Welcome to Worship

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 12, 2025 | 10:30 A.M.

ORDINARY TIME

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.*

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.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

"Come, my God, and dwell in me
With Thy peaceful majesty,
With Thy quiet power."
Christina Rossetti

PRELUDE *Gymnopédie I*
Erik Satie

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

INTROIT *Soli Deo Gloria*
Traditional/arr. Chris Nemec

The Sanctuary Choir
Translation: To God alone be glory.

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsive)* **BO PERRY**

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 265** *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*
DUKE STREET

✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Unison)* **REV. LAMAR**

God of peace, we confess that we are often anxious and afraid. We cling to control instead of trusting your Spirit. We speak of peace, yet our words and actions sow division. Forgive us for forgetting the gift your Son has already given us—your peace that the world cannot give.

(Silent prayer)

Have mercy on us, gracious God. Calm our hearts, still our fears, and make us instruments of your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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. 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.*

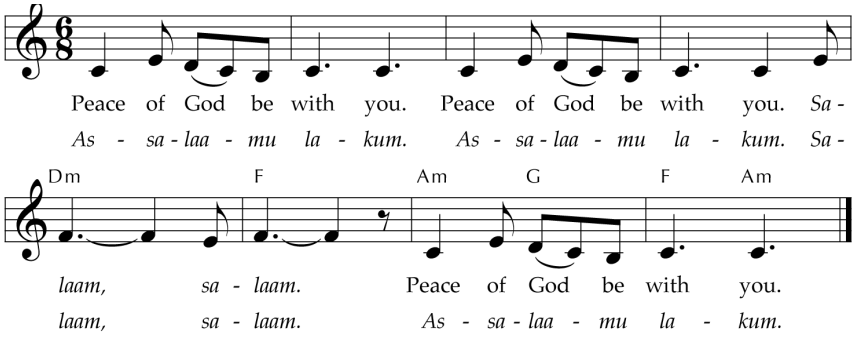
Wee Worship sign-in slips *are available next to the bulletins at the front and back of the church as well as in the children's worship totes. Children may bring these filled out slips with them when they go to Wee Worship.*

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.*

✠Assurance of Pardon
✠Passing of the Peace
✠Response | Hymn 448 *Peace of God Be With You*

AL-SALAAMU LAKUM

The Hymn will be sung twice.



Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination **Bo Perry**

First Reading: Philippians 4: 5-9

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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

Wee Worship Leaders: Emily Watson and Katherine Ogburn

Second Reading: John 14:25-27

Sermon: "The Peace of Christ Be with You" **Rev. Lamar**

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 840 *When Peace like a River*

VILLE DU HAVRE

✠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.

✠Response *Amen!*

Haugen; arr. C. Nemec

Prayer is a place we bring ourselves fully before God. *In the Prayer of Intercession, we hold the needs of our hearts and of the world before a powerful and loving God. If you have a need for prayer, you may call the church office to speak with a pastor or to have your request passed on to our prayer team.*

"Grace Upon Grace:" A Stewardship Moment **Toots Weaver**

Offering

Offertory *Go Out With Joy*
Hank Beebe

The Sanctuary Choir
Text: Isaiah 55:12-13

✠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 **Toots Weaver**

✠Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

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

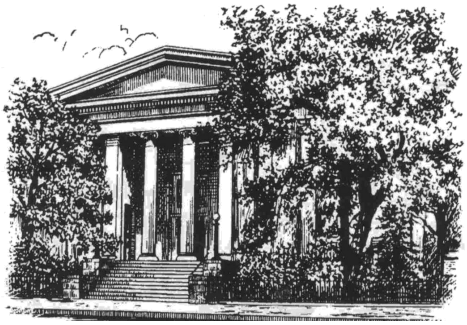
✠Hymn 623 *I've Got Peace like a River*
PEACE LIKE A RIVER

✠Benediction **Rev. Lamar**

Postlude *Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts (Tollite Hostias)*
Camille Saint-Saens

Sunday, October 19

Join us next Sunday, October 19, as we celebrate Stewardship commitment Sunday. The Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar continues our sermon series on the Fruit of the Spirit with a sermon titled "Patience" using texts from Psalm 86:5-12, 15 and Colossians 1:1-14. Each week of the series follows a chapter from Eugenia Gamble's book, "Tending the Wild Garden: Growing in the Fruit of the Spirit." Music includes the Children's Choir singing Vicki Hancock Wright's "All Things Bright and Beautiful" and the Sanctuary Choir singing Arthur Jenning's "Springs in the Desert" with tenor soloist Jacob Mohr.



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given
to the glory of God and in loving memory
of Anne Winn, Bessie Spafford, and Margaret Height
by Anita, Don, and Michael Winn.

Calendar of Events

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13
Circles of Hope and Joy: The Circles of Hope and Joy will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Guesnard House. Join us for Bible study and fellowship! If you are able, please bring a beverage or snack to share. All are welcome.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14
Lunch and Learn, noon: Come to lunch! Our guest speaker is Dr. Kevin Michaels, Health Officer, Mobile County Health Department. The cost is $10 and includes drinks and dessert. Lunch is served at noon and the presentation begins at 12:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15
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. Bring friends, and enjoy community and a chance to grow in our faith. 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.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16
"Two Pastors and a Rabbi," 5:30-7 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room: Join the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar, the Rev. Trey Doyle of First Baptist Church, and Rabbi Ed Boraz of Springhill Avenue Temple in this Interfaith Bible Study. All are welcome.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19
Fall Festival, 11:30-1 p.m. : Join us in the GSPC parklng lot for a wonderful afternoon of fellowship and fun! The congregation is asked to donate small toys and candy to be given out as prizes to children during the festival.

NEWS AND NOTES

Seeking a 12-Step Program Host: The Mission Committee is searching for a volunteer with AA-12 step program history to host a new program at GSPC. If you have the knowledge and interest, please contact Neal Horner or Lynn McDaniel.

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 for Dec. 12. 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.