



**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.

*Welcome to Worship*

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 29, 2024 | 10:30 A.M.

ORDINARY TIME

## *Gathering*

### **PRELUDE**

*Aria in Baroque Style*  
Robert Lau

### **WELCOME**

**REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

### **INTROIT**

*And God Shall Wipe Away All Tears*  
Eleanor Daley

#### **The Sopranos and Altos of the Sanctuary Choir**

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying. Neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. (Revelation 21:4)

### ✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on Psalm 63)*

In every time and in every age, the Lord raises up followers to lead and serve God's people.

**May we be ready to answer God's call.**

Some are called to seats of power, to lead in places of prominence and prestige.

**May we be ready to answer God's call.**

Some are called to serve in quiet ways that lift up the least of these.

**May we be ready to answer God's call.**

Some are called to feed the hungry and nourish souls by nourishing bodies.

**May we be ready to answer God's call.**

Some are called to speak truth in ways that others do not want to hear.

**May we be ready to answer God's call.**

In every time and in every age, the Lord raises up followers to lead and serve God's people.

**May we each be ready to answer God's call.**

### ✠**HYMN 619**

*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*  
LAUDA ANIMA

### ✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(unison)*

Holy God,

You have shown us your truth through Jesus Christ, but we often refuse to follow. We believe lies that are harmful and ignore the teachings of your Son. We seek power instead of faithfulness, comfort instead of compassion, and routine rather than justice. Forgive us, Lord, and hear our silent prayers of confession.

(Silence)

Have mercy on us, Lord. May our gratitude for your sacrifice spur us to live more faithfully each day. Through Christ, we pray. 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.

**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.

**New 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.

**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.

## ✠ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## ✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

## ✠RESPONSE | HYMN 448

*Peace of God Be with You*  
AS-SALAAMU LAKUM

# Proclaiming the Word

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SAGE ARNOLD

**SCRIPTURE READING:** I Samuel 8:4-10, 19-20

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR

**SCRIPTURE READING:** John 18:28-40

**SERMON:** "King"

REV. LAMAR

# Thanksgiving

## ✠HYMN 459

*O Word of God Incarnate*  
MUNICH

✠**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** 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.

## ✠RESPONSE

*Three-fold Amen*  
Eugene Butler

## RECOGNITION OF THE MINISTRY OF SHELIA SMITH

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*  
arr. Gordon Young

The Sanctuary Choir

Text: No. 267 in The Hymnal

*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.*

**✠RESPONSE | HYMN 606**

*Doxology*  
OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly 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 744**

*Arise, Your Light Is Come!*  
FESTAL SONG

*Sending*

**✠BENEDICTION**

**REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

**POSTLUDE**

*Trumpet Voluntary (Suite for Organ)*  
Dale Wood

*Today, the congregation thanks God for the ministry of Shelia Smith, Director of Food Services. Shelia began working in the kitchen as Hostess in 1986 after serving in the nursery. Over the last 40 years, Shelia has blessed GSPC and the community in many ways. To celebrate Shelia's ministry and her upcoming retirement, all are invited to join us for lunch in Fellowship Hall following the service. Lunch is provided and donations are appreciated.*

***This week's memory verse:***

*I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.*

***John 13:34***

*Sunday, October 6*

*Join us next Sunday, October 6, as the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar continues her sermon series with "Resurrected" with scripture from Acts 5:12-32. Music will include J.S. Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," and in observance of World Communion Sunday, Buryl Red's "In Remembrance."*



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**Sanctuary Flowers**

The flowers on the pulpit are given to the glory of God  
 and in loving memory of Elizabeth and Austill Pharr  
 by their family.

*Calendar of Events*

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1**

**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 as discussion leader. Everyone is welcome.

**Women's Bible Study:** Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Library. Contact: Mary Elizabeth Perry.

**Tuesday Lunch and Learn:** Come to lunch! Our guest speaker will be **Asha Staples, Communications Director of Housing First**. Lunch is served at noon and the presentation begins at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$12. View the full schedule on gspc.org.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2**

**Mid-week Bible Study:** Noon to 1 p.m. in the Library and via Zoom. This study is led by the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar.

**Choir Rehearsals:** Handbells, 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. in the sanctuary; Choir, 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the choir room. If you're interested in participating in GSPC's music ministries, please contact Chris Nemecc.

**Men's Bible Study:** 6 p.m. in the Library and via Zoom. Contact: Bo Perry.

**ADDITIONAL NOTES**

**Volunteers Needed:** Church office volunteers are needed on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 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, please contact Meredith Johnston at the church office.

**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.

*October Birthdays*

October 2: Laura Tamblyn

October 3: Frank Trice

October 4: Clint Jameson

October 6: Michael Tippy

October 7: Tom Mostellar,  
 Duke Walker

October 8: Marcia Wyatt

October 9: Linda Burke,

Brook McMillan

October 10: Meg Heusser

October 11: John Browning,  
 Betsy Otts, David Thomason

October 12: Lisa Goodloe,

Jeanie Lindsey, Marrs Zakary

October 14: Neal Horner

October 15: Carrie Adams

October 17: Dick Otts

October 19: Sue King, Mickie Lorge

October 20: Julia King

October 21: Eddie Curran,  
 Jeepje Zandstra

October 22: Charles Jones

October 23: Damon Boone,  
 Patrick Sinclair

October 25: Robert Mostellar

October 29: Betsy Weaver

October 31: Sally Ericson