Welcome to Worship

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 19, 2025 | 10:30 A.M.

ORDINARY TIME

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

"God's timing is never late. Our impatience is often early."
Corrie ten Boom

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.*

PRELUDE *Spirit of the Living God*
arr. Stephen Nielson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

INTROIT *All Things Bright and Beautiful*
Vicki Hancock Wright

The Children's Choir
Text: No. 20 in The Hymnal, stanzas 1 & 4

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsive)* **MARY HERNDON NORDMANN**

We gather as the people of God to worship the One who calls us to love, to serve, and to walk in the way of Christ.
We come with open hearts to praise the Lord our God.
We come with gratitude, seeking to serve the risen Christ.
We come to be transformed by the Spirit so that we may live as a witness to God's amazing grace.
The Lord has called us to bear fruit for the Kingdom. Let us reflect the light of Christ in all that we do.
May the fruit of the Spirit grow in us, producing love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
Let us worship God.

✠**HYMN 65** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*
CWM RHONDDA

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.

✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Unison)* **REV. LAMAR**

Gracious and merciful God,
You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, yet we confess that we are often impatient— with ourselves, with others, and with the pace of your transforming work. We rush ahead instead of waiting in trust. We grow weary in doing good. We forget that growth takes time, and that Your Spirit is still at work within us. Forgive us, and hear our silent prayers.

(Silent confession)

Have mercy on us, Lord. Renew in us the hope that bears fruit in endurance, the faith that holds fast in trial, and the love that waits with grace. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

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.*

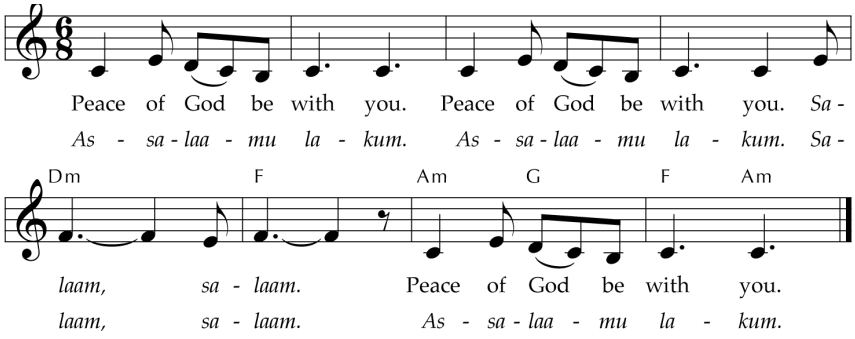
Children ages three *and older are invited to the front for the Children's Sermon. Children ages 3 through kindergarten may go to Wee Worship following the Children's Sermon. They may be picked up from the Sunday School classroom following worship. Children under 3 are welcome in the nursery. Older children 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.*

✠Assurance of Pardon
✠Passing of the Peace
✠Response | Hymn 448 *Peace of God Be With You*
AL-SALAAMU LAKUM

The Hymn will be sung twice.



Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination **Mary Herndon Nordmann**

First Reading: Psalm 86:5-12, 15

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**
Wee Worship Leaders: Emily Watson and Shawn Walker

Second Reading: Colossians 1:1-14

Sermon: "Patience" **Rev. Lamar**

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 819 *Be Still, My Soul*
FINLANDIA

✠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 *Threefold Amen*
Danish Amen

"Grace Upon Grace:" A Stewardship Moment **Julie Otts**

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.*

Offering

Offertory *Springs in the Desert*
Arthur B. Jennings

The Sanctuary Choir; Jacob Mohr, *tenor soloist*

Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come and save you. The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. For in the wilderness shall water break out, and streams flow in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called a way of holiness; the redeemed shall walk there: And the ransomed of the Lord shall return with songs and everlasting joy: and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. (Select verses from Isaiah 35)

✠Response | Hymn 606 *Doxology*
OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God, above ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✠Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication of Pledges

✠Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

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

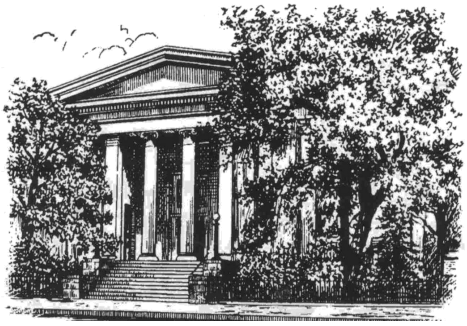
✠Hymn 318 *In Christ There Is No East or West*
ST. PETER

✠Benediction **Rev. Lamar**

Postlude *Chaconne*
Louis Couperin

Sunday, October 26

Join us next Sunday, October 26, as we welcome the Rev. Eugenia Gamble as our guest preacher. Eugenia is the author of "Tending the Wild Garden," which we are using for our study of the fruit of the Spirit, and it is an honor to welcome her as she preaches on "Kindness" using scriptures from Colossians 3:12-14 and Luke 6:27-36. Music will include soprano Kelly Connor singing Hall Johnson's setting of the Spiritual "In Bright Mansions Above" and the Sanctuary Choir singing Mark Patterson's "God's Love Is Alive in Us."



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given
by the congregation to the glory of God,
and in honor of Harriett Boster,
in appreciation for her faithful Christian witness
to those in need through her weekly distribution
of the memorial flowers.

Calendar of Events

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19
Fall Festival, 11:30-1 p.m.: Join us in the GSPC parklng lot immediately after worship today for a wonderful afternoon of fellowship and fun!. We'll have games, food, prizes and more!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21
Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 9 a.m. at the home of Ann Adams.
Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Library. Contact: Mary Elizabeth Perry.
Lunch and Learn, noon: Come to lunch! Our guest speakers will give us an update on the Mobile International Airport project. The cost is $10 and includes drinks and dessert. Lunch is served at noon and the presentation begins at 12:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22
Young Women's Bible Study, 6 p.m. in the Guesnard House: All 20s/30s women are invited to join this weekly Bible study series based on "Tending the Wild Garden: Growing in the Fruit of the Spirit" by the Rev. Eugenia Gamble. The facilitators are Nicole Riis and Beth Majure.
Music Rehearsals: Handbells, 5:15-5:45 p.m. in the sanctuary; choir, 6-7:30 p.m. in the choir room.
Men's Bible Study: 6 p.m. in the Library. Contact: Bo Perry.

COMING UP
GSPC Book Club, October 26, 5:30 p.m. in the Library, in-person and via Zoom: This month's selection is "Imagining Time in the English Chronicle Play: Historical Futures, 1590-1660," by Marissa Nicosia. Come dressed as your favorite Shakespearean character! Please RSVP to Meredith Johnston at mwjohnston@crimson.ua.edu.

NEWS AND NOTES

McKemie Place: Each month on the second Friday, 2-3 volunteers provide a light lunch for about 24 residents at McKemie Place, a shelter for homeless women. Volunteers are needed for Dec. 12. Please call Lisa DeShazo at 251-591-1077 or Mary DeWitt Dukes at 504-920-1918 if you are able to help with this meaningful, longtime mission at GSPC.

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.

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.