GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 27, 2025 | 10:30 A.M.

SECOND 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.*

PRELUDE *O Worship the King*
arr. Bill Ingram

The Handbell Choir

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

INTROIT *Amazing Grace*
arr. Wagner/Nemec

The Handbell Choir

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Psalm 24)* **RABBI ED BORAZ**

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it.

People: For the Lord has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in!

People: Who is the King of glory?

Leader: The Lord, strong and mighty.

People: The Lord of hosts is the king of glory.

Leader: Let us worship God.

✠**HYMN 32** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*
ELLACOMBE

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* **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

Almighty God,

You have given us the gift of community to help us love and serve you more faithfully. We confess that we still try to earn your love, not wanting to admit our weakness or failings. We take for granted the great cloud of witnesses that support us, challenge us, nurture us, and walk with us. In spite of your example, we do not always love our neighbors as ourselves. We beg for your mercy and ask you to hear our silent prayers of confession.

(silence)

Forgive us, Lord. Help us lean on one another as we seek to do your will. Give us faith to love and serve in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior. 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.*

✠**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

✠**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***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.*

✠Response | Hymn 587 *Alleluia!*

CELTIC ALLELUIA

The response will be sung twice.

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination **Rabbi Ed Boraz**

First Reading: Genesis 32:22-32

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God!

Children's Sermon **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Second Reading: Luke 24:13-25 **Rev. Trey Doyle**

Sermon: **Rev. Trey Doyle**
Rabbi Ed Boraz
Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar

✠Hymn 250 *In the Bulb, There Is a Flower*

PROMISE

✠Affirmation Of Faith *(The Apostles' Creed)* **Rev. Trey Doyle**

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 *Amen*

Marty Haugen

Offering **Rev. Lamar**

Offertory *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Peter Lutkin

The Sanctuary Choir

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift His countenance upon you; and give you peace, the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. Amen.

✠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 **Rev. Doyle, Rabbi Boraz, Rev. Lamar**

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.*

Sending

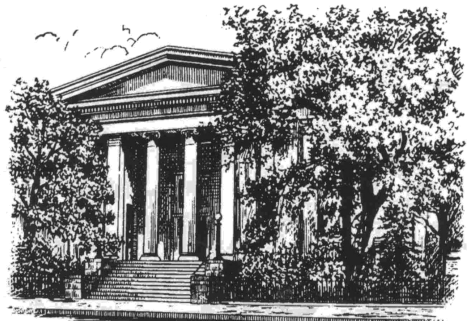
✠Hymn 246 *Christ is Alive*
TRURO

✠Benediction **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Postlude *The Day of Resurrection*
LANCASHIRE

Sunday, May 4

Next Sunday, May 4, we will welcome our confirmation class into membership as they make their professions of faith. The Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar will preach on John 21:1-19 with a sermon titled “Do You Love Me?” The music will include two settings of the Spiritual “This Little Light of Mine,” an up-tempo setting by Mark Patterson, and a slow setting by Ken Berg.



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Sanctuary Flowers

If you would like to place flowers in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please contact Ann Adams at Adams-marion@att.net or 251-591-8586.

Calendar of Events

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

"An Afternoon of Rachmaninoff:" 2 p.m. at Springhill Avenue Temple. This is the inaugural concert in the David Conrad Memorial Concert Series. Musical artists include Paul Nguyen, Robert Holm, and Mollie Adams.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

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.
20s/30s Young Women's Bible Study: 6 p.m. in the Guesnard House.

SATURDAY, MAY 3

"Hospitali-TEA:" The ladies of GSPC are invited to join the Ladies Ministry at First Baptist Church at a special tea party from 10 a.m. to noon. Guests are asked to bring their favorite teacup and a photograph of their mothers or mother figures. Please RSVP to Jean Hernandez by callling 504-228-5684.

SUNDAY, MAY 4

GSPC History Presentation: Meredith Johnston will give a presentation on two key pastors in the church's history during the Sunday School hour on May 4. The subject is "Government Street Presbyterian's Burgett and Heltzel: 1860s and 1960s Mobile." The presentation will explore the challenges faced by Dr. James Ralston Burgett, who arrived from Ohio to begin his pastorate at GSPC in 1860, and Dr. Massey Mott Heltzel, who arrived at GSPC in 1960.

ADDITIONAL NEWS AND NOTES

New Staff Member: GSPC welcomes Paula Spath as our new Office Administrator. Paula began work this week. Her email is paula@gspcmobile.org.

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.