Welcome to Worship

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 29, 2025 | 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 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.*

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.*

WELCOME — **REV. ANNE H.K. APPLE**

PRELUDE — *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
arr. Dan Miller

INTROIT — *I Need Thee Every Hour*
arr. Kurt Kaiser

Kelly Connor, *Soprano*
Text: No. 735 in The Hymnal

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsive)*
God who rules the universe, calls us;
Christ, who took up his cross, calls us;
Holy Spirit, who frees us body and soul, calls us.
Let us faithfully answer by worshiping the triune God!

✠**HYMN 267** — *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*
MADRID

✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Responsive)*
(Silence)

O God, help us to confess our sins.
You give us a place in your creation and you intend that we live in love with all that you have made.
We confess that we abuse what you give us,
By our thoughts, actions, and the meditations of our hearts, we turn away from you.
Far from walking in the Spirit, **We stumble on paths that lead to death.**
O Fire of heaven, **Have mercy on us.**
O Lord of Life, **Satisfy the longing of our souls by taking us up into your Spirit.**
O Light of the World, **Rekindle our desire to follow our Savior, Jesus Christ.**
In your mercy, **Forgive us, we pray. Amen.**

✠**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**
The crucified Christ has set us free to live in the Spirit of life.
Hear the good news of the gospel. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

✠**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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.*

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

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination **Mary Herndon Nordmann**

First Reading: Luke 9:51-62

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God!

Children's Sermon **Bradley Daugherty**

Wee Worship Leaders: Emily Watson and Linda Reynolds

Second Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Sermon: "Unfamiliar Tasks" **Rev. Anne H.K. Apple**

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 370 *This Is My Father's World*
TERRA BEATA

✠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.

Offering

Offertory *I Will Magnify Thee, O God*
J. Mosenthal

Kelly Connor and Gabrielle Mohr, *Sopranos*
I will magnify Thee, O God; O God, my King; And I will praise Thy name O God.
The Lord is righteous in all His ways, and holy in all His words.
Ev'ryday will I give thanks unto Thee, And praise Thy name for ever and for evermore.

✠Doxology | Hymn 606 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*
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 — **Rev. Apple**

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 612 — *We Praise You, O God*
KREMSER

✠Benediction — **Rev. Apple**

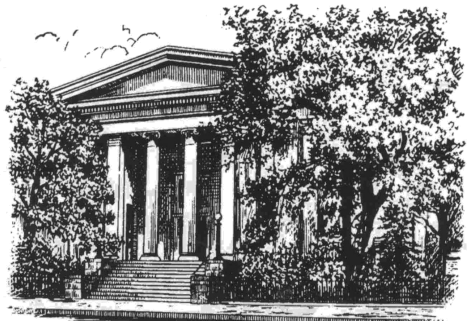
Postlude — *Psalm 19 (The Heavens Declare the Glory of God)*
Benedetto Marcello

Sunday, July 6

Join us next Sunday, July 6, as we celebrate our freedom in Christ with a congregational hymn sing, with hymns from requests by the congregation. In addition, baritone Jasaan Roberts will sing Samuel Liddle's "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings" (Psalm 84).

SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE at GSPC

July 6: Hymn sing and baritone Jasaan Roberts
July 13: Tenor Jacob Mohr and student violinist Elias Hammond
July 20: Bluegrass duo Jim Tamblyn and Jarrett Callaway
July 27: Harpist Rebekah Atkinson
August 3: Pianist Nancy Graham and vocalist/guitarist Charlotte Naylor (with Brian Naylor)
August 10: Soprano Gabrielle Mohr



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Edward Robinson McMurphy by all his family.

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY, JULY 4
Church Office Closed: The church office will be closed on Friday for the July 4th Holiday.

NEWS AND NOTES

Elevator Out of Order: The elevator needs major repairs and will be out of service until further notice. We apologize for the inconvenience. If you need help when entering or exiting the sanctuary, please notify a staff member or a Sunday Assistant.

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. This will be a weekly commitment. The committee will help with providing books and meeting space to get this program up and running. If you have the knowledge and interest, please contact Neal Horner or Lynn McDaniel.

GSPC During World War II: In honor of the 80th anniversary of World War II, Meredith Johnston and a group of volunteers are working on a display about GSPC's congregational life during wartime. They are collecting copies of photos of GSPC from that time, or photos of downtown Mobile during the war years, especially if they show any GSPC members. The display will include information about the service of GSPC members who served in the war. Please email photos and information to Meredith at mwjohnston@crimson.ua.edu, or text them to 251-323-5954.

McKemie Place Lunches: Volunteers are needed to help provide a light summer lunch for about 20-24 homeless ladies at McKemie Place. If you can help on July 11, August 8 or September 11, please call Lisa deShazo at 251-591-1077 or Mary DeWitt Dukes at 504-920-1918.

Missing Children's Worship Totes: We are missing several of the small bags that we use for Children's Worship materials. Parents, please check to see if you have any of these bags at home or in your car. Thank you!

GSPC Book Club: The GSPC Book Club will meet on Tuesday, August 26, at 5:30 p.m. in the GSPC Library and via Zoom. Our reading selection will be "Fairhope, 1894–1954: The Story of a Single Tax Colony" by Paul Alyea and Blanche Alyea. Please RSVP to Meredith Johnston at mwjohnston@crimson.ua.edu or 251-323-5954.

Flower Dedications: If you would like 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.