Welcome to Worship

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 2, 2025 | 10:30 A.M.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

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.*

The congregation of Government Street Presbyterian Church*, as the people of God called to worship and work in downtown Mobile, pursue our mission to use our unique resources and opportunities to love, to honor, and to glorify God and to give hope, comfort, instruction and inspiration to all persons that they may become joyful disciples of Jesus Christ.*

Government Street Presbyterian Church, *founded in 1831, is known as the mother of Presbyterianism in southern Alabama. We are a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and participate in the work of the Presbytery of South Alabama.*

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.*

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.

Preparation for Worship

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."
John Wesley

PRELUDE *Litany for the Feast of All Saints*
Franz Schubert

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsive)* **LINDA REYNOLDS**

We gather as the people of God to worship the One who calls us to love, to serve, and to walk in the way of Christ.
We come with open hearts to praise the Lord our God.
We come with gratitude, seeking to serve the risen Christ.
We come to be transformed by the Spirit so that we may live as a witness to God's amazing grace.
The Lord has called us to bear fruit for the Kingdom. Let us reflect the light of Christ in all that we do.
May the fruit of the Spirit grow in us, producing love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
Let us worship God.

✠**HYMN 694** *Great God of Every Blessing*
AURELIA

✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Unison)*

God of mercy,
You call us to present our lives as holy and pleasing to you—
you show us what is good: to love genuinely, to hate what is evil, to hold fast to what is good. And yet, we confess that our goodness often has limits. We return evil for evil in thought, word, or action. We struggle to live peaceably with all. We prefer safety over sacrifice, and self-protection over sincere love. Forgive us for the ways we fall short of your goodness and fail to embody your grace in the world. Hear our silent prayers.

[Silence]

Have mercy on us, Lord. Renew our minds and soften our hearts. Let your Spirit plant goodness deep within us— a goodness that is not performative or polite, but rooted in truth, active in love, and resilient in mercy. Make us more like Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

✠**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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. Children ages 3 through kindergarten may go to Wee Worship following the Children's Sermon. They may be picked up from the Sunday School classroom following worship. Children under 3 are welcome in the nursery. Older children may return to sit with their parents.*

Wee Worship sign-in slips *are available next to the bulletins at the front and back of the church as well as in the children's worship totes. Children may bring these filled out slips with them when they go to Wee Worship.*

Children's worship totes *are available for children in the sanctuary. These totes include children's bulletins and other items to help children engage in the worship service.*

✠Passing of the Peace

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

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination **Linda Reynolds**

First Reading: Psalm 73:1-3, 23-28

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**
Wee Worship Leaders: Emily Watson and Toots Weaver

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2, 9-21

Sermon: "Goodness" **Rev. Lamar**

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 457 *How Happy Are the Saints of God*
WAREHAM

✠Affirmation of Faith *(The Apostles' Creed)* **Linda Reynolds**

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 *Sine Nomine (For All the Saints)*
Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Sanctuary Choir
Text: No. 326 in The Hymnal

✠Response | Hymn 606 *Doxology*
OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God, above ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✠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.*

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.

Visiting? Welcome to GSPC, *where we hope you'll find our worship meaningful, our fellowship warm and our ministry exciting. Come again! If you are considering membership, we'd love to have you. You may join us through transfer of letter, re-affirmation of faith or profession of faith.*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table — **Rev. 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.

Remembering the Saints

Martha McGinnis Brown Tissington
March 2, 1925 – November 13, 2024
William Jasper Reaves
April 5, 1933 – December 4, 2024
Joy Turner Rue
June 25, 1950 – February 18, 2025
Jeffrey Harry Newman
October 28, 2025–February 24, 2025
Ben Dukes
September 18, 1936 - March 18, 2025
Rebecca James Baumhauer
December 13, 1925 – June 23, 2205
Charlotte Elsa Naylor
November 20, 1963 – July 10, 2025

Breaking of the Bread
Communion of the People
Communion Voluntary — *Pavane*
Robert Elmore

Prayer After Communion

Sending

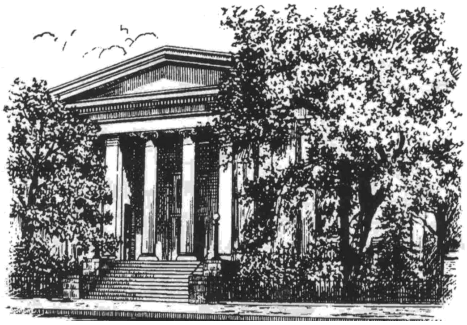
✠Hymn 375 — *Shall We Gather at the River*
HANSON PLACE

✠Benediction — **Rev. Lamar**

Postlude — *Cortege*
Gor don Young

Sunday, November 9

Join us next week, November 9, when the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar will continue her sermon series on the Fruit of the Spirit with a sermon titled "Faithfulness" and focusing on Psalm 119:30-35 and Hebrews 11:1-6, 39-40. Music includes the Bell Choir playing Cythia Dobrinski's "Aria" and a setting of the hymn "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," and the Sanctuary Choir singing Tom Fettke's "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name."



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given
to the glory of God,
and in loving memory of Alice, Joe, and
Richard Mighell, and Alice Mighell Ficken,
by their family.

Calendar of Events

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2: Children of Worship Training, 3:30-6:30 p.m. All adult volunteers who work with our children are asked to participate in this training session, which will be led by the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 9 a.m. at the home of Ann Adams.
Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Library. Contact: Mary Elizabeth Perry.
Lunch and Learn, noon: Come to lunch! Our guest speaker is Jennifer Richburg, Project Manager at the Mobile Chamber. She will give us an update on economic development. The cost is $10 and includes drinks and dessert. Lunch is served at noon and the presentation begins at 12:30 p.m.
Theology on Tap: 5:30 p.m. in the Guesnard House. The facilitator is Casi Callaway.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5
Young Women's Bible Study, 6 p.m. in the Guesnard House: All 20s/30s women are invited to join this weekly Bible study series based on "Tending the Wild Garden: Growing in the Fruit of the Spirit" by the Rev. Eugenia Gamble. The facilitators are Nicole Riis and Beth Majure.
Music Rehearsals: Handbells, 5:15-5:45 p.m. in the sanctuary; choir, 6-7:30 p.m. in the choir room.
Men's Bible Study: 6 p.m. in the Library. Contact: Bo Perry.

COMING UP
November 9: Second Sunday luncheon with special programming after worship.
November 14: Fellowship by the Fountain during the November Art Walk, 5:30 p.m.
November 16: GSPC Perdido Queen Cruise, 4 p.m. Register online from the newsletter link, or call the church office.
November 18: Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, 6 p.m. at Springhill Avenue Temple.

NEWS AND NOTES

McKemie Place: Each month on the second Friday, 2-3 volunteers provide a light lunch for about 24 residents at McKemie Place, a shelter for homeless women. Volunteers are needed in January and February. Please call Lisa DeShazo at 251-591-1077 or Mary DeWitt Dukes at 504-920-1918 if you are able to help with this meaningful, longtime mission at GSPC.

Flower Dedications: To place flowers in the Sanctuary in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please contact Ann Adams at Adams-marion@att.net or 251-591-8586.

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.