Welcome to Worship

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 24, 2024 | 10:30 A.M.

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Gathering

PRELUDE *In Heavenly Love Abiding (Op. 34, No. 2)*
Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

INTROIT *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*
Eugene Butler

The Sanctuary Choir

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore! Mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph ever more! Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, I say, rejoice. His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n. The keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are giv'n. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, again, I say, rejoice!

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 93)*
God is King! The Lord is robed in majesty and strength. The world is his throne.
The Lord has reigned since the beginning. The throne of God is forever firm. The Lord is eternal!
The seas may be wild and raging. The mighty oceans thunder with praise.
God is stronger than the wildest sea, ruling from the highest heaven.
God's word cannot be changed. The reign of God cannot be broken.
The holiness of God stands firm to the very end of the age.
Let us worship our God and King.

✠**HYMN 363** *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*
DARWELL'S 148TH

✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)
Holy God,
You are the King of all creation, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. We profess faith in your power and goodness, but we do not dare to hope for your kingdom to come. We confess that our dreams are too small, our expectations too mundane. We fear disappointment and cling to comfort instead of working toward justice and peace. When we worship, we say words that we do not fully mean. Forgive our failures, O God, and hear our silent prayers.

(silence)

Have mercy on us, O Lord. Open our hearts and mind to your vision of the world. Help us to live with you as king of our lives. May we glorify you in all we do. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

✠**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**
✠**PASSING OF THE PEACE**
✠**RESPONSE | HYMN 581** *Glory Be to the Father*
GLORIA PATRI

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.*

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.*

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer For Illumination — **Meg Heusser**

Scripture Reading: James 2:14-18, 26

Children's Sermon — **Bradley Daugherty**

Scripture Reading: Revelation 1:1-8

Sermon: "Revelation" — **Rev. Lamar**

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 647 — *Give Thanks*

GIVE THANKS

✠Affirmation of Faith: (*From A Declaration of Faith*)

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

✠Response — *Amen*

Haugen; arr. Chris Nemec

Offering

Offertory — *All Thy Gifts of Love*

David L. Brunner

The Sanctuary Choir

For food in a world where many walk in hunger, for peace in a world where many walk in fear, for friends in a world where many walk alone, we give you thanks, O God. For health in a world where many walk in sickness, for joy in a world where many walk in grief, for friends in a world where many walk alone, we give you thanks, O God. For love in a world where many walk in anger, light in a world where many walk in darkness, friends in a world where many walk alone, we give you thanks, O God. For these and all the many things unspoken, for gifts unknown, or as of yet, unseen. For these and all thy gifts of love, we give you thanks, O God.

✠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 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.*

✠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 643 *Now Thank We All Our God*
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Congregational Meeting

✠Benediction **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God (Marche Triumphale)*
Sigfried Karg-Elert

Advent devotional booklets are available in the sanctuary and the Jackson Street foyer.

This week's memory verse:
I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.
Revelation 1:8

Sunday, December 1

Join us for the first Sunday of Advent. The Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar will begin a new sermon series, "Words from the Beginning," using resources from "A Sanctified Art." Texts will be Isaiah 43:1-7 and Luke 1:26-38, and the sermon is titled "You Are a Blessing." Music includes "A New Song" by Allen Pote, and the Communion Voluntary of "I Will Magnify Thee" by Julius Kaufmann/J.S. Bach.



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Mr. S.P. Crockett, Jr., by his wife, Charlotte.

Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26
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.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27
Choir Rehearsals: Handbells, 5:15 to 5:45 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.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1
Advent Wreath Workshop: The congregation is invited to make Advent Wreaths together in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. Lunch will be provided.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13
Happy Birthday, Jesus! (and Parents' Night Out): Children are invited to a fun night of pizza, Bible stories, games and birthday cake from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the church. Parents may stroll the downtown Artwalk after dropping their children off for the event. Please RSVP to Bradley Daugherty, or sign up on the church website, gspcmobile.org.

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.