Welcome to Worship

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 7, 2026 | 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.*

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 a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and participates 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.

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.*

Preparation for Worship

"Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world."
Martin Luther (1538)

PRELUDE *God, My Shepherd, Walks Beside Me (BWV 208)*
J.S. Bach

The Strings and Organ

WELCOME **CASI CALLAWAY**

INTROIT *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*
arr. Gordon Young

The Sanctuary Choir and Strings
Text: No. 267 in The Hymnal

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsive)* **CASI CALLAWAY**

We gather together seeking the Lord.
We gather together to sing God's praises!
May our songs be a blessing to the Lord.
We join our voices together in thankful praise!
Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord.
Let us worship God!

✠**HYMN 1** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*
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✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Unison)* **CASI CALLAWAY**

Holy God, your music is all around us, yet we miss the melody. We confess that we close our ears. We refuse to sing your praise. We allow cynicism and bitterness to overwhelm the beauty of following you in faith. Forgive us, Lord, and hear our silent prayers.

(Silence)

Have mercy on us, Lord. Fill us with wonder. Give us courage to make a joyful noise, and faith to share the song you have taught us to sing. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

✠**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

✠**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

✠**RESPONSE | HYMN 587** *Alleluia!*
CELTIC ALLELUIA

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.*

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Sermon — **Buzzy Riis**

Wee Worship leaders: Emily Watson and Linda Reynolds

Prayer for Illumination — **Sally Pearsall**

First Reading: Psalm 100

Reflection — **Sally Pearsall**

Musical Interlude

Second Reading: Deuteronomy 31:19,22

Reflection — **Carter Hale, Jr.**

Special Music — *Laudate Dominum (O Praise Jehovah)*

W.A. Mozart

Gabrielle Mohr, *soprano soloist;* the Sanctuary Choir and Strings

Translation: O praise Jehovah, all ye nations, praise Him, all ye peoples. For all His loving kindness is ever more toward us. And His truth of Jehovah endureth for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. (Vesperae solennes de confessore, K 339)

Third Reading: Romans 15:5-6

Reflection — **Dick Otts**

Thanksgiving

✠**Hymn 54** — *Make a Joyful Noise to God!*

DIX

Affirmation of Faith *(The Apostles' Creed)* — **Buzzy Riis**

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 — *Psalm 150*

César Franck

The Sanctuary Choir and Strings

✠**Response | Hymn 609** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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.*

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! Be sure to sign the Registry booklet that you will find in your pew. 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.*

Prayer requests: *Please scan the QR code below to share your joys and concerns so that we may share them with our church family in the newsletter and bulletin.*

✠Prayer of Thanksgiving **Buzzy Riis**

Gratitude for Chris Nemec and His Ministry **Casi Callaway**

Prayer of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

Sending

✠Hymn 641 *When In Our Music God Is Glorified*
ENGELBERG

✠Benediction *(Responsive)* **Casi Callaway and Buzzy Riis**

Go now in peace, carrying the songs of faith in your hearts.
May the Word of Christ dwell in us richly,
May our lives become a song of praise to God.
May we bear witness to Christ's love wherever we go. Amen.

Postlude *Church Sonata in D (K. 245)*
W.A. Mozart

The Strings and Organ

We welcome our guest musicians today, and appreciate their efforts in beautifying our worship: Dr. Silvia Rath, Adres Alean, violins; Daniela Pardo, viola; and Andrea Beltran Landers, 'cello.
Join us for a reception to honor Chris following worship!

Sunday, June 14

Next Sunday, we are excited to welcome Daniel Killilea as our guest preacher. Daniel will begin a sermon series called "In the Beginning…". He will preach from Genesis 1, with a sermon titled "In the Beginning...: The First Creation Story." The Rev. Lamar will join him in worship leadership. The congregation will celebrate the sacrament of holy communion. Stephen Prager will join us as our guest organist. Music will include Nicholas Brodsky's "I'll Walk with God" and Theodore Dubois' "Christ, We Do All Adore Thee."

Prayer Requests

Prayers for Healing:

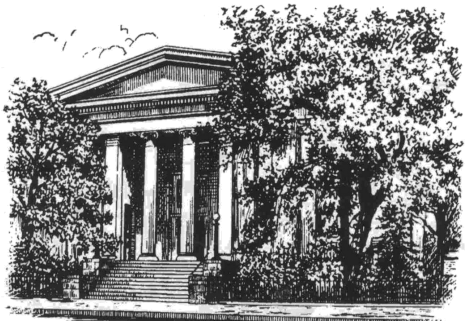
- Sarah Hale, mother of Carter Hale, who is back at Palm Gardens Nursing Home on hospice care
- Bill Cutts, who is recovering at home after a hospital stay
- John Peebles asks for prayers for his friend who has recently had gastrointestinal surgery
- Della Hoffman, granddaughter of Neal and Sherrie Horner, who is recovering from bacterial pneumonia after a week-long hospital stay
- Dorothy Morrison, who is recovering at home after a hospital stay
- Molly Nordmann, who is undergoing cancer treatment

Prayers of Gratitude:

- Bligh Jones offers prayers of thanksgiving for Chris Nemec and for his time serving and bringing beautiful music to GSPC.
- The Goodloe family offers prayers of thanksgiving for the safe arrival of Travis Bedsole Goodloe, IV on May 22, 2026. He is the son of Travis and Sally Goodloe and the grandson of Travis and Lisa Goodloe.
- The Irvine family offers prayers of thanksgiving for the safe arrival of June Elizabeth Irvine on May 25, 2026. She is the daughter of Richardson and Annie Irvine and the granddaughter of George and Sallye Irvine.

Prayers for safety and strength:

- The congregation extends Christian sympathy to Nikki Jones and her family. Nikki's stepfather, Terry Smith, died last week in Fairhope. The funeral will be in a few weeks.
- Jonathan Laws requests prayers for healthcare workers carrying heavy emotional and physical burdens every day. He asks that we pray for steady hands, kind hearts, patience, protection, and opportunities to rest and recharge.
- Lynn McDaniel asks for prayers for all homeless people and homeless animals to find a safe home.
- Prayers for the people of Gaza, especially the young



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given
to the glory of God with gratitude
and in loving memory of
Paula Weldon
by Scott, Sadie and Taylor Weldon.

Calendar of Events

SUNDAY, JUNE 7
Farewell to Chris: The congregation is invited to a reception immediately after worship in honor of Chris Nemec, who is moving to Memphis to begin a new job at Idlewild Presbyterian Church. If you would like to contribute to a love offering for Chris, please place your donation in the offering plate, or donate through Realm.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12
LoDa ArtWalk reception: GSPC will host Prism United, a group that responds to the comprehensive needs of LGBTQ+ youth in southwest Alabama, in the Guesnard House during ArtWalk, starting at 6 p.m. The Congregational Care Committee is asking for volunteers to make a light snack for this group. If you are able to do so, please let the church office know and bring your item to the church the week before June 12.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14
Second Sunday Luncheon: The congregation is invited to enjoy lunch together in Fellowship Hall immediately after worship. We will assemble care packages with sunscreen, insect repellant and other donations to be taken to H.E. Savage Memorial Health Center and distributed to the homeless.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17
How Great Is Our God, 5:30-6:50 p.m.: GSPC families are invited to a fun summer evening where kids will explore God's world through hands-on experiments, discovery, and Bible study. We'll learn about God's amazing creation through interactive science activities. The event, for children in preschool up to fifth grade, will include a pizza dinner. Bring a friend and come ready for a night of fun and discovery!

NEWS AND NOTES

Call for donations: The GSPC Mission Committee has designated homelessness as one of its ministries to the community, recognizing that the problem of homelessness is more than seeing people standing on street corners. We are collecting sunscreen and insect repellent for H.E. Savage Memorial Health Center for the homeless. Bring your contributions to the church foyer by June 14. You can read more about H. E. Savage Center at http://FranklinPrimary.org.

McKemie Place: Each month on the second Friday, volunteers provide a light lunch for about 24 residents at McKemie Place, a shelter for homeless women. Please call Lisa DeShazo at 251-591-1077 or Mary DeWitt Dukes at 504-920-1918 to volunteer.

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.

Calling all cooks: The Congregational Care Committee is asking for volunteers to help prepare food for Memorial Receptions, Take Them A Meal, and other GSPC events. If you are interested in preparing food for our congregation, please call the church office.

Water bottles needed: Please donate reusable water bottles for distribution at the courtyard water fountain. Please bring your donations to the church office.