Welcome to Worship

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 17, 2024 | 10:30 A.M.

ORDINARY TIME

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 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.*

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.*

PRELUDE *Allerseelen (All Souls Day, Opus 10, No. 8)*
Richard Strauss
Prelude (Cello Suite in C, BWV 1009)
J.S. Bach

Dr. Andrea Bertran Landers, *cello*

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

INTROIT *Gigue (Cello Suite in C, BWV 1009)*
J.S. Bach

Dr. Andrea Bertran Landers, *cello*

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*based on Psalm 8)*
The glory of the Lord is everywhere. From the skies to the earth, the goodness of God is in every corner of God's creation.
The Lord has taught us to praise God perfectly. From the smallest child to the eldest saint, may we be an example of praise.
When we look up into the night skies, we see the work of the Lord—the moon and the stars that God has made. How is it that God cares for human beings as well?
And yet God made us only a little lower than the angels. The Lord honors us with divine care and love and gives us responsibility for the care of this earth.
The majesty and glory of God's name fills the earth. Let us worship God!

✠**HYMN 361** *O Christ, the Great Foundation*
AURELIA

✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)
God of goodness and love,
We are blessed to be your children, claimed and loved by you. We confess that we take our place in your family for granted. We do not act in loving ways even though we are loved unconditionally. Our actions do not always match our words and we do not bear the name of Christ in ways that glorify you. Forgive us, Lord, and hear our silent prayers of confession.

(Silence)

Have mercy on us, Lord. Help us to share the joy of being claimed by you as we bear your love to a hurting world. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

✠**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**
✠**PASSING OF THE PEACE**
✠**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 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.*

New 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.*

For more than 1,000 years, *the church has used the Apostles' Creed to affirm its faith in Jesus Christ. When we say this creed together, we are joined with generations of Christians who have come before us in declaring foundational doctrines of our faith in Christ.*

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer For Illumination **Dick Otts**

Scripture Reading: James 2:14-18, 26

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

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

James McKinley Bennett
Son of Todd Bennett
Born July 18, 2016

George William Bennett
Son of Todd Bennett
Born January 21, 2018

Reaffirmation of Holy Baptism

Baylor Avery Bennett
Son of Todd Bennett
Born June 27, 2012

✠**Baptismal Hymn 486** *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*
KINGDOM

Scripture Reading: I John 3:1-3, 16-18

Sermon: "Love" **Rev. Lamar**

Thanksgiving

✠**Hymn 320** *The Church of Christ in Every Age*
WAREHAM

✠**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 *Seven-fold Amen*
John Rutter

Offering

Offertory *Go Forth Into the World in Peace*
John Rutter

The Sanctuary Choir and Dr. Landers

Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage, hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you forever. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer, 1928.)

✠Response | Hymn 606 *Doxology*
OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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.*

✠Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer of Intercession and 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.

✠Hymn 318 *In Christ There Is No East or West*
ST. PETER

Sending

✠Benediction **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Postlude *Air (HWV 466)*
G.F. Handel

This week's memory verse:

Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

I John 3:18

Sunday, November 24

Join us next Sunday, November 24, as the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar continues the "How Firm a Foundation" sermon series with a sermon titled "Revelation" based on scripture from Revelation 1:1-8. As November 24 is Christ the King Sunday as well as the Sunday before Thanksgiving, music includes Eugene Butler's "Rejoice, the Lord is King" and David L. Brunner's "All Thy Gifts of Love." A Congregational Meeting will be held to elect new officers.



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Mr. John B. Waterman
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Mrs. Helen Waterman Van Aken
Mr. Thaddeus H. Waterman
Mr. John B. Waterman, II
by their descendants, Melissa Waterman Inge
and Annie Waterman Uphaus.

Calendar of Events

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17
Youth Friendsgiving: Youth and Friends in Faith are invited to a Friendsgiving lunch in the Guesnard House following worship today.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19
Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 9 a.m. at the home of Ann Adams. The group is studying the Gospel of Matthew with the Rev. George Sinclair as discussion leader. Everyone is welcome.
Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Library. Contact: Mary Elizabeth Perry.
Tuesday Lunch and Learn: Our guest speaker will be Tom McGehee, historian, and the topic is "Closer Than We Thought - Nazi Subs in the Gulf." Lunch is served at noon and the presentation begins at 12:30 p.m. The cost is $12.
Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, 6:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church: This service will be led by the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar, the Rev. Trey Doyle of First Baptist, and Rabbi Ed Boraz of Springhill Avenue Temple.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20
Mid-week Bible Study: Noon to 1 p.m. in the Library and via Zoom. This study is led by the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar.
Choir Rehearsals: Handbells, 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. in the sanctuary; Choir, 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the choir room.
Men's Bible Study: 6 p.m. in the Library and via Zoom. Contact: Bo Perry.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21
Interfaith Bible Study: 5:30 to 7 p.m. at GSPC. The study is led by the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar, the Rev. Trey Doyle of First Baptist Church, and Rabbi Ed Boraz of Springhill Avenue Temple.

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.