecting donations of outerwear and uniforms for students at Calloway-Smith Middle and Florence Howard Elementary Schools.

Cold-weather clothing drive: GSPC is collecting gently worn cold-weather clothing items for men, women and children, such as coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, scarves and socks. These items will be given to various agencies that distribute clothing to those in need. There is a box for these donations in the Jackson Street Foyer.

Sanctuary flowers: 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.