Welcome to Worship

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 15, 2025 | 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.*

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.

Gathering

WELCOME — **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

PRELUDE — *There Is a Balm in Gilead*
Spiritual; arr. Stephen Nielson

INTROIT — *Ride On, King Jesus!*
Spiritual; arr. Hall Johnson

Carter Hale, Jr., *Vocalist*

Ride on, King Jesus! No man can-a hinder me. For He is King of kings, He is Lord of lords,
Jesus Christ, the first an' last, no man works like Him. King Jesus rides a milk-white horse.
Duh river of Jer-din He did cross, King Jesus rides in the middle of de air, Oh!
He calls duh saints from ev'rywhere, Ah! Ride on, King Jesus! He is duh King, He is duh Lord, Ha!
Yes, Ha! Jesus Christ, de first and last, No man works like Him! Ride on, Jesus!

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(From Psalm 8; responsive)* — **REV. ANNE H.K. APPLE**

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?
Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.
O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
Let us worship God!

✠**HYMN 54** — *Make a Joyful Noise to God*
DIX

✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Unison)*

Holy God,
Your grace is sufficient for our every need, and yet we doubt your faithfulness time and again. In times of suffering, we are quick to forget your steadfast love. In times of plenty, we forget to be grateful. We confess the inconstancy of our faith and remember the unfailing nature of your grace as we ask for your forgiveness. Hear our silent prayers.

(Silence)

Have mercy on us, Lord. Fill us with the hope that brings joy and help us to share this grace in which we stand. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

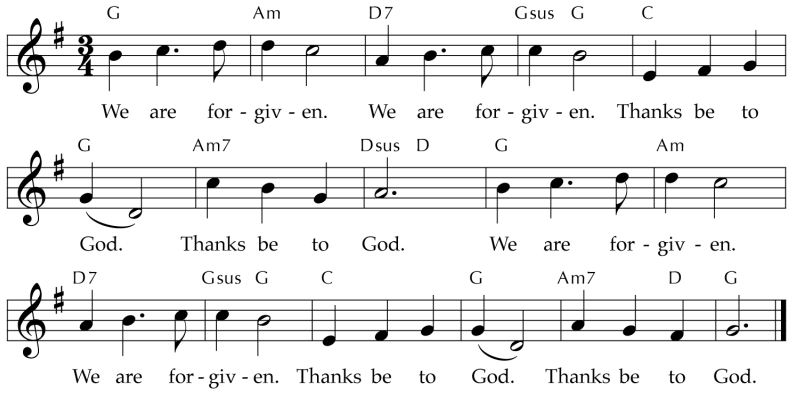
We pass the peace *by greeting one another and saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," to which one replies, "And also with you." The ancient ritual of the church reminds us that Christ offers us peace that passes understanding.*

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 447 *We Are Forgiven*
WE ARE FORGIVEN



Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination **Daniel Killilea**

First Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God!

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

Wee Worship Leaders: Emily Watson and Charlotte Crockett

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Sermon: "This Grace in Which We Stand" **Rev. Lamar**

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 70 *What Does the Lord Require of You?*
MOON

✠Affirmation Of Faith *(The Apostles' Creed)* **Rev. Anne H.K. Apple**

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.

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.*

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.

Response *Sevenfold Amen*
PETER LUTKIN

Offering
Offertory *On Eagle's Wings*
Joncas; arr. Douglas E. Wagner

The Sanctuary Choir
Text: No. 43 in The Hymnal

✠Doxology | Hymn 609 *Doxology*
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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!

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Prayer of Intercession **Daniel Killilea**
and the Lord's Prayer

Sending

✠Hymn 295 *Go to the World!*
SINE NOMINE

Sabbatical Blessing **Rev. Anne H.K. Apple**

Our help is in the name of the Lord.
Maker of heaven and earth.

✠Hymn 647 *Give Thanks (refrain only)*
GIVE THANKS

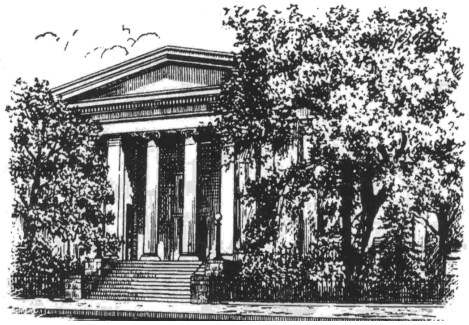
✠Benediction **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**
Postlude *Toccata on "Holy Father, Great Creator"*
Lani Smith

Today is the Rev. Lamar's last Sunday before she begins her three-month sabbatical. During this time, the Rev. Anne H.K. Apple will serve as temporary pastor. The congregation should contact the Rev. Apple for all pastoral care needs. She will moderate Session and serve as head of staff. You may contact her by calling the church office or by emailing anne@gspcmobile.org.

We are pleased to welcome Daniel Killilea, a child of Government Street Presbyterian, as worship liturgist this morning. Daniel begins his fifth and final year at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, where he anticipates graduating next spring with dual master's degrees in divinity and in marriage and family therapy. Daniel will be seeking ordination in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and credits his formative years at GSPC as foundational to his launch into ministry. Daniel is the son of the late Bob and Linda Killilea, longtime GSPC members; husband to Jessica Killilea; and father to 3-year-old Norah and 3-month-old Zoey.

Sunday, June 22

Join us next Sunday, June 22, as the Rev. Bob Madsen joins as our guest preacher. Scripture readings will include Deuteronomy 18:9-22 and Matthew 24:1-8, and the Rev. Madsen's sermon is titled "Daring to Speak." Music will include John Ness Beck's "Lord, Here Am I" and Ralph Vaughan Williams' setting of "Old Hundredth" (All People That On Earth Do Dwell). This will be the last Sunday for the choir to sing before their much-deserved summer break.



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Sanctuary Flowers

If you would like to place flowers in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please contact Ann Adams at Adams-marion@att.net or 251-591-8586.

Calendar of Events

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

Choir Rehearsal: 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the choir room.

ADDITIONAL NEWS AND NOTES

GSPC During World War II: In honor of the 80th anniversary of World War II, Meredith Johnston and a group of volunteers will create 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. Also, if anyone wants to share information about the service of family members during WWII, Meredith would like to collect those details to create a special "GSPC Members Who Served" section of the display. Those who have photos and information to share may email them 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 11th, August 8th or September 11th, please call Lisa deShazo at 251-591-1077 or Mary DeWitt Dukes at 504-920-1918. Thank you to Dick Otts for providing the lunches this month.

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.

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.