

"*JESUS*" —Harold Copping, Artist

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.*

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 20, 2022 | 10:30AM

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Gathering

PRELUDE *Variations on the Passion Chorale*
FLOR PEETERS

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** *responsive*

Everyone who thirsts:

Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

All who hunger for righteousness:

Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

All who need the help of God:

Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

Let us worship God.

✠**HYMN 12** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*
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✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *unison*

Gracious God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to you. You set before us a rich reach of blessing, but we are drawn to lesser things.

You call us to attend to the urgent needs of the world, but we indulge our own desires.

Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives.

Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for more fruitful lives

Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are, in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be. We ask this in the name of Christ. AMEN.

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

- Psalm 103:17

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.*

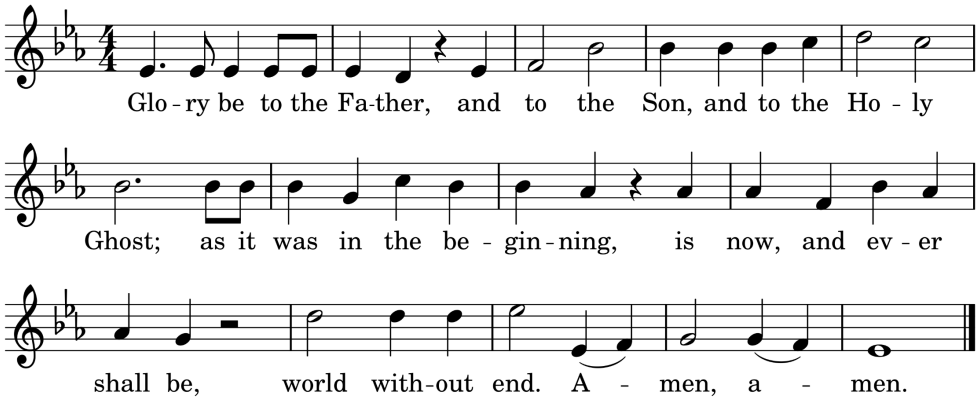
Nursery is available for ages infant through Kindergarten.

Children's worship packets *are available at the front of the sanctuary.*

✠Assurance of Pardon

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

GREATOREX



Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination — **Carrie Adams**

First Reading — Isaiah 55: 1-9

The Word of the Lord. — Old Testament pp. 644-645

Thanks Be to God!

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

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Henley Jean Akers *(born July 3, 2015) —Daughter of Clint and Carly Akers*

Baptism Hymn 486 — *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

KINGDOM

Second Reading — Luke 13:1-9

The Gospel of the Lord. — New Testament pg. 71

Thanks Be to God!

Sermon — **"Cut It Down"** — **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

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

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 816 *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee*

Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott

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

The Apostles' Creed

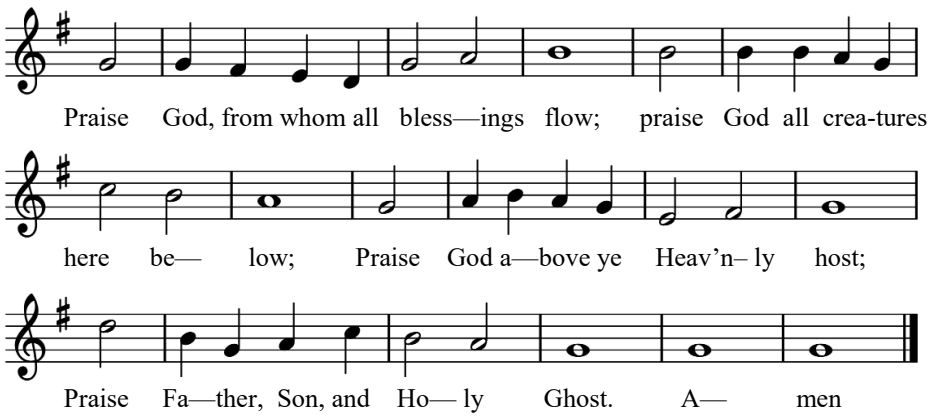
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ
his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; 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.

Offertory *Armbridge*

Robert Glover

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

OLD HUNDREDTH



Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Sending

✠Hymn 450 *Be Thou My Vision*
Slane

✠Benediction **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Postlude *St. Patrick's Breastplate*
Charles Stanford

Thank you to Nancy Graham for serving as our guest organist today.

CALLED TO SERVE

VOLUNTEERS

Sunday Assistants

- Jim Van Haneghan
- Stella Jackson

Wee Worship/Nursery

- Lisa DeShazo
- Charlotte Crockett
- Katherine Ogburn

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

Sunday Parking



Last week, several members received tickets while parked in the lot adjacent to GSPC. If you received a ticket, you can file and appeal using the process on the back of the ticket. While we work with the current management of the lot, we suggest members park in the GSPC lot, double parking if necessary. We will keep the congregation updated as we move forward!

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 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.



OPPORTUNITY AT 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. We are in need of volunteers for May and the summer months. Due to its funding situation, the agency depends on volunteers to provide both 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 inproviding this on a regular basis, please contact them at 251-287-

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.



Youth

Regular Youth Group has resumed after church on Sunday.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for Youth/Senior Sunday on May 1! We will plan Youth Sunday after church on April 3.

Children

Sunday School has resumed. . If you have not already, please make plans to attend VBS June 20-24. Sign up on the church website: gspcmobile.org/vbs. Club 345 goes to the park on Saturday, March 19! We will go to the Fort Park in Spanish Fort at 11:30 a.m.

Children and Youth

If you did not pick-up your Lent-At-Home bag on Wednesday, there are still several left to pick up on Sunday. Mark your calendars for another Family Nature Walk on Sunday, April 10. Details forthcoming!

HELP FOR UKRAINE



The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program is our denomination's means for helping in times of disaster and crisis. the PC(USA) is in touch with our partner church in Ukraine, Russia, Poland and Hungary. While it is difficult to get funds into Ukraine, the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance workers are doing their best to meet needs. In addition, they are sending supplies to partners in Hungary and Poland to help with the mounting refugee crisis in those countries. If you would like to help, you may give online or by text. https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/ukraine/



Sally Ericson--Interim Communications Coordinator

On Tuesday evening, the Session joyfully approved Sally Ericson to work several hours a week on GSPC communications. We are grateful for Sally's talent, experience, and commitment to GSPC.



REMINDER

It's time to order Easter lilies

The lilies are $15 each. The deadline is noon on Wednesday, April 13. Please complete the form below and drop it by the office or email the information to: heather@gspcmobile.org
Thank you!

Easter Lily Dedication Request

Name_____

Number of Lilies requested In memory of_____

Number of Lilies requested in honor of_____

In Memory Dedications as you would like to appear in bulletin:

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In Honor Dedications (as you would like them to appear in bulletin:

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You can drop your payment in the offering plate marked "Easter Lilies" or drop it by the office, pay online, or send it by USPS mail.



"Learning to Walk in the Dark" with Barbara Brown Taylor

March 27, 5:30 PM at Dauphin Way UMC

Come join Pastor Rebekah for the Dill Lecture at Dauphin Way United Methodist and hear internationally celebrated teacher and author, Barbara Brown Taylor. You can find more information online. Call the church office if you plan to attend. https://dauphinwayumc.org/dill-lecture/



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THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God in memory of
Cecile Howard Taylor Gardner and
Charles Bancroft Taylor by
Shelley and Jim Hood, Rachel Austen Hood, Shelley
and Kyle Griffin, and Hannah Jeter Collins.

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