Welcome to Worship

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 11, 2025 | 10:30 A.M.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.*

PRELUDE *Allegro (Sonata in D, K. 381)*
W.A. Mozart

Dr. Gary Beard and Chris Nemec, *Pianists*

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

INTROIT *Like a River Glorious*
arr. Dan Miller; WYE VALLEY

The Sanctuary Choir; Dr. Beard, *Piano*

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace. Over all victorious in its bright increase. Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day. Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way. Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blessed; finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest. Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand. Never foe can follow, never traitor stand; Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care, not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there. Ev'ry joy or trial falleth from above, traced upon our dial by the Son of Love. We may trust Him fully all for us to do; They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true.

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Psalm 8)* **CARTER HALE**

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory in the heavens. Through the praise of children and infants, you have established a stronghold to protect us.
When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is humankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?
You have made them a little lower than the angels 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 14** *For the Beauty of the Earth*
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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)* **SUSAN LORGE**

Gracious Lord,
we confess that we fail you more often than we want to admit. We justify our selfishness, and ignore your commands. We do not love you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We do not love our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us, Lord, and hear our silent prayers.

(Silence)

Have mercy on us, O God, and lead us in your way. Help us to follow you in faith and love as we have been loved. 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 **Becca Lorge**

✠Passing of the Peace

✠Response | Hymn 634 *To God Be the Glory (refrain only)*
TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination **Margaret Browning**

First Reading: John 10:22-30 **Vivi McKee**

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks Be to God!

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

Second Reading: Acts 9:36-43

Sermon: "Get Up!" **Rev. Lamar**

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 324 *For All the Faithful Women*
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✠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 *Sevenfold Amen*
John Rutter

Offering **Sam Lamar**

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.*

Offertory *Steal Away*

Spiritual/arr. Norman Luboff

The Sanctuary Choir; Dr. Beard, *Conductor*

Steal away to Jesus, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here. My Lord, He calls me. He calls me by the thunder. The trumpet sounds within-a my soul. I ain't got long to stay here.

✠Doxology | Hymn 609 *Doxology*

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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!

Prayer of Thanksgiving **Mickie Lorge**

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer **Emerson Hale**

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 838 *Standing on the Promises*

PROMISES

✠Benediction **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

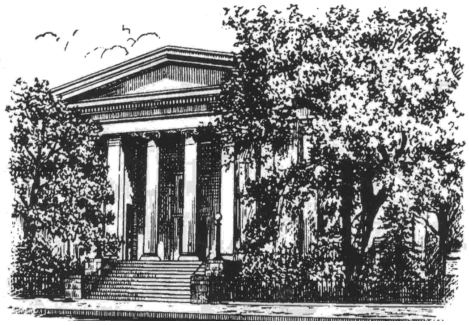
Postlude *Trumpet Voluntary (Two organists)*

John Stanley

We welcome Dr. Gary Beard as our guest pianist/conductor in worship today. Gary is a member of Idlewild Presbyterian Church in Memphis, and a longtime colleague of Chris Nemec.

Sunday, May 18

Join us on Sunday, May 18, as the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar continues her sermon series, "Miracles," with scripture from Acts 11:1-18 and a sermon titled "Who Am I to Hinder God?" Music includes the Handbell Choir playing one last time before their summer break, and the Sanctuary Choir singing Gilbert Martin's arrangement of the hymn "When I Survey."



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Don Bryan
by his wife, Sara Bryan.

Calendar of Events

MONDAY, MAY 12

PW Spring Gathering: The Presbyterian Women will hold the final Circle meeting of the year at 5:30 p.m. in the Guesnard House, with the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar leading the lesson. All are welcome to join us for fellowship and Bible study. If you are able, please bring a beverage or snack to share with the group.

TUESDAY, MAY 13

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. Everyone is welcome.
Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Library. Contact: Mary Elizabeth Perry.
Youth Bible Study: Tuesdays at 3 p.m. at Carpe Diem. All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

Choir Rehearsals: Handbells, 5:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary; Choir, 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the choir room.
Men's Bible Study: 6 p.m. in the Library and via Zoom. Contact: Bo Perry.

THURSDAY, MAY 15

Two Pastors and a Rabbi: The Interfaith Bible Study, with Rabbi Ed Boraz, the Rev. Trey Doyle and the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar, will be held at Springhill Avenue Temple at 5:30 p.m.

ADDITIONAL NEWS AND NOTES

Vacation Bible School: GSPC families and their friends are invited to sign up for Vacation Bible School, which will be June 9-12 from 5 to 7 p.m. This evening format will give our parents and volunteers more flexibility to participate. Please register by visiting gspcmobile.org/vbs.

GSPC Book Club: The GSPC Book Club will meet on May 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the GSPC Library and via Zoom. Our reading selection will be "Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy: A Righteous Gentile vs. The Third Reich" by Eric Metaxas. The book, over 600 pages, is available through the Mobile Public Library. Contact Meredith Johnston for more information.

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.