

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 3, 2022 | 10:30AM

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Gathering

PRELUDE *Tell Me The Story Of Jesus/ I Love To Tell The Story Medley*
ARR. ANTHONY BURGER

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

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.*

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** *responsive*

As people formed by God, we give praise to God.

Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert—God is doing a new thing!

As people restored by God, we give praise to Christ.

Seeds to sow and sheaves to carry—God is doing a new thing!

As people pressing on in faith, we give praise to Holy Spirit.

We come home with shouts of joy—God is doing a new thing!

Let us worship God.

✠**HYMN 645** *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*
MIT FREUDEN ZART

✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *unison*

God of all life, we grow comfortable with the way things are in the world.

We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notions of power and protocol.

Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others.

Help us bent our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice.

Fill us, our homes and churches with the abundant love of Christ until we are all made new.

In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

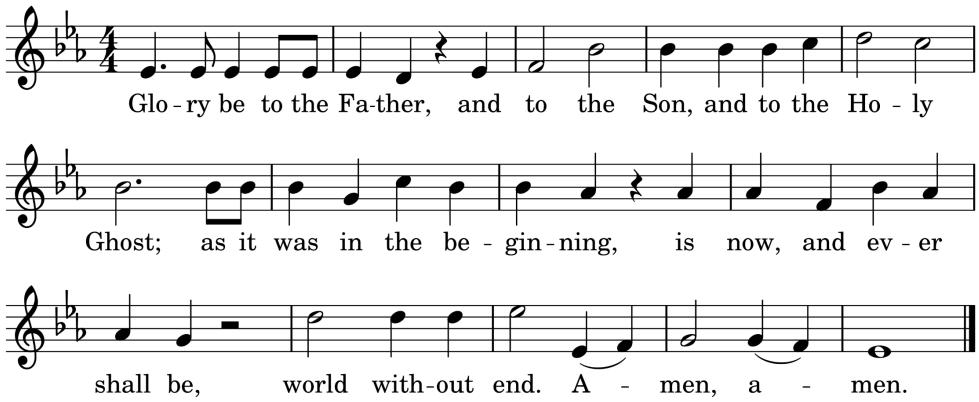
The steadfast love *of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.*

- Psalm 103:17

✠Assurance of Pardon

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

GREATOREX



Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination — **Linda Reynolds**

First Reading — Isaiah 43:16-21

The Word of the Lord. — Old Testament p.623

Thanks Be to God!

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

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 — Philippians 3:4(b)-14

The Gospel of the Lord. — New Testament p.187

Thanks Be to God!

Sermon — **"All Things New"** — **Rev. Robert E. Madsen**

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 221 — *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

Passion Chorale

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

✠Affirmation of Faith *unison* — Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar

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.

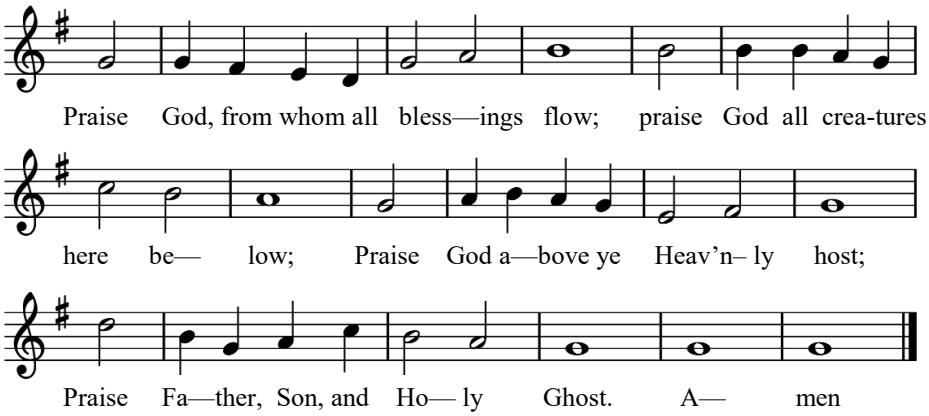
Offering

Offertory

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
William M. Runyan

✠Response | Hymn 607

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
OLD HUNDREDTH



Prayer of Thanksgiving

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table — **Rev. Alexandra Hutson**

Great Thanksgiving — **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

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

Communion Meditation — *Holy Ground*
arr. Geron Brown

Prayer After Communion — **Rev. Alexandra Hutson**

Sending

✠**Hymn 509** — *All Who Hunger, Gladly Gather*
HOLY MANNNA

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

Postlude — *How Great Thou Art*
ARR. BERNADINE JOHNSON

THANK YOU TO EMMA HOLM FOR SERVING

AS OUR GUEST ORGANIST TODAY.

CALLED TO SERVE

VOLUNTEERS

Sunday Assistants

- LeAnne Tamblyn
- Ashley Oswalt

Wee Worship/Nursery

- Jones Family
- Nicole Riis

Music Ministry

The Sanctuary Choir will rehearse for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services on :

Saturday, April 9, 10 a.m. noon, and on Saturday, April 16, from 10 a.m. to noon.

All singers are welcome to join us for these special worship services. Join us to make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

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

URBAN MINISTRY

JELLY AND SNACKS 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 are in need of donations of grape jelly and individually packaged snacks (peanut butter or cheese crackers, chips, cookies, Little Debbie, etc.). There is a donation box in the Jackson Street foyer for these donations.

JUNIOR LEAGUE DIAPER DRIVE - APRIL 2022

During the month of April, Junior League of Mobile will be hosting a month-long Diaper Drive at various locations. GSPC will be one of these locations. Throughout the month, members and anyone else in the community who would like to can donate diapers that will go to the Junior League Diaper Bank. The bank is especially in need of the smaller preemie, newborn, sizes 1, 5, and 6, and any toddler and adult size diapers. There will be a box in the Jackson St. entrance for these donations.

The Junior League Diaper Bank is the only diaper bank in Mobile and supplies diapers to the Central Presbyterian Church Food Pantry and other agencies that support families in need. The Diaper Bank is a project of the Provisional Class, of which Alexandra Hutson is a member.



Rev. Robert Madsen



We are privileged to have the Rev. Robert E. Madsen as our guest Pastor today. Bob is Regional Presbyter serving the Presbytery of South Alabama and the Presbytery of Mississippi. Prior to embarking on that ministry, Bob served as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Andalusia for slightly more than eight years. He began his ministry serving as associate pastor in East Brunswick, NJ for five years and then Franklin, TN for seven years. Bob also served as pastor of the Presbyterian Churches in Gulf Shores, AL (2002-05) and Bluffton, IN (2005-13). He and his wife, Linda, live in Saraland.

Bob is a lifelong Presbyterian, having been baptized in the United Presbyterian Church (USA), confirmed in the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA). He earned a Bachelor of Arts (Journalism) from Georgia State University and a Master of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary.





Youth

Sunday School is held weekly at 9:30 am. Regular Youth Group meetings take place following worship. Mark your calendar for **Youth/Senior Sunday** on May1! We will plan Youth Sunday after church on April 3.

Children

Make plans to attend the Family Nature Walk following worship on Palm Sunday (April 10). We will have lunch in the fellowship hall and drive over to Dauphin Island to walk through the Audubon Bird Sanctuary. Sign-up here: https://forms.gle/cFH1P6kdFPpoR99JA. Easter Egg Hunt 11:00 am, Saturday, April 16, att Washington Park.

VBS

Mark your calendar and make plans to bring your children to **Vacation Bible School** this summer! The dates are June 20-24. Sign up on the church website: gspcmobile.org/vbs

Easter lilies



The lilies are $15 each. The deadline is noon on Wednesday, April 13.
Please complete the form below and drop it by the office with your payment, or email the information to heather@gspcmobile.org. Thank you!

Your name: _____

Number of lilies requested in honor of: _____

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"In memory of" dedications as you would like for them to appear in the bulletin:

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The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in
Celebration of the marriage of
Alex Van Haneghan
and
James Ross Pritchard III
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