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*

# GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 21, 2024 | 10:30 A.M.

ORDINARY TIME

# *Gathering*

**PRELUDE** *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (Cantata 147)*
J.S. Bach

**Stephan Lazarevic, *violinist***

**WELCOME** **CASI CALLAWAY**

**INTROIT** *Nearer My God to Thee*
arr. Lazarevic/Nemec

**Stephan Lazarevic, *violinist***

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*responsive*)
Come into the presence of the Lord with songs of thanksgiving.
**Our gracious Savior is worthy of praise.**
You are in the house of the Lord.
**Let us put down all that burdens us and turn our attention to God.**
Set aside your troubles. Put your trust in the Lord.
**We humbly offer our attention to God.**
Let us worship the Lord together.

✠**HYMN 263** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
CORONATION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)
Holy Lord,
You are the God of glory. We confess that we make excuses for our sins and expect you to overlook the harm we cause. We turn away from those in need and focus on our own desires. You call us to lives of righteousness, but we are unwilling to sacrifice our own comfort. Forgive us, Lord, for the ways we fall short, and hear our silent prayers of confession.

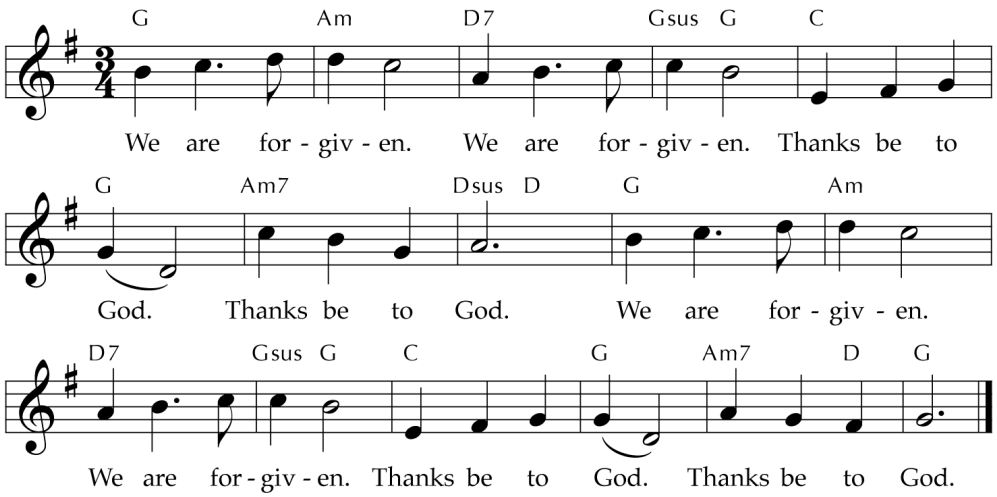
(silence)

Have mercy on us, O God. Help us to repent of our sins and return to a right relationship with you for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

✠**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**Hymn 447** *We Are Forgiven*
WE ARE FORGIVEN




# *Proclaiming the Word*

**Prayer For Illumination** **Buzzy Riis**

**First Scripture Reading:** Psalm 24

**Children's Sermon** **Buzzy Riis**

**Second Scripture Reading:** Ephesians 1:11-14

**Sermon:** "The Lion Queen" **Rev. Eugenia Gamble**

# *Thanksgiving*

✠**Hymn 412** *God, Reveal Your Presence*
ARNSBERG

✠**Affirmation of Faith:** The Apostles' Creed **Buzzy Riis**

***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.*

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.

***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** *Allegro Moderato (Concerto in A Minor)*
J.B. Accolay

**Stephan Lazarevic, *violinist***

**✠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 above, ye heavenly host; 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.

**✠Hymn 353** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*
SOLID ROCK

## *Sending*

**✠Benediction** **Rev. Eugenia Gamble**
**Postlude** *The Church's One Foundation*
arr. Chris Nemec

*Thank you to the Rev. Eugenia Gamble for serving as our guest pastor today.*

## *Sunday, July 28*

*While the Sanctuary Choir is on their summer break, soloists and ensembles from inside and outside GSPC will be providing music. See the schedule below for details.*

### SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE at GSPC

**July 28:** Jarrett Callaway, Ashley Lamar & Jim Tamblyn (guitar, fiddle/violin)
**August 4:** Tenor Jacob Mohr and guest organist Nancy Graham
**August 11:** Voices Unlimited



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## Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Mrs. Alan C. Denby and Mrs. William Brevard Hand
by Allison and John Peebles.

# *Church News*

**Springhill Avenue Temple,** 1769 Springhill Ave., will host a free concert today at 2 p.m. featuring pianist Robert Holm, Professor of Music at the University of South Alabama; Lydia Newton, violinist; and vocalist Mollie Adams. Music will include a Mozart Sonata, Beethoven's Kreutzer Sonata, and music of Amy Beach (19th and 20th Century pianist and composer). There will be a wine and cheese reception after the concert. All are welcome.

**The GSPC Book Club** meets at 5:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of each month in the church library and via Zoom. For the July 30 meeting, the reading is from The Journal of Presbyterian History, Vol. 92, No. 2 (Fall/ Winter 2014), "Westminster in Watts," 73-79 (7 pages). For assistance in accessing the article, please contact Meredith Johnston. For the August 27 meeting, the group will discuss Nancy Graham's book, "The Unfractured Faith of Erik Routley: From Brighton to Princeton." The Zoom link is posted prior to the meeting on the church calendar.

**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.

**Mark Your Calendars:** GSPC Children's Ministry will have a Parents' Night Out Pajama Party on Friday, August 9, at the church from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Children will have pizza, play games and have Bible storytime while their parents stroll downtown during ArtWalk! The Guesnard House will be open with refreshments for adults.

## 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.