GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 26, 2023 | 10:30 A.M.

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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.*

Gathering

PRELUDE *The Lord's My Shepherd*
CRIMOND; arr. Ovid Young

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

INTROIT *Jubilate Deo*
Michael Praetorius

The Sanctuary Choir

Translation: Sing Joyfully to God, Alleluia

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** (From Psalm 27) **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
One thing I asked of the Lord; this I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord,
Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path.
I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

✠**HYMN 268** *Crown Him with Many Crowns*
DIADEMATA

✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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.*

Holy God, you are the King of all creation, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. We profess faith in your power and goodness, but we do not dare to hope for your kingdom to come. We confess that our dreams are too small, our expectations too mundane. We fear disappointment and cling to comfort instead of working toward justice and peace. When we worship, we say words that we do not fully mean. Forgive our failures, O God, and hear our silent prayers.

(silence)

Have mercy on us, O Lord. Open our hearts and minds to your vision of the world. Help us to live with you as king of our lives. May we glorify you in all we do. 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-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 **Mac Boone**

Scripture Reading: Phillipians 2: 5-11

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

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-9

Sermon: "Hope" **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 286 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*
TRENTHAM

✠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 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*
DARWALL'S 148TH; arr. Mack Wilberg

The Sanctuary Choir
Text: No. 363 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 269 *Lead On, O King Eternal*
LANCASHIRE

Sending

✠Benediction **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Postlude *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*
arr. Jason D. Payne

Memory verse for the week of November 26:
Isaiah 11:6: The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
Copies of this week's verse may be picked up in the sanctuary.

Sunday, December 3

Join us on Sunday, December 3, as the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar begins an Advent Sermon Series, "Songs of the Season." The series will begin with the song of Zechariah in Luke 1:67-80. Advent Choral music will include two settings of the Magnificat: "Song of Mary" from *Celebrate Life* by Buryl Red, and featuring mezzo soprano Meredith Wilson; and "Magnificat" from James Richens' *Christmas Cantata* and featuring soprano Gabrielle Corlette.



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Sanctuary Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers today are given
to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Charlotte Eichold
by her daughter, Beth Eichold Walmsley.

Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Giving Tuesday: Churches in the Presbytery of South Alabama (PSA) are invited to participate in the "Jubilee Campaign" to end medical debt in our area on "Giving Tuesday." PSA is partnering with RIP Medical Debt to purchase bundled medical debt portfolios and then forgive that debt at pennies on the dollar. On average, $1 is leveraged to abolish $100 in medical debt! You may send a check to the church office or place it in the offering plate with the subject "RIP Medical Debt." You may also donate at this link: https://ripmedicaldebt.org/campaign/south-alabama/ .

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.

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 served in Fellowship Hall after the service. These weekly services will continue through December 20.

Choir rehearsals: Handbells, 5:15-5:45 p.m.; choir, 6-7:30 p.m.

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

REMINDER TO PARENTS: The GSPC Children's Choir rehearses on Sundays from 9:30 to 9:45 a.m. in the office of Chris Nemec (2nd floor at the Jackson St. stairwell). The children will sing at the 10:30 a.m. service on Christmas Eve. Please bring your children to these rehearsals to make sure that they are prepared for this service. Thank you!

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.