

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 26, 2022 | 10:30 A.M.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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 *Andantino*
A. F. HESSE

WELCOME **REV. ALEXANDRA HUTSON**

✠CALL TO WORSHIP *responsive*

We gather to worship our risen Lord.
We come together to sing praises to God.
We gather to be fed by God's word.
We come together to be led by the Spirit and follow God's call.
Let us worship God!

✠HYMN 610 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*
AZMON

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION *unison*

God of glory and grace, we are humbled to come before your throne. We know that we fall short of the glory you intend for us. We act selfishly and fail to love others as ourselves. We squander the inheritance we have received from you and our lives do not reflect the grace you offer us each day. Forgive us, Lord. Guide our steps, redeem our failures, and allow us to serve you with faithfulness. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

✠ASSURANCE OF PARDON **REV. ALEXANDRA HUTSON**

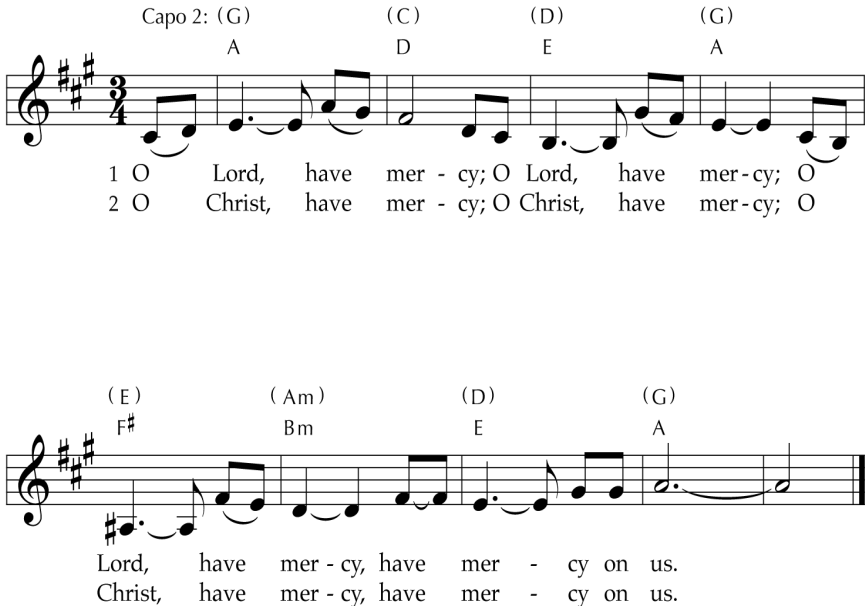
Children ages three *and older are invited to the front. Those three years through kindergarten may leave with volunteers for Wee Worship for the remainder of the service. Sign-in for parents of Wee Worship children is on the front row.*

Nursery is available for ages infant through Kindergarten.

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

✠Response | Hymn 578 — *O Lord, Have Mercy*

Kyrie eleison
Oré poriajú verekó



Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading — 2 Peter 1:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God!

Children's Sermon — Rev. Alexandra Hutson

Second Reading — Ephesians 1: 3-14

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God!

Sermon — "To God Be The Glory" — Rev. Dr. Julian Walthall

Thanksgiving

✠ **Hymn 716** *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

BEACH SPRING

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

Apostle's Creed

Offering

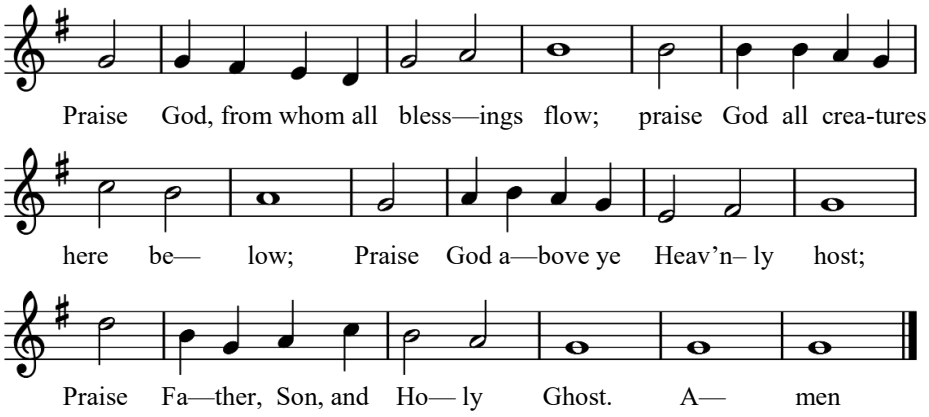
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ
his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; 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.

Meditation *Adagio*

G. SCHICHT

✠**Response | Hymn 607** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH



Prayer Of Thanksgiving **Rev. Alexandra Hutson**

Prayer of Intercession

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

Sending

✠Hymn 634 *To God Be The Glory*
TO GOD BE THE GLORY

✠Benediction **Rev. Dr. Julian Walthall**

Postlude *Postludium*
PHILIP G. GRECKEL

The Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar is enjoying a week of continuing education at the Worship and Music Conference in Montreat, N.C.

Thank you to Stephen Prager for serving as our guest organist, and to the Rev. Dr. Julian W. Walthall for leading us in worship as our guest preacher today.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Peter 2: 1-11

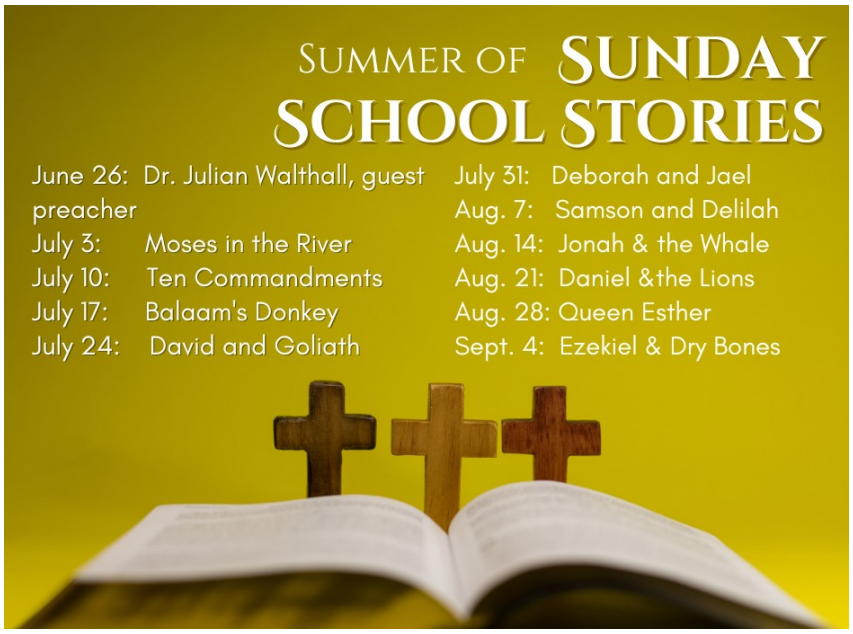
2 But false prophets also arose among the people,
just as there will be false teachers among you, who
will secretly bring in destructive opinions. They will
even deny the Master who bought them—bringing
swift destruction on themselves. [2] Even so, many
will follow their licentious ways, and because of
these teachers the way of truth will be
maligned. [3] And in their greed they will exploit you
with deceptive words. Their condemnation,
pronounced against them long ago, has not been
idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

[4] For if God did not spare the angels when they
sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them
to chains of deepest darkness to be kept until the
judgment; [5] and if he did not spare the ancient
world, even though he saved Noah, a herald of
righteousness, with seven others, when he brought
a flood on a world of the ungodly; [6] and if by turning
the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he
condemned them to extinction and made them an
example of what is coming to the ungodly; [7] and if
he rescued Lot, a righteous man greatly distressed
by the licentiousness of the lawless [8] (for that
righteous man, living among them day after day,
was tormented in his righteous soul by their lawless
deeds that he saw and heard), [9] then the Lord
knows how to rescue the godly from trial, and to
keep the unrighteous under punishment until the
day of judgment [10] —especially those who indulge
their flesh in depraved lust, and who despise
authority.

Bold and willful, they are not afraid to slander the
glorious ones, [11] whereas angels, though greater in
might and power, do not bring against them a
slanderous judgment from the Lord.

Ephesians !: 3-14

[3] Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every
spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, [4] just as he
chose us in Christ before the foundation of the
world to be holy and blameless before him in
love. [5] He destined us for adoption as his children
through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure
of his will, [6] to the praise of his glorious grace that
he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. [7] In him we
have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness
of our trespasses, according to the riches of his
grace [8] that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and
insight [9] he has made known to us the mystery of his
will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth
in Christ, [10] as a plan for the fullness of time, to
gather up all things in him, things in heaven and
things on earth. [11] In Christ we have also obtained
an inheritance having been destined according to
the purpose of him who accomplishes all things
according to his counsel and will, [12] so that we, who
were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live
for the praise of his glory. [13] In him you also, when
you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your
salvation, and had believed in him, were marked
with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; [14] this is
the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as
God's own people, to the praise of his glory.



Vacation Bible School



Everyone had a great time this past week at Vacation Bible School! The theme was "Passport to Peace." The children met peacemakers in the Bible, did art projects, sang songs, had science explorations and played games.

Thanks to the Rev. Alexandra Hutson and to the many volunteers who helped make this event such a success!

GSPC YOUTH
SUMMER OF FUN, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP

Service Project: Clean-up
Tuesday, July 12

Service Project: Dumas Wesley
Wednesday, July 27

Montreat Middle School
July 20-24

Kickball Tournament
July TBA

Ice Cream Dates at Old Dutch: July 14, July 28
2:00-3:00 p.m. with Pastor Alexandra
Drop by when you can!

GSPC news



Dr. Julian W. Walthall

Welcome to our guest preacher: Dr. Julian W. Walthall is an honorably retired PCUSA minister who served four different Presbyterian congregations over 39 years of active ministry. Since retiring, he has been volunteering with the Baldwin County Master Gardeners and spending time maintaining and enjoying his family's home place and farm in Newbern up in Alabama's Black Belt. He and his wife, Carolyn, reside in Daphne and have two sons, Claiborne in upstate New York and David in Siena, Italy, and three precious granddaughters in New Scotland, N.Y.



Hannah Majure

Our Baytreat Mission Campers this week are from First Presbyterian Church of Anderson, S.C. The camp director is Hannah Majure, a social worker for Metro Nashville Schools.

Meals for our campers: Church Officers, Sunday School Classes, PW and Bible Study Groups are invited to serve a Sunday night meal to the campers at Baytreat. To sign up, please call or email Heather Hamilton at 251-432-1749 or heather@gspcmobile.org.

Here is the schedule:

Week 3: July 9-15: Decatur Presbyterian Church, Decatur, GA

Week 4: July 16–22: Germantown Pres. Church, Germantown, TN



Free Music CDs: The GSPC Decluttering Committee found a collection of music CDs in the choir room. They're in a basket in the office for any and all takers!

Ice Cream Social: The Youth are invited to join Pastor Alexandra at GSPC for an Ice Cream Social at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 30.

CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

Class of 2022

John Browning, Joy Gardner, Dorothy Morrison, Scott Weldon, Marcia Wyatt

Class of 2023

Susan Ashbee, Casi Callaway, Lisa deShazo, John Moses, Henry Morrissette, Bo Perry

Class of 2024
Bobby Headrick, Charles Jones, Mary Herndon Nordmann, Katherine Ogburn, Dick Otts, Beth Rouse

Clerk of Session: John Browning

Assistant Clerk: Henry Morrissette

DIACONATE

Class of 2022

Kym Carroll, Sally Ericson, John Peebles, Jim Van Haneghan, Zack Weaver

Class of 2023

Damon Boone, Jane Hale, Ashley Oswalt, Harris Oswalt Jr., Leigh Schottgen, LeAnne Tamblyn

Class of 2024

Ashley Ashbee, Stella Jackson, Ashford Kettler, Richard Otts, Jasper Reaves

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 creamy peanut butter (no Jif, please, because of the recent recall) and grape jelly and individually packaged snacks (peanut butter or cheese crackers, chips, cookies, Little Debbies, etc.). There is a donation box in the Jackson Street foyer for these donations.

BLANKET MINISTRY

All are invited to donate items to be delivered to USA Children's & Women's Mother/Baby/At Risk department for full term babies of needy families (not the NICU) and to the Mostellar Clinic. Here are suggested items and sizes:

- Baby blankets (greatest need) approx. 28-36" square/rectangles 30-34"x40-46"
- A few hats and booties
- (USACW only): No-scratch mittens (must be fabric, not yarn)

Inexpensive items of any baby-appropriate washable fabric or yarn are appreciated. No large items, please: The babies we serve usually average 3-5 lbs. Store-bought or handmade items are welcomed. (Please do not donate unmade fabric.)
Donations may be left in the "Baby Box" at the Jackson Street entrance, or you may order from Amazon and request delivery to the church, marked "Blanket Ministry."



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If you would like to have flowers placed in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of loved ones, please consider placing them during the summer months. We have plenty of open Sundays, and would love to have beautiful floral offerings throughout the summer. To place flowers, please contact Ann Adams at Adams-marion@att.net or 251-591-8586.

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.

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.

Sunday School
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Wee Worship
This ministry is on hiatus during the summer months.

If you have news items to share in the e-newsletter or the bulletin, please email the information to Heather Hamilton (heather@gspcmobile.org) and Sally Ericson (sallyericson23@gmail.com).

Those Serving Today:

Sunday Assistants: Kym Carroll
Jim Van Haneghan