Welcome to Worship

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 1, 2025 | 10:30 A.M.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 — **BRADLEY DAUGHERTY**

PRELUDE — *Nimrod (Enigma Variations, Opus 36)*
Edward Elgar

INTROIT — *If God Be For Us*
Clifford McCormick

The Sanctuary Choir

If God be for us, who can be against us? Who can separate us from the love of Christ? In all things we are more than conquerors. Through Him that loved us we are more than conquerors. He that gave His own Son, shall He not through Him give us all things. (Based on Romans 8)

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsive)* — **GEORGE IRVINE**

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.
We gather to worship with joy and praise, seeking to follow Christ.
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.
We set aside our distractions and doubts to give our attention to the Lord our God.
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.
May the Spirit guide us as we worship our risen Lord.
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

✠**HYMN 35** — *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*
LOBE DEN HERREN

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 God,
We want to be faithful, but we know we fall short. We ignore the needs of our neighbor. We make excuses and ignore the call of your Spirit. We do not love you with our whole heart and mind and strength. Forgive us, Lord, and hear our silent prayers.

(Silence)

Have mercy on us, O God, and guide us in your way. Give us the strength and the courage to listen for your call and follow in your way. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

✠**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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.*

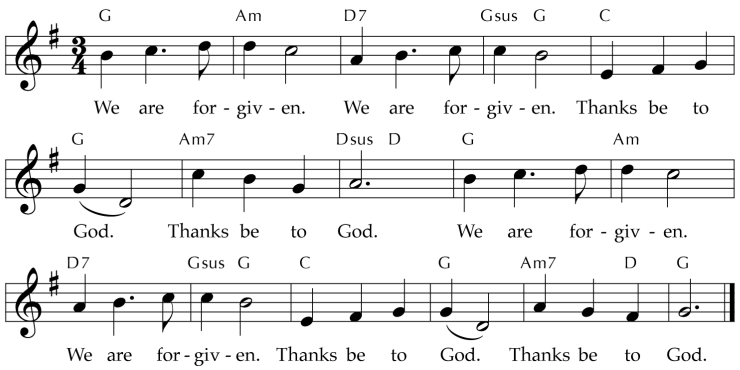
Wee Worship sign-in slips *are available next to the bulletins at the front and back of the church as well as in the children's worship totes. Children may bring these filled out slips with them when they go to Wee Worship.*

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.*

✠Passing of the Peace

✠Response | Hymn 634 *We Are Forgiven*

WE ARE FORGIVEN



Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination **Bo Perry**

First Reading: Psalm 97:1-12

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God!

Children's Sermon **Bradley Daugherty**

Wee Worship Leaders: Emily Watson and Sadie Weldon

Second Reading: Acts 16:16-34

Sermon: "Troublers of the City" **Rev. Eugenia Gamble**

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 527 *Eat This Bread*

BERTHIER

The hymn will be sung twice.

✠Affirmation Of Faith *(The Apostles' Creed)* **Bo Perry**

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.

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.

Offering
Offertory *Blest Are They*
Haas; arr. Chris Nemec

The Sanctuary Choir;
Jacob Mohr, *tenor*; Kelly Connor, *soprano*; Meredith Wilson, *mezzo soprano*
Text: No. 172 in The Hymnal

✠Doxology | Hymn 609 *Doxology*
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!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table **Rev. Eugenia Gamble**

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 *Prière (Suite Gothique, Op. 25)*
Léon Boëllmann

Prayer After Communion

Sending

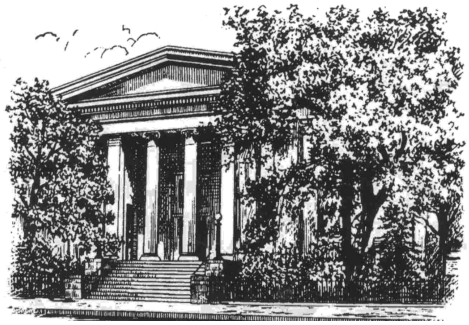
✠Hymn 318 *In Christ There Is No East or West*
ST. PETER

✠Benediction **Rev. Eugenia Gamble**

Postlude *Toccata (Suite Gothique, Op. 25)*
Léon Boëllmann

Sunday, June 8

Join us in worship on Pentecost Sunday, June 8. The Rev. Anne H.K. Apple will preach on "Troubled Hearts and Resting Tongues" with scripture from John 14:8-17 and Acts 2:1-21. Music will include Bryan Jeffrey Leech's "Spirit, Now Live in Me" and Harold Friedell's "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" as well as two organ settings of "Come, Creator Spirit" (Veni, Creator Spiritus) by Maurice Durufle.



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers are given in celebration of the birth of Elizabeth Nell Majure, daughter of Paden and Christopher Majure. "May the Lord bless them and keep them, guiding them with love, faith, and grace. Children are a gift from the Lord." (Psalm 127)

Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

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.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

Choir Rehearsal: 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the choir room.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Second Sunday Luncheon: The congregation is invited to meet the Rev. Anne H.K. Apple during the Second Sunday Luncheon after worship next Sunday. In addition, there will be a Congregational Meeting at the conclusion of worship for the purpose of selecting the Nominating Committee.

ADDITIONAL NEWS AND NOTES

Vacation Bible School: GSPC families and their friends are invited to sign up for Vacation Bible School, which will be June 9-12 from 5 to 7 p.m. This evening format will give our parents and volunteers more flexibility to participate. In addition to the VBS program, each evening will include dinner; programs for adults; and a nursery for our little ones. Please register by visiting gspcmobile.org/vbs.

GSPC During World War II: In honor of the 80th anniversary of World War II, Meredith Johnston is creating a display about GSPC's congregational life during wartime. She hopes to collect copies of photos of GSPC from that time, or photos of downtown Mobile during the war years, especially if they show any GSPC members. Also, if anyone wants to share information about the service of family members during WWII, she would like to collect those details to create a special "GSPC Members Who Served" section of the display. Those who have photos and information to share may email them to Meredith at mwjohnston@crimson.ua.edu, or text them to 251-323-5954.

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.