

Government Street Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 6, 2022 | 10:30am

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Holy Communion

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.*

Gathering

Prelude *Prelude & Fugue in G major, BWV 557*
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Chiming of the Half-hour GUILDFORD

Welcome **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

✠**Call to Worship** *responsive*

In the singing of our praises and in the listening to God's word,

God calls us.

In the quiet of our prayers and in the cries of our neighbor,

God calls us.

In the routine of the ordinary and in the surprise of the extraordinary,

God calls us.

With trust in the one who claims us and calls us to service,

Let us worship God.

✠**Hymn 509** *All Who Hunger Gather Gladly*
HOLY MANNA

Hymn 509—*The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.*

✠**Prayer of Confession** *unison*

God of the universe, we admit that we are not always honest about our own lives.

We often feel unworthy of your call even as we judge others too harshly.

We wander from your way and ignore your attempts to call us back.

Forgive us, Lord, when our lives do not reflect your glory.

Touch us with your grace and dispel our fear and doubt.

Renew our spirits so that we may serve you faithfully.

In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

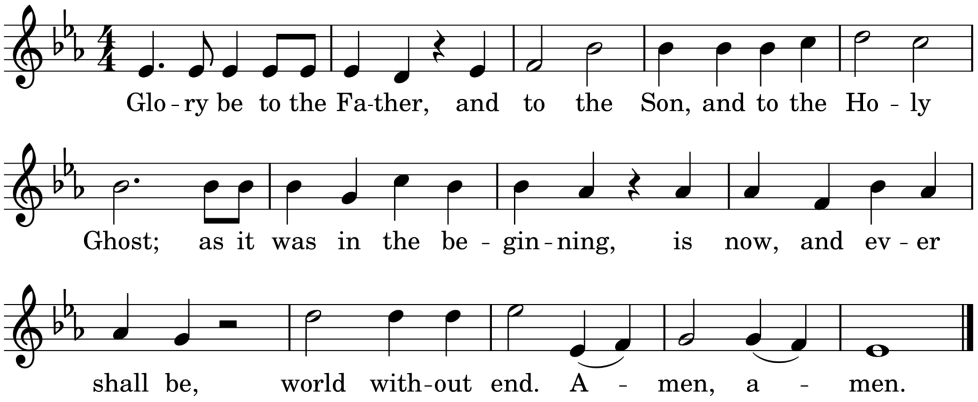
The steadfast love *of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.*

- Psalm 103:17

✠Assurance of Pardon

✠Response | Hymn 581 — *Glory Be to the Father*

GREATOREX



Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination — **Mary Herndon Nordmann**

First Reading — Isaiah 6:1-8

The Word of the Lord. — Old Testament pg. 660

Thanks Be to God!

Children's Sermon — **Rev. Alexandra Hutson**

Children ages three *and older are invited to the front. Those three years through kindergarten may leave with volunteers for Wee Worship for the remainder of the service. Sign-in for parents of Wee Worship children is on the front row.*

Nursery is available for ages infant through Kindergarten.

Children's worship packets *are available at the front of the sanctuary.*

Second Reading — Luke 5:1-11

The Gospel of the Lord. — New Testament pg. 57

Thanks Be to God!

Sermon — "Deep Water" — **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Thanksgiving

Hymn 451—*The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer of illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.*

✠Hymn 451 — *Open My Eyes That I May See*

OPEN MY EYES

✠Affirmation of Faith *unison* — Rev. Alexandra Hutson

The Apostles' Creed

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.

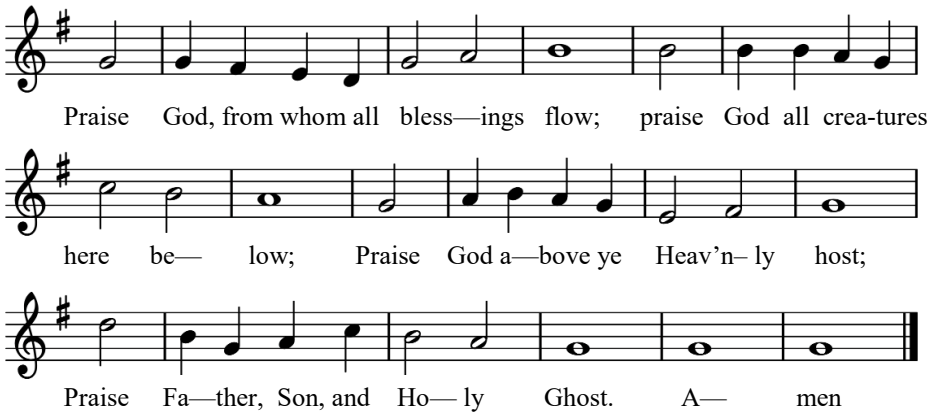
Offering

All that is *in the heavens and on the earth is yours, O Lord, and of your own we give you.*

I Chronicles 29:11, 14

Meditation — *Let Us Break Bread Together* arr. Watts

✠Response | Hymn 607 — *Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children at the Lord's Table

Jesus said, "Let *the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."*

- Matthew 19:14

Henley Akers
Lillian Grace Hale
W.C. Heisterhagen
Haney Jones
James Lamar
Eleanor Oswalt
Grace Oswalt
Sonny Otts
Evelyn Reeder

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table — Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar

Great Thanksgiving — Rev. Alexandra Hutson

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.

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Meditation — *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*
ST. COLUMBIA; arr. Hamlin

Prayer after Communion — **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.
-John 6:35

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless God's holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits.
-Psalm 103

Sending

✠**Hymn 687** — *O God, Our Help In Ages Past*
ST. ANNE

✠**Benediction** — **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Postlude — *Finale from Symphony I*
Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Hymn 687—The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

CALLED TO SERVE

VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY ASSISTANTS

- Kym Carroll
- LeAnne Tamblyn

WEE WORSHIP/NURSERY

- Toots Weaver
- Mary Herndon Nordmann
- Molly Nordmann

Please remember in your daily prayers the people our church is serving, and those who work with them.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The PW will host a luncheon for the GSPC family and friends on **Sunday, February 13** following worship in Fellowship Hall. All are invited to join us and hear about what the PW is doing.

URBAN MINISTRY

PB&J FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

Our 45 Meals on Wheels recipients get a sandwich bag each day, along with their hot meal. The bag has a sandwich and a snack. Peanut butter and jelly is often on the menu and we need donations of creamy peanut butter and grape jelly to help fill the pantry for the remainder of the year. There is a donation box in the Jackson Street entrance for these donations.

MCKEMIE PLACE

GSPC has agreed to provide lunch for up to 40 residents at McKemie Place on the second Friday of each month. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for this mission over the last three months and into 2022. Due to its funding situation, the agency depends on volunteers to provide both lunch and dinner for the residents. They are looking to find individuals or groups that would be willing to provide a lunch or dinner meal on a regular basis each month. They are especially in need of volunteers to provide lunch meals. So, if you, as an individual, or are a member of a group that might be interested in providing this on a regular basis, please contact them at 251-287-2225.

COLD WEATHER CLOTHING DONATIONS

During the month of February, we will be collecting gently worn cold weather clothing items for men. women, and children - such as coats, hats, gloves, scarves. Also, socks are a much needed item for those in shelters. These items will be given to various agencies that distribute clothing to those who are homeless or are in need. There is a box designated for these donations at the Jackson Street entrance.

DRIVER NEEDED

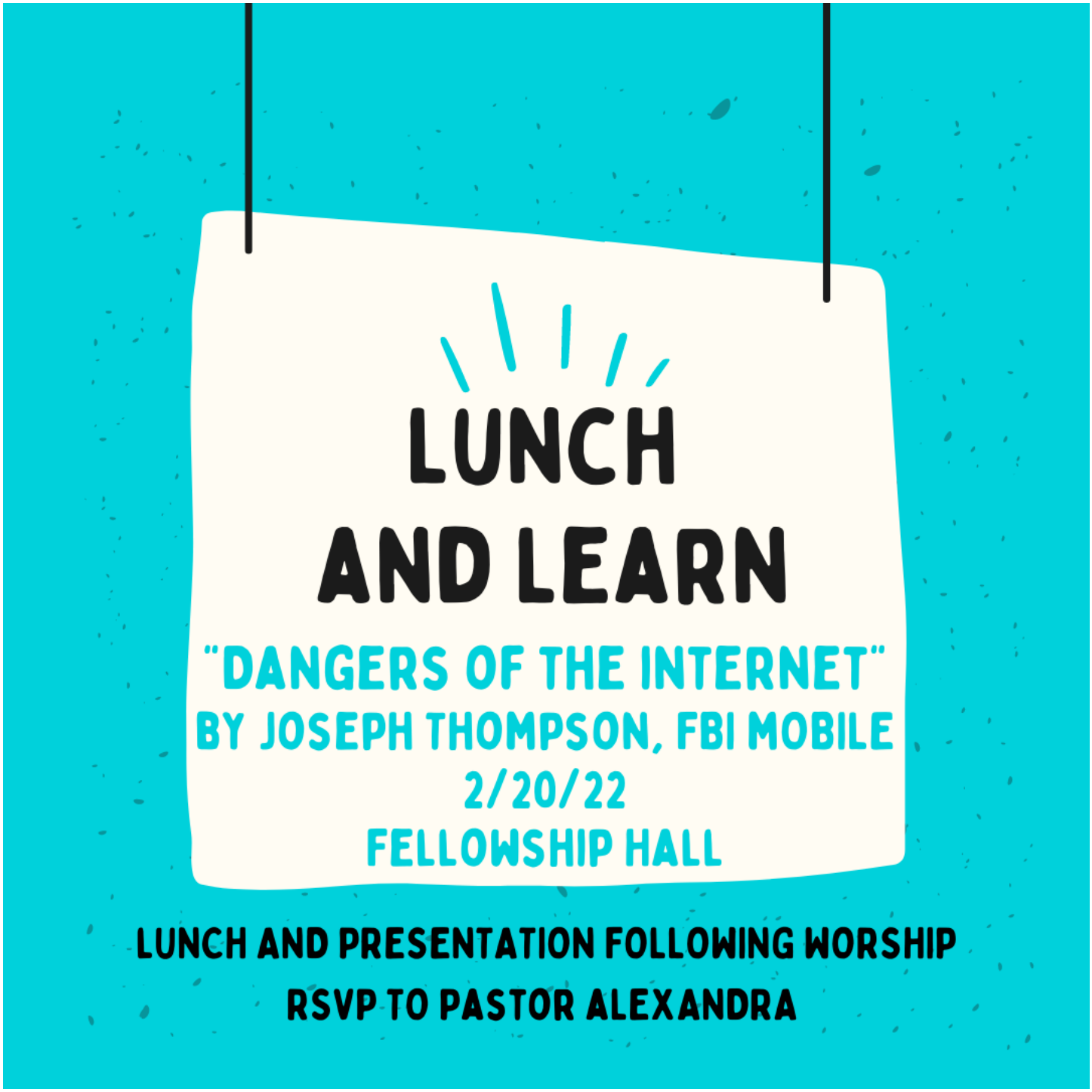
Meals on Wheels is in need of a driver for the Northern Route on Tuesdays. There currently 12 recipients at four stops. Please contact Lis deShazo if your are interested in volunteering for this mission.

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN FOOD BANK

Tuesday, February 8, 2022 | 8:30 a.m.—12 p.m.
If you are interested and able to help, please report to Central at 8:30 a.m. There will be a short meeting at 8:45 with instructions for volunteers and the food distribution will begin around 9:00 am. This ministry serves around 750 families each week.



The Muddy Creek Interpretive Nature Trail is a loop trail that's a little more than 2 miles long, and very easy for all ages to navigate. The trail has boardwalks and educational panels. It is on Industrial Road between Bellingrath Road and Highway 193 (Rangeline Road exit) near Theodore, about a 20-minute drive from GSPC. Lunch will be available in Fellowship Hall following worship. Please RSVP to Pastor Alexandra.


LUNCH
AND LEARN
"DANGERS OF THE INTERNET"
BY JOSEPH THOMPSON, FBI MOBILE
2/20/22
FELLOWSHIP HALL
LUNCH AND PRESENTATION FOLLOWING WORSHIP
RSVP TO PASTOR ALEXANDRA



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The Sanctuary Flowers

are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
MABEL & BESTOR WARD,
by their family.

Christian Education

Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays at 8 a.m.
at the home of Ann Adams

Tuesdays at 10 a.m. via Zoom
Contact: Mary Elizabeth Perry

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Library.
In-person & on Zoom
Contact Bo Perry.

Sunday Book Study Group

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the library

Presbyterian Women

P.W. Circle & Bible Study
Contact: Bligh Jones or Mary Elizabeth Perry

Christian Education

Sunday School *all ages*
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Wee-worship *ages 3—kindergarten*
Sundays during worship