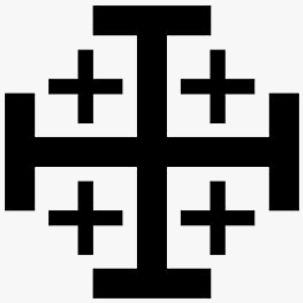


Welcome to worship! *We are glad you are here. If you need any assistance, please notify an usher. Please take a moment to register your attendance by using the friendship register located in each pew. We welcome the opportunity to learn more about you.*

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.*

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.*

Welcome to Worship

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 23, 2024 | 10:30 A.M.

ORDINARY TIME

Gathering

PRELUDE *Abba*

Claire Cloninger/Dawn Rodgers

Charlotte Naylor, *solo voice and guitar*; Brian Naylor, *guitar*

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

INTROIT *Adoration and Praise from Korea*

Charlotte Naylor, *soprano recorder*; Brian Naylor, *guitar*

Hymn 461 "As Dew Falls Gently at Dawn" and Hymn 615, "Praise to the Lord."

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*based on Mark 4*)

The disciples were in a boat while Jesus slept. They were terrified as a storm battered their boat. But Jesus awoke and said to the wind and the waves,

"Peace! Be still!"

The disciples questioned why Jesus allowed the storm to engulf them. They wondered if Jesus cared at all. But Jesus said,

"Peace! Be still!"

So often our hearts are troubled, even when we pretend all is well. We are afraid and wonder if Jesus even cares about our struggles. To us Jesus says,

"Peace! Be still!"

Let us still our minds and hearts as we worship the Prince of Peace.

✠**HYMN 475** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

God of grace and goodness,

Just when we think we know your ways, you surprise us. You move us in directions we did not expect. We find your hand at work in places we overlook and ignore. We forget your mighty power when you do not use it the way we desire. We confess how often we miss your plans for our lives because we are consumed by our own plans and desires. Forgive us, and hear our silent prayers of confession.

(Silence)

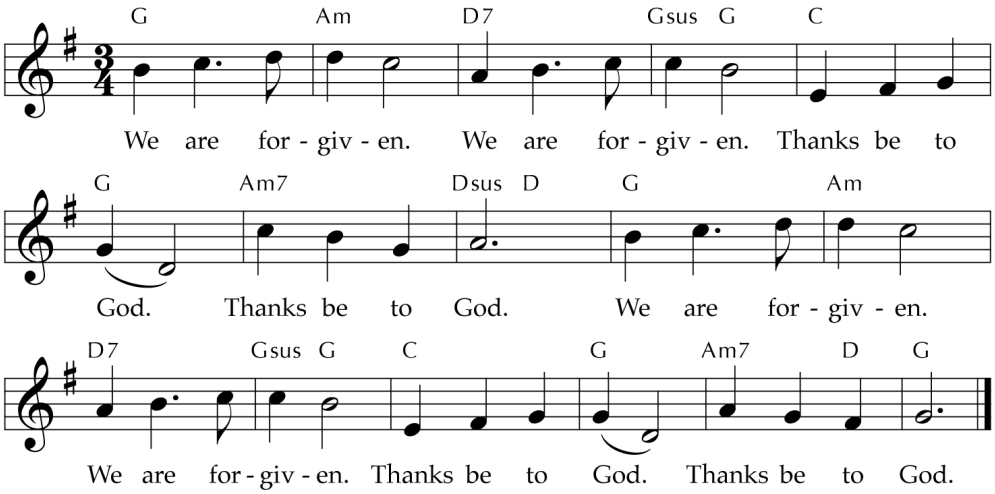
Have mercy on us, O God. Through your spirit, lead us in your ways. Open our hearts so that we may welcome your holy surprises and follow you more faithfully. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

✠**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

✠**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***Children ages three** and older are invited to the front for the Children's Sermon. Children under 3 are welcome in the nursery. Older children may return to sit with their parents.*

✠Response | Hymn 447 *We Are Forgiven*
WE ARE FORGIVEN



Proclaiming the Word

Prayer For Illumination **Jane Hale**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 20

Children's Sermon **Bradley Daugherty**

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Sermon: "The Story of Samuel: Spirit and Surprise" **Rev. Lamar**

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 450 *Be Thou My Vision*
SLANE

***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.*

✠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.

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.

Offering

Offertory *Healer of My Soul*
John Michael Talbot

Charlotte Naylor, *solo voice and guitar*; Brian Naylor, *guitar*

✠Response | 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!

✠Prayer of Thanksgiving
Prayer of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

✠Hymn 396 *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*
HOLY MANNA

Sending

✠Benediction **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**
Postlude *Crown Him with Many Crowns*
arr. Nemec

Sunday, June 30

Join us in worship next week, June 30, when the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar will conclude her sermon series "The Story of Samuel" with a sermon titled "Prophecy and Presence." Scripture readings will be Psalm 133 and I Samuel 19:18-24; 25:1. While the Sanctuary Choir is on their summer break, weekly music will be provided from ensembles and soloists both from within and outside GSPC. The full schedule is below.





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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.

Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

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

Book Club Meeting: 5:30 p.m. in the Church Library and via Zoom. The reading is from The Journal of Presbyterian History, Vol. 96, No. 1, Spring/ Summer 2018, "Healing Body and Mind: The Life and Times of Madge Mateer in the Shandong Mission" (p. 4-17) by John R. Stanley. To read the article, use Meredith Johnston's free JSTOR account. Log in to www.jstor.org with the username meredith@gspcmobile.org, and the password Edison100! If you need any assistance, or have questions, contact Meredith Johnston.

Young Women's Bible Study: The 20s/30s Young Women's Bible Study will gather for dinner at Moe's Original BBQ downtown on Tuesday, June 25, at 6 p.m. All young women are welcome to attend!

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

Recycling event: Keep Mobile Beautiful invites everyone to a recycling and cleanup event on Saturday, June 29, from 9 a.m. to noon at Little Flower Catholic Church. Electronics are accepted.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Volunteers Needed: The church office would welcome volunteers during the week, especially between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Volunteers assist with monitoring the Jackson Street entrance and answering the phone. They may also assist with special projects. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Meredith Johnston at the church office.

Baytreat Memories: The congregation is invited to share their favorite memories of Baytreat. The enewsletter includes a link where these memories may be sent to the church office. If you have questions, please contact Meredith Johnston.

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.