Welcome to Worship

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 6, 2024 | 10:30 A.M.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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 *Rondeau (Abdelazer Suite)*
Henry Purcell

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

MINUTE FOR MISSION: STEWARDSHIP **TRAVIS GOODLOE**

INTROIT *Glory to Thee, My God*
Tallis Canon; arr. Chris Nemec

The Sanctuary Choir

Glory to Thee, my God, this night, for all Thy blessings of the light. Keep me, oh keep me, King of Kings, beneath Thine own Almighty wings. Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him, all creatures here below, praise Him above angelic host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you summon the day to dawn. You teach the morning to waken the earth.
Great is your name. Great is your love.
For you, the valleys shall sing for joy. The trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Great is your name. Great is your love.
For you the monarchs of the earth shall bow, the poor and persecuted shall shout for joy.
Great is your name. Great is your love.
Your love and mercy shall last forever, fresh as the morning sunrise.
Great is your name. Great is your love.
Let us worship God.

✠HYMN 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*
DIX

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Holy God,
We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you or cared for your world as we ought. We have not respected your people or honored your commands as you taught us. We have been afraid to proclaim the gospel with boldness, and we pray for your pardon, Lord. Listen with compassion as we offer our silent prayers of confession.

(Silence)

Have mercy on us, Lord, and guide us back to your way. May the good news of your resurrection transform us and give us courage to follow you faithfully. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

✠ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✠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.*

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.*

✠Response | Hymn 448 *Peace of God Be with You*
AS-SALAAMU LAKUM

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer For Illumination **Neal Horner**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 150

Children's Sermon **Bradley Daugherty**

Scripture Reading: Acts 5:12-32

Sermon: "Resurrected" **Rev. Lamar**

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 529 *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*
UNION SEMINARY

✠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 *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (Cantata 147)*
J.S. Bach

The Sanctuary Choir

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright. Drawn be Thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light. Word of God, our flesh that fashioned with the fire of life impassioned. Striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying round Thy throne.

✠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 of Thanksgiving

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.*

When we gather for Communion, *the Spirit draws us into Christ's presence and unites us with Christians in every time and space. We join with the baptized faithful in heaven and on earth in offering thanksgiving to the triune God. We affirm the promises of our baptism and recommit ourselves to love and serve God, one another, and our neighbors in the world.*

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.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Communion Meditation *In Remembrance*
Buryl Red

The Sanctuary Choir

Text: No. 521 in The Hymnal

Prayer After Communion

✠Hymn 509 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*
HOLY MANNA

Sending

✠Benediction **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Postlude *Te Deum (We Praise Thee, O God)*
Marc-Antoine Charpentier

This week's memory verse:

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Matthew 28: 19,20

Sunday, October 13

Join us next Sunday, October 13, as the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar preaches on readings from Acts 10. Music includes the Handbell Choir playing a setting of "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" and a musical setting of the text "O Love, That Will Not Let Me Go" by Elaine Hagenberg.



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon P. Linhart and Mr. and Mrs. J. Elliott Moses by Marilyn and John Moses.

Calendar of Events

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6
Pumpkin Painting Party: GSPC youth in grades 6-12 are invited to a pumpkin painting party in Fellowship Hall today immediately after worship.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8
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: Come to lunch! Our guest speaker will be **Andy Gatewood, Director of Safety and Security at Mobile County Public Schools.** Lunch is served at noon and the presentation begins at 12:30 p.m. The cost is $12. View the full schedule on gspc.org.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9
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. If you're interested in participating in GSPC's music ministries, please contact Chris Nemec.
Men's Bible Study: 6 p.m. in the Library and via Zoom. Contact: Bo Perry.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Volunteers Needed: Church office volunteers are needed on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers assist with monitoring the Jackson Street entrance and answering the phone. They may also assist with special projects. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Meredith Johnston at the church office.

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.

Calling All Greeters: As part of the Thriving Congregations initiative, the congregation is invited to volunteer as greeters on Sunday mornings. Greeters are asked to arrive by 10:15 a.m. and to welcome visitors at both entrances to the sanctuary. The commitment would not be every week. If you are interested in joining this evangelism opportunity on Sunday mornings, please contact Mary Herndon Nordmann.

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.