



GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 13, 2022 | 10:30AM

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Gathering

Image— “The Sermon on the Plain—Jesus Teaching” by Jose Trujillo.

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.

PRELUDE

Hymn Medley

arr. Watts

CHIMING OF THE HALF-HOUR

GUILDFORD

WELCOME

REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Presbyterian Women*

BLIGH JONES

¶CALL TO WORSHIP *responsive*

REV. ALEXANDRA HUTSON

Happy are those who delight in the law of the Lord.

They are like trees planted by streams of water
whose leaves do not wither.

Though there is much to distract us, the law of the Lord is our strength.

In all hours of the day and night,
may the law of the Lord be our guide.

Let us worship God.

¶HYMN 645

Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

¶PRAYER OF CONFESSION *unison*

REV. ALEXANDRA HUTSON

Merciful God, your call to discipleship is demanding.

You ask us to reorder our lives, but we are afraid.

You ask us to care for the least of these,

but we often pass by without a thought.

We confess that we are too often complacent and complicit.

Forgive us, Lord.

Open our hearts to understand what your call demands of us,
so that we may serve in your name.

Through Christ we pray, Amen.



Hymn 645—The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE | HYMN 581

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

- Psalm 103:17



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly
Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er
shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 17:5-10

The Word of the Lord.

Old Testament pg. 660

Thanks Be to God!

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.

Hymn 816—This hymn is a testimony of experience. The original seven-stanza German text (based on Psalm 55:22) and its tune were created by the author/composer at the age of twenty in thanksgiving for finding employment many weeks after being left almost penniless following a robbery.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR

SECOND READING

Luke 6:17-26

The Gospel of the Lord.

New Testament pg. 57

Thanks Be to God!

SERMON

"Blessings and Woes"

REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR

Thanksgiving

HYMN 816

If Thou But Trust In God to Guide Thee

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

¶AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *unison*

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

MEDITATION

All that is in the heavens and on the
earth is yours, O Lord, and of your
own we give you.

I Chronicles 29:11, 14

¶RESPONSE | HYMN 607

Let Us Break Bread Together

arr. Watts

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above ye Heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR

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.

Sending

HYMN 307

Hymn 307—This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

BENEDICTION

REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR

POSTLUDE

Finale from Symphony I

L. Vierne

CALLED TO SERVE

VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY ASSISTANTS

- Ashley Oswalt
- John Peebles

WEE WORSHIP/NURSERY

- Alexandra Hutson
- Jennifer Steed
- Nicole Riis



The PW will host a luncheon for the GSPC family and friends today following worship in Fellowship Hall. All are invited to join us and hear about what the PW is doing.

Please remember in your daily prayers the people our church is serving, and those who work with them.

URBAN MINISTRY

MCKEMIE PLACE

GSPC has agreed to provide lunch for up to 40 residents at McKemie Place on the second Friday of each month. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for this mission over the last three months and into 2022. Due to its funding situation, the agency depends on volunteers to provide both lunch and dinner for the residents. They are looking to find individuals or groups that would be willing to provide a lunch or dinner meal on a regular basis each month. They are especially in need of volunteers to provide lunch meals. So, if you, as an individual, or are a member of a group that might be interested in providing this on a regular basis, please contact them at 251-287-2225.

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 grape jelly and individually packaged snacks (peanut butter or cheese crackers, chips, cookies, Little Debbie, etc.). There is a donation box in the Jackson Street foyer for these donations.

COLD WEATHER CLOTHING DONATIONS

During the month of February, we will be collecting gently worn cold weather clothing items for men, women, and children - such as coats, hats, gloves, scarves. Also, socks are a much needed item for those in shelters. These items will be given to various agencies that distribute clothing to those who are homeless or are in need. There is a box designated for these donations at the Jackson Street entrance.

CARDS FOR PRISON MINISTRY

Urban Ministry Committee will be collecting cards of encouragement and love for our prison ministry. Many of the inmates will not be able to attend funerals or see family and we are called to spread joy to these folks. Who better to assist than our youth? Paper and crayon packets will be available in the Jackson Street entrance soon. Please draw a picture of hope and love and have your children color. We will also have templates for coloring for our ministry. They must be on regular printer paper. Children may sign first names only or may simply sign "Government Street Presbyterian Church." Thank you! If you have any questions, please contact Jane Hale at 251-533-9387.



As Americans celebrate the Super Bowl today, we acknowledge that many in our country do not have enough for a bowl of soup. Youth will be available before and after the service on Sunday to collect money that will go to our local food bank in honor of the Souper Bowl of Caring.

LUNCH AND LEARN

"DANGERS OF THE INTERNET"
BY JOSEPH THOMPSON, FBI MOBILE
2/20/22
FELLOWSHIP HALL

LUNCH AND PRESENTATION FOLLOWING WORSHIP
RSVP TO PASTOR ALEXANDRA



USA TRUMPET ENSEMBLE

Sunday, February 20

The Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Peter Wood, will join us in worship on Sunday, February 20. The group performs classical and sacred works in local churches before performing at a national competition each spring.



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THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
GLORIA CRICHTON MCGEHEE,
by Tom & Ceil McGehee.

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 & 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
Contact: Bligh Jones or Mary Elizabeth Perry

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

Wee-worship *ages 3—kindergarten*
Sundays during worship