

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 13, 2022 | 10:30 A.M.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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 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 *Two Fanfares*
MICHAEL MCCABE

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

MINUTE FOR MISSION **SALLYE IRVINE**

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** *responsive* **REV. ALEXANDRA HUTSON**

O sing to the Lord a new song.
For He has done marvelous things.
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
Let us worship God!

✠**HYMN 1** *Holy, Holy, Holy*
NICAEA

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

God of mercy,
We confess that we have not been obedient sons and daughters. We have grown idle in the work of discipleship and weary in doing what is right. We have been selfish in our actions and insistent in claiming our rights. We have not honored the tradition of the Apostles, or imitated the example of your saints.

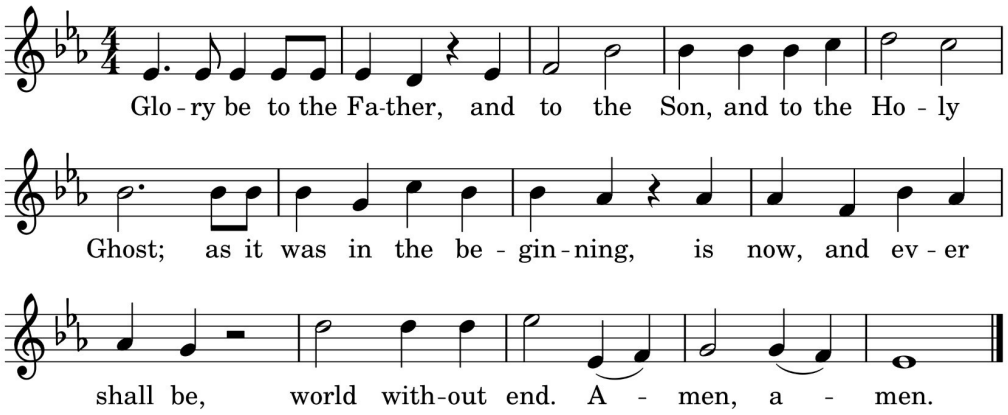
(Silence)

Forgive us, we pray. Show us the way of repentance, free us from our idle ways, and strengthen us to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.

✠Assurance of Pardon **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

✠Response | Hymn 581 *Glory Be to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI



Children ages three *and older are invited to the front for the Children's Sermon. Children ages three through kindergarten may leave with volunteers for Wee Worship for the remainder of the service. The sign-in sheet for parents of Wee Worship children is on the front row.*

The 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 **Margaret Browning, Liturgist**

First Reading 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God!

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

Second Reading Matthew 27: 45-54

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God!

Sermon: "Why Have You Forsaken Me?" **Rev. Alexandra Hutson**

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 450 *Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

The Nicene Creed was written in 325 in order to unify the church. *It affirms that the divinity of Christ, the Son, is of the same substance as the divinity of God, the Father. It is an ecumenical creed used by Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, and Protestant Christians with slight variations.*

✠Affirmation of Faith *unison* **Mickie Lorge, Liturgist**

The Nicene Creed

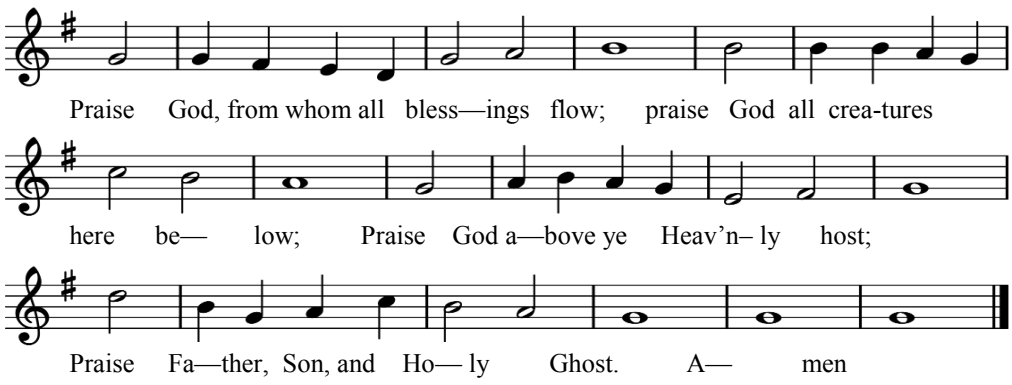
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty; maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through whom all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Choral Response *Alleluia*
Arr. Chris Nemec

Offering

Offertory *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (Cantata 147)*
J.S. Bach
The Sanctuary Choir

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



Prayer Of Thanksgiving **Mickie Lorge, Liturgist**

Prayer of Intercession **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

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.

Sending

✠Hymn 327 *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

✠Benediction **Rev. Alexandra Hutson**

Postlude *Toccata*
David Hegarty

Scripture Readings

2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

6 In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we
command you, brothers and sisters, to keep
away from every believer who is idle and
disruptive and does not live according to the
teaching you received from us. 7 For you
yourselves know how you ought to follow our
example. We were not idle when we were with
you, 8 nor did we eat anyone's food without
paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night
and day, laboring and toiling so that we would
not be a burden to any of you. 9 We did this, not
because we do not have the right to such
help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model
for you to imitate. 10 For even when we were
with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is
unwilling to work shall not eat."

11 We hear that some among you are idle and
disruptive. They are not busy; they are
busybodies. 12 Such people we command and
urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and
earn the food they eat. 13 And as for you,
brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is
good.

Matthew 27: 45-54

45 From noon until three in the afternoon
darkness came over all the land. 46 About three
in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud
voice, *"Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (which
means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken
me?").*

47 When some of those standing there heard
this, they said, "He's calling Elijah."

48 Immediately one of them ran and got a
sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a
staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. 49 The rest
said, "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah
comes to save him."

50 And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud
voice, he gave up his spirit.

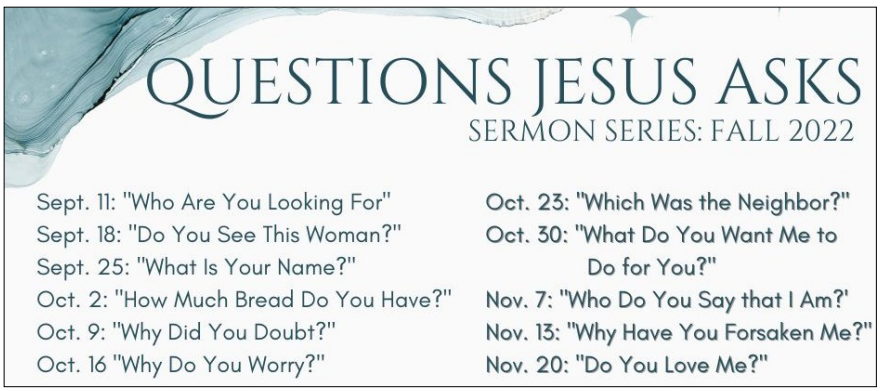
51 At that moment the curtain of the temple was
torn in two from top to bottom. The earth
shook, the rocks split 52 and the tombs broke
open. The bodies of many holy people who had
died were raised to life. 53 They came out of the
tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into
the holy city and appeared to many people.

54 When the centurion and those with him who
were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all
that had happened, they were terrified, and
exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"

GSPC News







Be an Angel! This time each year, we at GSPC are given the opportunity to become an actual angel on Earth! The Angel Tree is located in the Jackson Street foyer with the names of children in need of a little Christmas miracle. You can be that miracle by selecting a name. Your packet will include gift suggestions and detailed instructions on how to place the unwrapped gifts in the enclosed bag. Gifts must be returned to GSPC on or before Sunday, November 27.

Choir rehearsals resume: Chris Nemec, Organist and Director of Music, is eager to welcome all musicians as we begin to prepare for the holidays! Choir practice is on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Join us!

Interfaith Bible Study: The Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar joins Rabbi Ed Boraz of Spring Hill Avenue Temple and the Rev. Trey Doyle of First Baptist Church for an interfaith Bible study, "Two Pastors and a Rabbi." The final date is December 1. All are welcome. Please call the church office at 251-432-1749 to register.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service: The congregation is invited to a Thanksgiving Service led by downtown church leaders on Tuesday, November 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Spring Hill Avenue Temple. Everyone is asked to bring a frozen turkey or canned goods to donate to the food pantry at Central Presbyterian Church.

Fall Family Nature Walk Today: Join us for a fun outing after church this afternoon in Langan Park. We will have lunch in the Fellowship Hall and then meet at the park to explore the trails.

Mark Your Calendar: The Advent Festival is planned for Sunday, November 20, right after worship in Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to the Rev. Alexandra Hutson.



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

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Clerk of Session: John Browning

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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

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."

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 year. We are in need of volunteers to provide, prepare, and serve lunches on December 9. If you can help with this mission on any of these dates, please contact Lisa deShazo at 251-591-1077.
In addition, the residents of McKemie Place are in need of luggage to carry their belongings when they are able to leave the shelter. Please bring your donations of gently used luggage (preferably on wheels) to the church office.



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers today are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Guy and Margaret Sue Oswalt
by their family.

Calendar of Events

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Sunday Book Study Group: Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the library. Dr. Susan Ashbee is leading the Interpretation Bible Series "Romans."

Talking Heads Sunday School class: This class, led by the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar, meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Heltzel Room on the second floor.

Sunday School for children and youth: These classes meet at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays.

Wee Worship: Sundays at 10:45 a.m. for ages 3 to kindergarten; begins after the Children's Sermon.

Evening Bible Study: This study, led by the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar, meets at 5 p.m. in the Guesnard House.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service: 6:30 p.m., Spring Hill Avenue Temple.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Men's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Library. Contact: Bo Perry.

Choir Practice: Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Choir Room.

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.

Worship has continued on this site since 1836, when the sanctuary, now a National Historic landmark, was completed.