Welcome to Worship

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 31, 2026 | 10:30 A.M.

TRINITY 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 with us by using the friendship register located in each pew. We welcome the opportunity to learn more about you.*

The congregation of Government Street Presbyterian Church*, as the people of God called to worship and work in downtown Mobile, pursue our mission to use our unique resources and opportunities to love, to honor, and to glorify God and to give hope, comfort, instruction and inspiration to all persons that they may become joyful disciples of Jesus Christ.*

Government Street Presbyterian Church, *founded in 1831, is a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and participates in the work of the Presbytery of South Alabama.*

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

PRELUDE *How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings*
Samuel Liddle

Carter Hale Jr., ***Tenor***

How lovely are thy dwellings, O Lord of Hosts! My soul longeth, yea, fainteth, for the courts of the Lord: My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young, even Thine altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God. O Lord God of Hosts, hear my prayer. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. (Psalm 84)

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

INTROIT *He Shall Feed His Flock*
John Ness Beck

The Sanctuary Choir

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd: He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently shall lead those that are with young. He shall gather the lambs in His arm, and carry them close to His heart; and gently, so gently, so gently shall lead those with young. Amen. (Isaiah 40:11, Psalm 23: 1)

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsive)* **LYNN MCDANIEL**

O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
God created the world and called it good.
O Christ, our great redeemer, you are gracious and merciful!
Christ shows us how to live faithful and righteous lives.
O Holy Spirit, you sustain our life and move in mysterious ways!
The Holy Spirit moves through us and around us, equipping us for our calling.
Let us worship God!

✠**HYMN 667** *When Morning Gilds the Skies*
LAUDES DOMINI

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

God who is Three in One, we confess that we have turned away from you. We gaze upon ourselves as if we are worthy of worship. We do not treat your creation as a gift, but as something to use and discard. We forget your commands and our place as stewards of your gifts. Forgive us, Lord, and hear our silent prayers of confession.

(Silence)

Have mercy on us, O God. We stand in awe of our Creator, in gratitude for our Savior, and in wonder at your Holy Spirit at work in our lives and our world. 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 587 *Alleluia!*
CELTIC ALLELUIA

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination **Lynn McDaniel**

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**
Wee Worship leaders: Emily Watson and Linda Reynolds

Second Reading: Psalm 8
Sermon: "How Majestic!" **Rev. Lamar**

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 305 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*
DARWALL'S 148TH

Affirmation of Faith *(The Apostles' Creed*) **Lynn McDaniel**

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.

Choral Response *Threefold Amen*
DANISH AMEN

Offering

Offertory *Wade In The Water*
Spiritual; arr. Mark Hayes

The Sanctuary Choir

Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water. Down in the valley, down on my knees. Wade in the water. Askin' my Lord to save me please. Up on the mountain, Jehovah, he spoke. Out of his mouth came fire and smoke. I heard a rumblin' up in the sky, must-a been Jesus passin' by.

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.*

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.

Visiting? Welcome to GSPC, *where we hope you'll find our worship meaningful, our fellowship warm and our ministry exciting. Come again! Be sure to sign the Registry booklet that you will find in your pew. If you are considering membership, we'd love to have you. You may join us through transfer of letter, re-affirmation of faith or profession of faith.*

Prayer requests: *Please scan the QR code below to share your joys and concerns so that we may share them with our church family in the newsletter and bulletin.*

✠Response | Hymn 609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
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. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

✠Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending

✠Hymn 450 *Be Thou My Vision*
SLANE

✠Benediction **Rev. Lamar**
Postlude *Rigaudon (Idoménée)*
André Campra

Sunday, June 7

Next week, we will celebrate "Faith-filled Music" as we say good-bye to Chris Nemec. The Rev. Lamar will be in Montreat with our youth, but members of the congregation will offer reflections on the role of music in shaping their faith. Music will include a string quartet joining the Sanctuary Choir in Franck's "Psalm 150," Mozart's "Laudate Dominum" (with soprano Gabrielle Mohr) and Young's "Come, Christians, Join to Sing." Additionally, the strings and organ will play J.S. Bach's "Sheep May Safely Graze."

Join us for a reception to honor Chris following worship!

Prayer Requests

Prayers for Healing:

- Sarah Hale, mother of Carter Hale, who is back at Palm Gardens Nursing Home on hospice care
- Bill Cutts, who is recovering at home after a hospital stay
- John Peebles asks for prayers for his friend who has recently had gastrointestinal surgery
- Della Hoffman, granddaughter of Neal and Sherrie Horner, who is recovering from bacterial pneumonia after a week-long hospital stay
- Dorothy Morrison, who is recovering at home after a hospital stay
- Molly Nordmann, who is undergoing cancer treatment

Prayers of Gratitude:

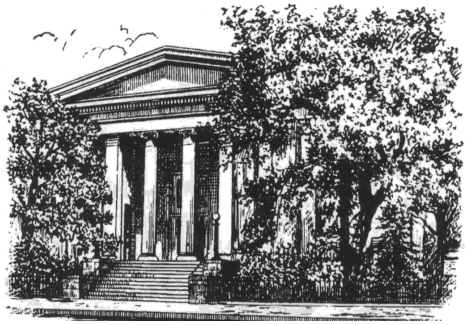
- Bligh Jones offers prayers of thanksgiving for Chris Nemec and for his time serving and bringing beautiful music to GSPC.
- The Goodloe family offers prayers of thanksgiving for the safe arrival of Travis Bedsole Goodloe, IV on May 22, 2026. He is the son of Travis and Sally Goodloe and the grandson of Travis and Lisa Goodloe.
- The Irvine family offers prayers of thanksgiving for the safe arrival of June Elizabeth Irvine on May 25, 2026. She is the daughter of Richardson and Annie Irvine and the granddaughter of George and Sallye Irvine.

Prayers for safety and strength:

- The congregation extends Christian sympathy to Nikki Jones and her family. Nikki's stepfather, Terry Smith, died last week in Fairhope. The funeral will be in a few weeks.
- Jonathan Laws requests prayers for healthcare workers carrying heavy emotional and physical burdens every day. He asks that we pray for steady hands, kind hearts, patience, protection, and opportunities to rest and recharge.
- Lynn McDaniel asks for prayers for all homeless people and homeless animals to find a safe home.
- Prayers for the people of Gaza, especially the young

Share Your Joys and Concerns

Please share your joys and concerns with our church family. Pprayer requests can be general requests for a family, community, country, or world. If you are making a request for someone else, please make sure they are comfortable being included and named. Please scan the QR code to access the Prayer Request form. Each request will remain on the list for one month. If you would like to have a request updated, please email Paula Spath at paula@gspcmobile.org.



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given by the Sanctuary and Handbell Choirs to the glory of God, and in honor of Chris Nemec in appreciation of the beautiful music he has shared with us for four years at GSPC.

Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, JUNE 2
Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 9 a.m. at the home of Ann Adams.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3
Choir Rehearsal: 6-7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7
Farewell to Chris: The congregation is invited to a reception immediately after worship in honor of Chris Nemec, who is moving to Memphis to begin a new job at Idlewild Presbyterian Church. If you would like to contribute to a love offering for Chris, please place your donation in the offering plate, or donate through Realm.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12
LoDa ArtWalk reception: GSPC will host Prism United, a group that responds to the comprehensive needs of LGBTQ+ youth in southwest Alabama, in the Guesnard House during ArtWalk, starting at 6 p.m. The Congregational Care Committee is asking for volunteers to make a light snack for this group. If you are able to do so, please let the church office know and bring your item to the church the week before June 12.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17
How Great Is Our God, 5:30-6:50 p.m.: GSPC families are invited to a fun summer evening where kids will explore God's world through hands-on experiments, discovery, and Bible study. We'll learn about God's amazing creation through interactive science activities. The event, for children in preschool up to fifth grade, will include a pizza dinner. Bring a friend and come ready for a night of fun and discovery!

NEWS AND NOTES

Call for donations: The GSPC Mission Committee has designated homelessness as one of its ministries to the community, recognizing that the problem of homelessness is more than seeing people standing on street corners. For the next two weeks, we will collect sunscreen and insect repellent for H.E. Savage Memorial Health Center for the homeless. Bring your contributions to the church foyer or to the June 14 Second Sunday lunch, when we will pack up the items for delivery. You can read more about H. E. Savage Center at http://FranklinPrimary.org.

McKemie Place: Each month on the second Friday, volunteers provide a light lunch for about 24 residents at McKemie Place, a shelter for homeless women. Please call Lisa DeShazo at 251-591-1077 or Mary DeWitt Dukes at 504-920-1918 to volunteer.

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.

Calling all cooks: The Congregational Care Committee is asking for volunteers to help prepare food for Memorial Receptions, Take Them A Meal, and other GSPC events. If you are interested in preparing food for our congregation, please call the church office.

Water bottles needed: Please donate reusable water bottles for distribution at the courtyard water fountain. Please bring your donations to the church office.