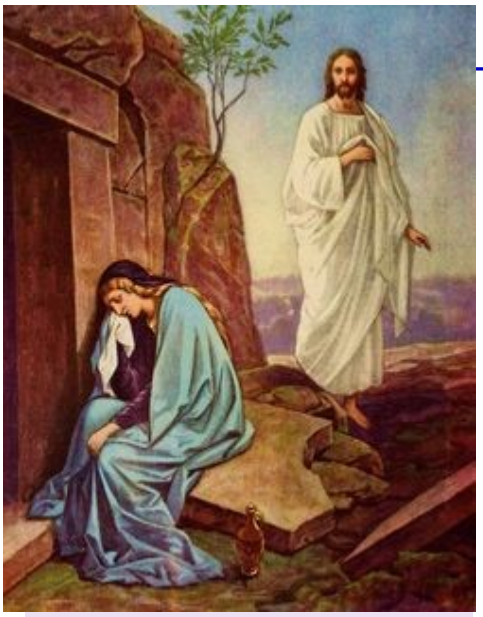


GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 24, 2022 | 10:30 A.M.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Gathering

PRELUDE *Sol Maggiore C Dur*
FR. WALCYNSKI

WELCOME **REV. ALEXANDRA HUTSON**

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** *responsive*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!
Alleluia! Celebrate God in all places under heaven!
Give praise for God's mighty deeds!
Give praise for God's resurrecting power!
Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets!
Praise God with the harp and the cello!
Praise God with tambourines and dancing!
Praise God with flutes and guitars!
Praise God with cymbals and drums!
Let everything with life and breath praise God!

✠**HYMN 232** *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*
EASTER HYMN

✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *unison* **REV. ALEXANDRA HUTSON**

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all strong.

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.*

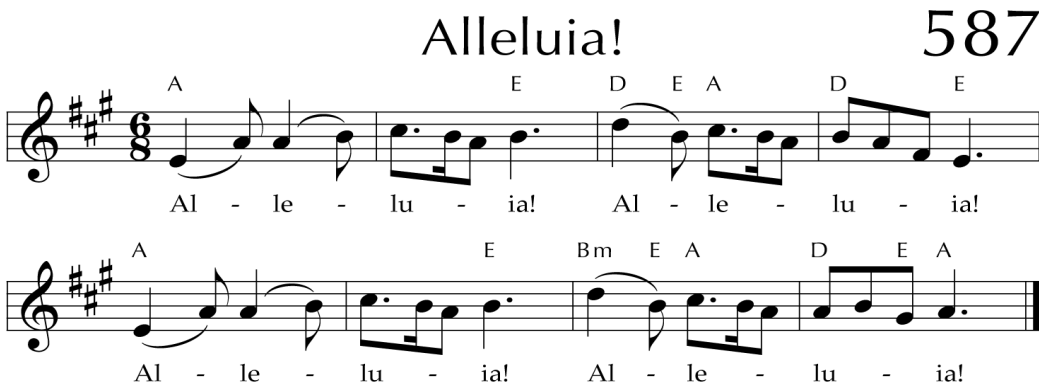
Please silence *all cellular devices for the duration of the service.*

Congregational responses *are in* ***bold*** *text.* ✠*is an indication to rise in body or in spirit as you are able.*

When we are wounded by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts and give us peace. Amen.

✠Assurance of Pardon **Rev. Alexandra Hutson**

✠Response | Hymn 587 CELTIC ALLELUIA



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.*

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination **Sue King**

First Reading Psalm 118: 14-29

The Word of the Lord. Old Testament pp. 534-535

Thanks Be to God!

Children's Sermon **Rev. Alexandra Hutson**

Second Reading John 20: 19-31

The Gospel of the Lord. New Testament pp. 108-109

Thanks Be to God!

Sermon "Peace Be With You" **Rev. Alexandra Hutson**

Thanksgiving

Hymn 240 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord!*

ALLELUIA NO. 1

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

(Excerpt from Brief Statement of Faith)

Our Affirmation of Faith for today comes from the Brief Statement of Faith. This confession was written in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1983, in response to the reunion of the two largest Presbyterian churches in the USA, creating the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). It was added to the Book of Confessions following the 203rd General Assembly (1991).

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: Preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, Healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

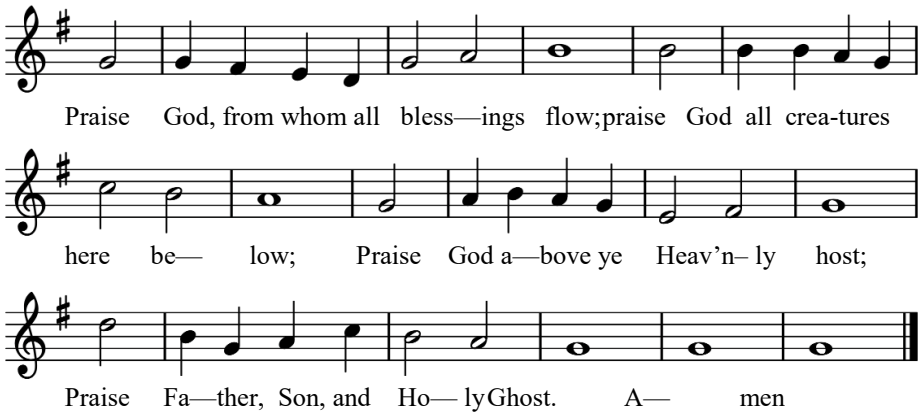
Offering

Offertory *Andantino in G Major*

K.H. Zollner

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

OLD HUNDREDTH



The Ukrainian National Anthem was formally adopted after the country's independence from the Soviet Union in 1991.

While formally known as the "State Anthem of Ukraine," it also goes by its native title "Shche ne vmerla Ukrainy," which translates into English as "Ukraine Has Not Yet Perished."

The rousing melody we hear today was officially accepted in 1992 by Ukraine's parliament, the Verkhovna Rada.

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 246** *Christ Is Alive*
TRURO

✠**Benediction** **Rev. Alexandra Hutson**

Postlude *Ukrainian National Anthem*
MYKHAILO VERBETSKY
ARR. VIDAS PINKEVICIUS

THANK YOU TO STEPHEN PRAGER
FOR SERVING AS OUR GUEST ORGANIST TODAY

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING: Psalm 118: 14-29

14 The LORD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

15 There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;
16 the right hand of the LORD is exalted;
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."
17 I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.
18 The LORD has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.
19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

20 This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

21 I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
22 The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
23 This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.
24 This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
25 Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.
27 The LORD is God,
and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.
29 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

SECOND READING: John 20: 19-31

19 It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Then Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. 20 After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you." 22 Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

24 One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (called the Twin), was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the scars of the nails in his hands and put my finger on those scars and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later the disciples were together again indoors, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands; then stretch out your hand and put it in my side. Stop your doubting, and believe!"

28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

29 Jesus said to him, "Do you believe because you see me? How happy are those who believe without seeing me!"

30 In his disciples' presence Jesus performed many other miracles which are not written down in this book. 31 But these have been written in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through your faith in him you may have life.

Christian Sympathy

is extended to the family and friends of

Martelle Scott

January 25,1924 - April 19, 2022

A Service of the Resurrection will be held at the church on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 11 a.m.

A reception and celebration of her life will be held in the Guesnard House after the service. Memorial contributions may be made to GSPC. (If desired, indicate the ministry/ mission of your choice.)



Coming up at GSPC

Sunday, May 1: "Getting to Know GSPC," 9:30 a.m. The Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar will host an informational meeting about the past, present and future of GSPC in the Multi-Purpose Room on the second floor. All new members and visitors are invited to learn more about the past, present, and future of GSPC. Come learn how you can serve and grow in this church family. Contact Pastor Rebekah with questions at Rebekah@gspcmobile.org.

May 1 is Graduate Recognition Sunday. Our Youth will lead us in worship. After the service, the congregation is invited to a luncheon in Fellowship Hall to honor our graduating seniors: Mary Brown, William Jameson, Ben Hollensworth, Louise Hutchison and Sacky Otts.

The **Children of the Church** will have an End-of-the-Year party on **Saturday, May 14**, at Woodland Swim Club. RSVP to the Rev. Alexandra Hutson at Alexandra@gspcmobile.org.

All GSPC Women are invited to the Presbyterian Women's

Spring Back Gathering

Please join us in the Guesnard House for an evening of fellowship and fun! There will be a short business meeting, followed by the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar teaching our last lesson from "What My Grandmothers Taught Me."

Monday, May 2, at 6 p.m. in the Guesnard House

We are looking forward to a wonderful social regrouping! Please bring food or drink of your choice to share.



Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School at GSPC, June 20-24

All are invited! Our theme is "Passport to Peace." Children will travel through the world learning how to be peacemakers. They will make friends, sing fun songs, meet peacemakers in the Bible, do art projects and science explorations and play active games.

Parking Lot Reminders

We suggest that all of our members park in the GSPC lot, double parking if necessary. If you wish to park in the lot next to GSPC's, you will need to pay $5 for 3 hours of parking.

The State of Alabama has begun issuing new tag plates with current year tag renewals. Please make sure that you update your new tag number as you receive them. If you have any difficulties with getting your vehicle registered or with receiving a ticket, please contact the church office at 251-432-1749.

URBAN MINISTRY

JELLY AND SNACKS FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

Our 45 Meals on Wheels recipients receive a sack lunch each day, along with a hot meal. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are often on the menu, and donations of grape jelly are needed to help fill the pantry. Our clients also receive an individually wrapped snack, and snack donations are needed: peanut butter/ cheese crackers, chips, cookies, cereal bars, Cheez-its, etc. Please leave your Meals on Wheels donations in the donation box at the Jackson Street entrance.

JUNIOR LEAGUE DIAPER DRIVE

During the month of April, Junior League of Mobile is hosting a month-long Diaper Drive at various locations, including GSPC. 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 is a box in the Jackson St. entrance for these donations.

The Junior League Diaper Bank, the only diaper bank in Mobile, 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 the Rev. Alexandra Hutson is a member.



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THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS
are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Abbie and Buck Tamblyn, Ann and G.B. Clarke, and Lee and Erma Catrett by their Family.

MEETINGS

YOUTH
GSPC Youth will meet in the Church Library immediately following today's service to finalize plans for Youth Sunday on May 1.

SESSION
The Session will meet on Tuesday, April 26, at 5:30 p.m. in the Church Library.

DIACONATE
The Diaconate will meet on Thursday, April 28, at 5:30 p.m. in the Church Library.

Elders and Deacons are asked to notify the church office if they are unable to attend.

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 and 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. Contacts: Bligh Jones or Mary Elizabeth Perry

Sunday School
Sundays at 9:30 a.m., all ages

Wee Worship
Sundays during the service, ages 3 through kindergarten