GOVERNMENT STREET
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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.*

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.*

Welcome to Worship

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Sunday, July 7, 2024 | 10:30 A.M.

ORDINARY TIME

Gathering

PRELUDE *Improvisation on "All Things Bright and Beautiful" and "Blessed Assurance"*
Chris Nemec

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*responsive*)
We gather together seeking the Lord.
We gather together to sing God's praises.
Let us seek the Spirit as we worship together.

✠**HYMN 286** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*
TRENTHAM

✠**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

✠**HYMN 331** *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*
NATIONAL HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

HYMN 418 *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*
SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)
Gracious God,
We have wandered from you, choosing our earthly desires over your will for us. You taught us to love one another, but we continue to choose ourselves instead. With your loving mercy, help us to abide by you. Forgive us, Lord, and hear our silent prayers of confession.

(silence)

In your mercy, renew our spirit to serve you and live according to your will. Help us to love one another as you love us. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN 71 *Surely It Is God Who Saves Me*
FIRST SONG

The refrain only will be sung two times.

Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in Him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and He will be my Savior.

✠**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

✠Hymn 300 *We are One in the Spirit*
THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

Verse 1 only.

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer For Illumination

✠Hymn 450 *Be Thou My Vision*
SLANE

Verse 1 only.

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 48: 9-14 **Bradley Daugherty**

✠Hymn 366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*
HYFRYDOL

Second Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 8: 7-9 **Rev. Lamar**

✠Hymn 624 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*
TOULON

Third Scripture Reading: Mark 4: 35-41 **Bradley Daugherty**

Thanksgiving

✠Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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.*

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.

✠Hymn 39 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
FAITHFULNESS

Offering

Offertory *O Divine Redeemer! (Repentir)*
Charles Gounod

Gabrielle Corlette, *soprano*

Ah! turn me not away, receive me, though unworthy! Hear Thou my cry, behold, Lord, my distress! Answer me from thy throne, haste Thee, Lord, to mine aid, Thy pity show in my deep anguish! Let not the sword of vengeance smite me, tough righteous thine anger, O Lord! Shield me in danger, O regard me! On Thee, Lord, alone will I call. O divine Redeemer! I pray thee, grant me pardon, and remember not my sins! Forgive me, O divine Redeemer! Night gathers round my soul; fearful, I cry to Thee; Come to mine aid, O Lord! Haste Thee, Lord, haste to help me! Hear my cry, Save me Lord, in Thy mercy. Hear my cry, come and save me, O Lord. Save in the day of retribution, from Death shield Thou me, O my God! O divine Redeemer, have mercy! Help me, my Savior!

✠Response | Hymn 606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✠Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.*

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.

✠Hymn 652 *A Grateful Heart*
ROCKINGHAM

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

✠Hymn 183 *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler*
AUSTIN

Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Communion Meditation *Think On Me*
Alicia Ann Scott

Gabrielle Corlette, *soprano*

When I no more behold Thee, think on Me. By all Thine eyes have told me, think on Me. When hearts are lightest, when eyes are brightest, when griefs are slightest, think on Me. In all Thine hours of gladness, think on Me. If e'er I soothed thy sadness, think on Me. 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, think on Me. When no fond heart is near Thee, think on Me. When lonely sighing, o'er pleasure flying, when hope is dying, think on Me.

Prayer After Communion

✠Hymn 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*
ST. DENIO
Verse 1 only.

✠Hymn 326 *For All the Saints*
SINE NOMINE

Sending

✠Benediction **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**
Postlude *Improvisation on "This Is My Father's World"*
Chris Nemec

Sunday, July 14

Next Sunday, July 14, the Rev. Dr. Joseph Johnson will be preaching while the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar is preaching at Montreat Conference Center. Dr. Johnson will preach from 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19, and his sermon will be titled "Two-steps and Tambourines."



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Edward Robinson McMurphy
by all of his family.

Church News

First Baptist Church of Mobile, 806 Government St., will hold a Brown Bag community gathering on Wednesday, July 10, at 11:30 a.m. The topic is Medicare Fraud Prevention, and the session will be led by a representative from the Area Agency on Aging.

The **Tuesday Women's Bible study,** which meets at the home of Ann Adams, is on recess until August 6, when the group will begin studying the Gospel of Matthew with George Sinclair as discussion leader. Everyone is welcome.

Volunteers Needed: The church office would welcome volunteers during the week, especially between the hours of 10 a.m. and 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, contact Meredith Johnston at the church office.

Baytreat Memories: The congregation is invited to share their favorite memories of Baytreat. The enewsletter includes a link where these memories may be sent to the church office. If you have questions, please contact Meredith Johnston.

Summer Worship Music: While the Sanctuary Choir is on summer break, music will be provided by soloists and ensembles both from inside and outside GSPC. The schedule is below.



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.