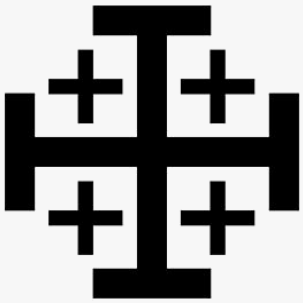


Welcome to Worship

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 1, 2023 | 10:30 A.M.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Gathering

PRELUDE *Jubilate!*
Douglas Wagner

The Handbell Choir

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Stewardship **TOM MCGEHEE**

INTROIT *Immortal, Invisible*
arr. Douglas Wagner

The Handbell Choir

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.*

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

When your children ask you in times to come, "What do these stones mean?"

We will tell them of God's mighty acts from scripture.

When your children ask you in times to come, "What does this water mean?"

We will tell them that the Lord led us through the waters of baptism to find our freedom in Christ.

When your children ask you in times to come, "What does this table mean?"

We will tell them of Jesus' sacrificial death and nourishing love.

When your children ask you in times to come, "What does this faith mean?"

We will tell them that we love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength and that we love our neighbor as ourselves.

Let us worship God.

✠HYMN 634 *To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

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

Holy God, You have guided us through the wilderness; you have given us what we need for each day; you have never left us alone. Your kindness deserves more gratitude than we show. Your love demands more commitment than we offer. Your power deserves more faith than we have shown. Forgive us, Lord, for the ways we forget your goodness, take for granted your kindness, and ignore your presence in our lives. Hear our silent prayers of confession.

(silence)

Have mercy on us, Lord. Give us reminders of your faithfulness, and open our eyes to see your goodness all around us. 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.*

The nursery is available for ages infant through kindergarten.

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

✠Assurance of Pardon

✠Passing of the Peace

✠Response: Hymn 581 *Glory Be to the Father*
GLORIA PATRI

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer For Illumination **Hunter Oswalt**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 26, 26-29

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

Scripture Reading: Joshua 6: 1-21

Sermon: "Promised Land" **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 511 *Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven*
LLANFAIR

✠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.

Offering

Offertory *Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place*
arr. C. Nemec

The Sanctuary Choir; Jasaan Roberts, *baritone soloist*

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel His mighty power and His grace. I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face. There's a holy hush around us as God's glory fills this place, I've touched the hem of His garment, I can almost see His face. And my heart is overflowing with the fullness of His joy. I know without a doubt that I've been with the Lord.

✠Response | Hymn 607 *Doxology*

✠Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.*

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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 — *In Remembrance*
Buryl Red

The Sanctuary Choir

Text: The Hymnal, No. 521

Prayer After Communion

✠Hymn 297 — *In Christ Called to Baptize*
ST. DENIO

Sending

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

Postlude — *Crown Imperial*
William Walton

Memory verse for the week of October 1:
Joshua 1:9: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Copies of this week's memory verse may be picked up at any entrance to the sanctuary.

Sunday, October 8

Join us in worship next Sunday, October 8, as the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar continues her sermon series with "Kings." Scriptures include 1 Samuel 16:17b. Choral music will include Nancy Roberts' exciting "Clap Your Hands!," which paraphrases Psalm 47, and "Soli Deo Gloria" (Glory to God Alone) by an anonymous 17th century composer.



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Flower Dedications

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon P. Linhart and Mr. and Mrs. John Elliott Moses by Marilyn and John Moses.

Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 8 a.m. at the home of Ann Adams.

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

Tuesday Lunch and Learn at GSPC: Meredith Wilson and John Sledge of the Mobile Historic Development Commission will be the guest speakers. Lunch is served at noon and the presentation will begin at 12:30 p.m. The cost is $12. All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

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, 5:15-5:45 p.m.; choir, 6-7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Tuesday Lunch and Learn at GSPC: Dr. Amanda Jones, Principal of Barton Academy for Advanced World Studies, will be the guest speaker. Lunch is served at noon and Dr. Jones will speak at 12:30 p.m. The cost is $12. All are welcome.

ADDITIONAL NEWS AND NOTES

Attention, Parents! The GSPC Children's Choir has resumed rehearsals on Sundays from 9:30 to 9:45 a.m. in the office of Chris Nemec (2nd floor at the Jackson St. stairwell). The dates for the children to sing are October 15 and December 24 (10:30 a.m.). To assure the children are well-prepared and effective leaders, each child must attend a minimum of three rehearsals in order to sing for Sunday worship. Questions? Contact Chris Nemec, chris@gspcmobile.org.

October Birthdays

October 2: Laura Tamblyn
October 3: Frank Trice
October 4: Clint Jameson
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
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
October 31: Sally Ericson