Welcome to Worship

Government Street Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 24, 2026 | 10:30 a.m.

Pentecost Sunday

Preparation for Worship

"What is to give light must endure burning."
Viktor E. Frankl

Prelude *"Veni, Creator Spiritus" (Come, Creator Spirit)*
arr. Alec Wyton

Welcome **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Introit *Alleluia*
William Boyce

The Sanctuary Choir

✠**Call to Worship** *(Responsive)* **Bo Perry**

In the beginning, the Holy Spirit breathed life into the world.
In the fullness of time, the Holy Spirit came to Mary, bringing Jesus to dwell among us .
At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gave birth to the Church, offering good news for all.
Today, in this moment, even now, the Holy Spirit creates, redeems, and sustains us, leading us to participate in the new thing God is doing.
Let us worship God.

✠**Hymn 289** *On Pentecost They Gathered*
MUNICH

✠**Prayer of Confession** *(Unison)* **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Creator God, we confess that we do not understand your Spirit, and we struggle to trust what we do not understand. Our fear leads us to ignore your commandments and forget what we have been taught. Too often we miss your still, small voice. Let your mercy quiet us, God. Fill us with your goodness and compassion as we offer our silent prayers of confession.

(Silence)

Forgive us, Lord. Open us to the mystery of your gracious Spirit and to experience your peace. Through Christ we pray, Amen.

✠**Assurance of Pardon**

✠**Passing of the Peace**

✠**Response | Hymn 587** *Alleluia!*
CELTIC ALLELUIA

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.*

***The congregation of Government Street Presbyterian Church**, as the people of God called to worship and work in downtown Mobile, pursue our mission to use our unique resources and opportunities to love, to honor, and to glorify God and to give hope, comfort, instruction and inspiration to all persons that they may become joyful disciples of Jesus Christ.*

***Government Street Presbyterian Church,** founded in 1831, is a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and participates in the work of the Presbytery of South Alabama.*

***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.*

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 **Bo Perry**

First Reading: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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

Wee Worship leaders: Katherine Ogburn and Toots Weaver

Second Reading: Acts 2: 1-8, 12-21

Sermon: "Just Waiting" **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 288 *Spirit of the Living God*

LIVING GOD

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.

Affirmation of Faith *(The Apostles' Creed)* **Bo Perry**

Choral Response *Thanks Be to God, Alleluia*

SWAHILI FOLK TUNE; arr. Chris Nemec

Offering

Offertory *Give Me Jesus*

Spiritual, arr. Mark Patterson

The Sanctuary Choir, Kelly Connor, *soprano soloist*

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus. You can have all this world, give me Jesus. And when I feel afraid, give me Jesus. And when the trumpet sounds, give me Jesus.

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.

Visiting? Welcome to GSPC, *where we hope you'll find our worship meaningful, our fellowship warm and our ministry exciting. Come again! Be sure to sign the Registry booklet that you will find in your pew. If you are considering membership, we'd love to have you. You may join us through transfer of letter, re-affirmation of faith or profession of faith.*

Prayer requests: *Please scan the QR code below to share your joys and concerns so that we may share them with our church family in the newsletter and bulletin.*

✠Response | 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 and the Lord's Prayer **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Sending

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

✠Benediction **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Postlude *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*
Spiritual; arr. Richard Elliott

Sunday, May 31

Join us in worship next week, May 31, when Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar will preach on Psalm 8:1-9, and her sermon titled "How Majestic!". Music will include Carter Hale, Jr. singing Samuel Liddle's setting of "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings", and the Sanctuary Choir singing Mark Hayes' setting of "Wade in the Water" and John Ness Beck's setting of "He Shall Feed His Flock."

Prayer Requests
Share Your Joys and Concerns

Your GSPC family would like to pray and rejoice with you. Please share your joys and concerns so that we can share them with our church family in the weekly newsletter. Your prayer requests can be general requests for a family, community, country, or world. They can be personal, for someone in the church, or someone you know. If you are making a request for someone else, please make sure they are comfortable being included and named. You can always omit a name and make a general request for prayers or celebrations. Please scan the QR code to access the Prayer Request form. Each prayer request will remain on the list for one month and then be removed. If you would like to have a request added back or updated, please email Paula Spath at paula@gspcmobile.org.

Prayers for Healing:

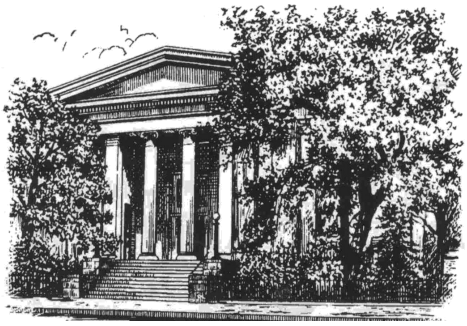
- Gunner, grandson of family friends of Neal and Sherrie Horner, who is facing surgery
- Sarah Hale, mother of Carter Hale, who is back at Palm Gardens Nursing Home on hospice care.
- Bill Cutts, recovering at home after hospitalization
- John Peebles asks for prayers for his friend who has recently had gastrointestinal surgery.
- Dorothy Morrison, recovering at home after hospital stay
- Della Hoffman, granddaughter of Neal and Sherrie Horner, is recovering at home after being in the hospital with bacterial pneumonia.
- Ceil McGehee, recovering from surgery on 5/12
- Molly Nordmann, that her cancer treatment goes well.

Prayers of Gratitude:

- Bligh Jones offers prayers of thanksgiving for Chris Nemec for his time serving and bringing beautiful music to GSPC.

Prayers for safety and strength:

- Lynn McDaniel asks for prayers for all homeless people and homeless animals to find a safe home.
- George Irvine asks for prayers for his daughter-in-law, Annie Irvine, for her to have a safe delivery of June Elizabeth Irvine, his granddaughter.
- Prayers for the people of Gaza, especially the young
- James Lamar asks for prayers as he navigates the stress of exams and the end of the school year.



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of
Don Bryan by his wife, Sara.

Calendar of Events

SUNDAY, MAY 24
Music Rehearsals: Choir, 11:30 a.m, (immediately following worship)

MONDAY, MAY 25
Office closed in observance of Memorial Day

TUESDAY, MAY 26
Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 9 a.m. at the home of Ann Adams.
Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Library. Contact: Mary Elizabeth Perry.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27
Men's Bible Study: 6 p.m. in the Library. Contact: Bo Perry.

NEWS AND NOTES

The balconies are now open.

McKemie Place: Each month on the second Friday, volunteers provide a light lunch for about 24 residents at McKemie Place, a shelter for homeless women. Volunteers are needed on July 10. Please call Lisa DeShazo at 251-591-1077 or Mary DeWitt Dukes at 504-920-1918 if you are able to volunteer.

Flower Dedications: 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.

Water bottles needed: Please donate reusable water bottles for distribution at the courtyard water fountain. You may bring your donations to the church office.

Meals on Wheels: One of our recipients is in need of clothing. She is an elderly lady, particularly needing a bathrobe, pants, longer shorts, or capris for the summer. Please note she is under 5ft tall if donating clothing. If you would like to make a donation or have any questions, please contact Lisa deShazo at 251-591-1077.

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.

you have a need for prayer, you may call the church office to speak with our pastor or to have your request passed on to our prayer team.

you have news to share in the electronic newsletter and bulletin? Please use this QR code to access the Announcement Form. You may also email your news to Sally Ericson at sallyericson23@gmail.

Musicians: The Bell Choir and Sanctuary Choir currently have openings. The Bell Choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m., and the Sanctuary Choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For details, contact Chris Nemec at chris@gspcmobile.org.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

GSPC Book Club, 5:30 p.m. in the Library and via Zoom: This meeting will focus on GSPC cookbooks from the 1890s and the early 2000s. We will share holiday recipes. RSVP to Meredith Johnston at mwjohnston@crimson.ua.edu or 251-323-5954.

A NOTE FROM THE STAFF COMMITTEE

Thanksgiving is a good time to pause and, well, give thanks. As such, please consider the tremendous efforts of our rather small staff here at GSPC. Their dedication and devotion each week throughout the year are truly a blessing, so please consider a contribution to the Staff Christmas Love Gift, which will be divided up among our church employees. Checks should be payable to GSPC and marked "For Staff gift" and directed to Dawn Hearn, our financial secretary, by December 15.

Thank you – GSPC Staff Committee; Harris Oswalt, Chair

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Online Directory: GSPC members are encouraged to download the Realm app and use it to connect with the congregation. Those who did not already have a Realm account should have received an email invitation to create one. If you did not receive an invitation, please call the church office at 251-432-1749 for assistance.