Welcome to Worship

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 2, 2024 | 10:30 A.M.

ORDINARY TIME

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 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 *In Heavenly Love Abiding*
Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

INTROIT *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*
Eugene Butler

The Sanctuary Choir

Text: No. 363 in The Hymnal (Stanzas 1 & 3)

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*based on Mark 5:21-33*)
In Mark's gospel, a frightened father begs Jesus to heal his daughter, and Jesus says,
"Do not fear, only believe."
Passing by the weeping mourners, Jesus stands by the daughter's deathbed.
"Do not fear, only believe."
Reaching out his hand, the daughter whom all thought to be dead rises to be fed.
"Do not fear, only believe."
The story of Jesus continues to a table, a betrayal, a cross, and a grave.
"Do not fear, only believe."
Frightened women find an empty tomb; disillusioned disciples wonder if it is an idle tale.
"Do not fear, only believe."
The story of Christ continues where two or three are gathered to worship in his name.
"Do not fear, only believe."
Let us rise in faith and be fed with the bread of life at the table of grace, repeating the words of Jesus,
"Do not fear, only believe."

✠**HYMN 263** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
CORONATION

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*)
God of grace and glory,
You ask us to follow in faith, but we are confused, unsure how to respond. We struggle to believe your perfect plan could possibly include us. We are acutely aware of our own flaws and failings. We doubt your power to use us for your glory, and find excuses to ignore your call. Forgive us, Lord, and hear our silent prayers of confession.

(Silence)

Have mercy on us, Lord. Make us brave enough to hear your voice and follow where you call us to go. We pray in the name of Christ, our 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.*

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.*

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 581 *Glory Be to the Father*
GLORIA PATRI

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer For Illumination **Bobby Headrick**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 9:9-20

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

Scripture Reading: 1Samuel 3:1-20

Sermon: "The Story of Samuel: Confusion and Call" **Rev. Lamar**

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 406 *We Are Standing on Holy Ground*
HOLY GROUND

✠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

Offering

Offertory *In This Very Room*
Ron Harris

The Sanctuary Choir

In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me, and in this very room there's quite enough joy for one like me, and there's quite enough hope, and quite enough power to chase away any gloom. For Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room. And in this very room there's quite enough love for all of us. And in this very room there's quite enough love for all the world.

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.*

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.

✠Response | Hymn 609 *Doxology*

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!

✠Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Communion Meditation *Sicilienne (Opus 80)*

Gabriel Fauré

Prayer After Communion

✠Hymn 526 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

LINSTEAD

Sending

✠Benediction **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Postlude *Postlude on "Coronation"*

Jason D. Payne

Sunday, June 9

Next Sunday, June 9, the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar will continue her sermon series "The Story of Samuel," with scripture readings from Psalm 138:1-8 and I Samuel 7:3-17 and a sermon titled "War and Worship." Music includes Nicholas Brodsky's "I'll Walk with God" and Mack Wilberg's setting of "I Believe in Christ." Wilberg is the current conductor of The Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square (formerly The Mormon Tabernacle Choir), and arranges hymns into full-bodied choral/orchestral settings. He has held this position of Director-Conductor since 2008.



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given to the glory of God.

Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 8 a.m. at the home of Ann Adams. The group is studying Romans.
Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Library. Contact: Mary Elizabeth Perry.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

Choir rehearsal: 6-7:30 p.m. in the choir room.
Men's Bible Study: 6 p.m. in the Library. Contact: Bo Perry.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School is planned for the week of June 17-24. Sign up from the enewsletter or from our website, gspcmobile.org.

A Baytreat Blessing: The congregation will celebrate Baytreat's ministries and memories on Thursday, June 20, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The event will include water slides, swimming, dinner and music. Donations will be accepted for Baytreat items.

GSPC T-Shirts: If you would like to order a T-shirt, the deadline is June 16. Use the form in the e-newsletter (download, fill out and email to Mary Herndon Nordmann), or fill one out in the church office.

Volunteers Needed: The church office would welcome volunteers during the week, especially between the hours of 10 a.m. and 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: There are several openings for flower dedications this summer. 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.

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.

Worship has continued on this site since 1836, when the sanctuary, now a National Historic landmark, was completed.