Welcome to Worship

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 25, 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.*

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.*

PRELUDE *(Two Early-American Preludes)*

Trumpet Air
James Bremner
Presto
John Christopher Moeller

WELCOME — **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

INTROIT — *Consider the Lilies*
Roger Hoffman

The Sanctuary Choir

Consider the lilies of the field; how they grow. Consider the birds of the sky, how they fly. He clothes the lilies of the field, He feeds the birds in the sky, and He will feed those who trust Him and guide them with His eye. Consider the sheep of His fold; how they follow where He leads. Tho' the path may wind across the mountains, He knows the meadows where they feed. He clothes the lilies of the field, He feeds the birds in the sky, And He will feed those who love Him, guide them with His eye. Consider the sweet tender children who must suffer on this earth; the pains of all of them He carried from the day of His birth. He clothes the lilies of the field, He feeds the lambs of His fold. And He will heal those who trust Him, and make their hearts as gold.

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

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you.
My soul thirsts for you. I even faint for you as if I were in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.
Your steadfast love is better than anything else in life and my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live. In your name, I will lift up my hands.
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✠**HYMN 35** — *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*
LOBE DEN HERREN

✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

Holy God,
You sent Jesus to teach us how to follow you. He showed us, through his example and his teaching, the importance of prayer. We confess that we do not take advantage of the gift of prayer. We ask for more than we need. We are slow to forgive. Forgive us, Lord, and hear our silent prayers of confession.

(Silence)

Have mercy on us, O God, and turn us toward you. Make us humble and open to the leading of your spirit, and prepare us to be your faithful servants in all we do. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

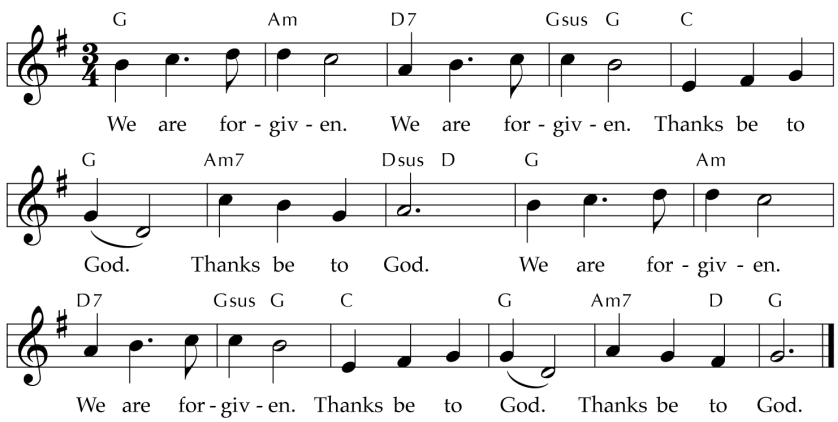
We pass the peace *by greeting one another and saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," to which one replies, "And also with you." The ancient ritual of the church reminds us that Christ offers us peace that passes understanding.*

✠Assurance of Pardon

✠Passing of the Peace

✠Response | Hymn 447 *We Are Forgiven*

WE ARE FORGIVEN



Proclaiming the Word

Prayer For Illumination **Tom McGehee**

Scripture Reading: Exodus 16:10-18

Children ages three *and older are invited to the front for the Children's Sermon. Children under 3 are welcome in the nursery. Older children may return to sit with their parents.*

Children's Sermon **Bradley Daugherty**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:9-13

Sermon: "Great Prayers of the Bible: The Lord's Prayer" **Rev. Lamar**

Thanksgiving

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.*

✠Hymn 629 *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

ST. AGNES

✠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 *Seven-fold Amen*
John Rutter

Offering

Offertory *Hymn 172: Blest Are They*
Haas; arr. Chris Nemec

The Sanctuary Choir and Congregation
Soloists: Jacob Mohr, *tenor*; Kelly Connor, *soprano*; Meredith Wilson, *mezzo*

(The Congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the refrain following each verse.)

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God. (Based on Matthew 5:3-12)

✠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 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.*

✠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 720 *Jesus Calls Us*
GALILEE

Sending

Congregational Meeting *to elect the Nominating Committee*

✠Benediction **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Postlude *Grand Processional on LOBE DEN HERREN*
Dale Wood

Sunday, September 1

Next Sunday, the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar's sermon is from Luke 18:9-14 and is titled "Great Prayers from the Bible: The Tax Collector's Prayer." In addition, the Sanctuary Choir will sing two settings of the Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester: Martin How's "Day By Day" and L.J. White's "Prayer of St Richard."



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Adams, Sr., by their Adams and Oswalt grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.

Calendar of Events

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 4 p.m.: Dauphin Way UMC's Racial Justice and Reconciliation committee invites the congregation to join them at "John Lewis and the Power of Hope: A Conversation" at the church, 1507 Dauphin St. Frye Gaillard, an award-winning author and chronicler of the 1960s, will offer summary and perspective before responding to questions from the audience.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27
Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 9 a.m. at the home of Ann Adams. The group will study the Gospel of Matthew with the Rev. George Sinclair as discussion leader. Everyone is welcome.

The GSPC Book Club meets at 5:30 p.m. in the church library and via Zoom. The group will discuss GSPC member Nancy Graham's book, "The Unfractured Faith of Erik Routley: From Brighton to Princeton." The Zoom link is posted prior to the meeting on the church calendar. For assistance in accessing the Zoom link or the reading material, please contact Meredith Johnston.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28
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 Nemec.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Second Sunday Monthly Luncheons: The congregation is invited to luncheons in Fellowship Hall on Sept. 8, Oct. 13, and Nov. 10, immediately after worship. The Sept. 8 luncheon will celebrate Rally Day and the beginning of Sunday School. Donations are requested.

Volunteers Needed: Church office volunteers are needed 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: 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.