



Welcome to Worship

## GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 19, 2023 | 10:30 A.M.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF 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 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

*Jesus, Thou Divine Companion*

David Hegarty

#### WELCOME

**REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

#### INTROIT

*Behold Now, Praise the Lord!*

Everett Titcomb

The Sanctuary Choir

Behold now, praise the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord.

#### ☒ CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Micah 6:6-8)

**REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

With what shall we come before the LORD?

**God has told us what is good.**

What does the Lord require of you?

**To do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God.**

Let us worship the Lord together.

#### ☒ HYMN 643

*Now Thank We All Our God*

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#### ☒ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we want to be faithful, but we confess that we often act in selfish ways. We ignore your commands and refuse to care for our neighbors. We speak of justice but we love our comfort. We speak of kindness but our ignorance makes us cruel. We speak of humility but pride makes us stumble in our walk with you. Forgive us, Lord, and hear our silent prayers of confession.

(silence)

Have mercy on us, O God. Give us the courage to follow you faithfully and to work for the justice you desire. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

**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.

Children ages three and older are invited to the front for the Children's Sermon. Children ages 3-K 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.

**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.

## ✠ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## ✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

## ✠RESPONSE: HYMN 587

*Alleluia!*  
CELTIC ALLELUIA

# *Proclaiming the Word*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LYNN McDANIEL

## SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 5: 1-12

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR

## SCRIPTURE READING: Amos 5: 18-24

## SERMON: "Justice"

REV. EUGENIA GAMBLE

# *Thanksgiving*

## ✠HYMN 769

*For Everyone Born*  
FOR EVERYONE BORN

## ✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR

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

*Thanks Be to God, Alleluia*  
Swahili Folk Hymn; arr. McRae/Nemec

## OFFERTORY

*Now Thank We All Our God*  
arr. Michael Rosewall

The Sanctuary Choir  
Text: No. 643 in the Hymnal

## ✠RESPONSE | HYMN 607

*Doxology*

**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 AND 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.

## ✠HYMN 694

*Great God of Every Blessing*  
AURELIA

*Sending*

## ✠BENEDICTION

**REV. EUGENIA GAMBLE**

## POSTLUDE

*Now Thank We All Our God (Marche Pontificale)*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

### **Memory verse for the week of November 19:**

Micah 6:8: He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

*Copies of this week's verse may be picked up in the sanctuary.*

*Sunday, November 26*

Join us next Sunday, November 26, as the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar concludes her sermon series "How Firm a Foundation." Scriptures include Philippians 2:5-11 and Isaiah 11:1-9 and are the basis for a joint sermon entitled "Hope." In preparation for next week, worshipers may read pages 155-176 of "A Guide to Bible Basics" by Tyler Mayfield, or view the following videos at bibleproject.com: "Justice" and "Messiah." Choral music will include Mack Wilberg's (conductor of the Tabernacle Choir) arrangement of "Rejoice, the Lord Is King!" as we honor Christ the King.



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## Sanctuary Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

Mrs. John B. Waterman

Mrs. Annie Louise Waterman

Mr. Thaddeus Harrison

Mr. Carroll B. Waterman

Mrs. Helen Waterman Van Aken

Mr. Thaddeus H. Waterman

Mr. John B. Waterman, II

By their descendants, Melissa Waterman Inge and Annie Waterman Uphaus

## *Calendar of Events*

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

**Women's Bible Study:** Tuesdays at 8 a.m. at the home of Ann Adams.

**Women's Bible Study:** Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Library. Contact: Mary Elizabeth Perry.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

**Choir rehearsals:** No rehearsals this week.

**Men's Bible Study:** 6 p.m. in the Library. Contact: Bo Perry.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

**Happy Thanksgiving!** The Church Office will be closed today and on Friday, November 24.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

**20s/30s Young Women's Bible Study:** 6 p.m. in the Guesnard House.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

**Advent Worship Service:** Noon in the sanctuary. A light lunch will be held in Fellowship Hall after the service.

## 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.

Worship has continued on this site since 1836, when the sanctuary, now a National Historic landmark, was completed.