

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 known as the mother of Presbyterianism in southern Alabama. We are a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and participate 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.

Welcome to Worship

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 26, 2025 | 10:30 A.M.

ORDINARY TIME

Preparation for Worship

"There are three ways to ultimate success: The first way is to be kind.
The second way is to be kind.
The third way is to be kind."
Fred Rogers

PRELUDE *Fanfare*
Gordon Young

WELCOME **CASI CALLAWAY**

INTROIT *In Bright Mansions*
Kelly Connor, *Soprano* Spiritual; arr. Hall Johnson
In bright mansions above, Lord, I want to live up yonder in bright mansions above.
My sister's gone to glory, I want to go there too. Lord, I want to live up yonder in bright mansions above.
My brother's gone to glory. My mother's gone to glory.

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsive)* **CASI CALLAWAY**
We gather as the people of God to worship the One who calls us to love, to serve, and to walk in the way of Christ.
We come with open hearts to praise the Lord our God.
We come with gratitude, seeking to serve the risen Christ.
We come to be transformed by the Spirit so that we may live as a witness to God's amazing grace.
The Lord has called us to bear fruit for the Kingdom. Let us reflect the light of Christ in all that we do.
May the fruit of the Spirit grow in us, producing love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
Let us worship God.

✠**HYMN 41** *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*
LYONS

✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Unison)* **CASI CALLAWAY**
Gracious and loving God,
You call us to love our enemies, to bless those who curse us. You ask us to be kind, even when kindness is not returned. We confess that too often, we choose resentment over grace, judgment over compassion, and indifference over love. We keep score, hold grudges, and struggle to offer the mercy you so freely give to us. Forgive us, Lord, and hear our silent prayers of confession.

(Silence)

Have mercy on us, Lord. Soften our hearts and renew your Spirit within us. May the kindness of Christ take root in us, bearing fruit in how we speak, how we act, and how we love. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

✠**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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.*

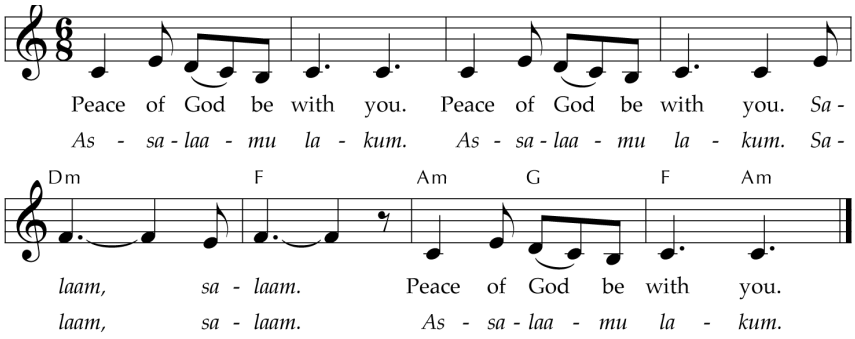
Children's worship totes *are available for children in the sanctuary. These totes include children's bulletins and other items to help children engage in the worship service.*

✠Passing of the Peace

✠Response | Hymn 448 *Peace of God Be With You*

AL-SALAAMU LAKUM

The Hymn will be sung twice.



Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination **Casi Callaway**

First Reading: Colossians 3:12-14

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon **Buzzy Riis**

Wee Worship Leaders: Emily Watson and Stella Jackson

Second Reading: Luke 6:27-36

Sermon: "Do We Dare Risk Kindness?" **Rev. Eugenia Gamble**

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 753 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

✠Affirmation of Faith *(The Apostles' Creed)* **Buzzy Riis**

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 *Threefold Amen*
Eugene Butler

Offering
Offertory *God's Love Is Alive in Us*
Mark Patterson

The Sanctuary Choir
Sing with joy! God has done great things among us! Come give thanks for the goodness of God's love. Like all the saints who've gathered here before us, we come to pray and bless God's holy name; but on this ancient ground let glad new praise resound: God's love is alive in us today! We look with hope for all that still awaits us: a future claimed by trusting in God's grace. So let us, young and old, go forth with spirits bold. God's love is alive in us today! Come sing with joy! Give thanks to God! Come give thanks for the goodness of God's love. God's grace will guide us. God's word reminds us. God's love is alive in us: come sing with joy! Amen!

✠Response | Hymn 606 *Doxology*
OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God, above ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. 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.*

Visiting? Welcome to GSPC, *where we hope you'll find our worship meaningful, our fellowship warm and our ministry exciting. Come again! 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 of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer **Rev. Eugenia Gamble**

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

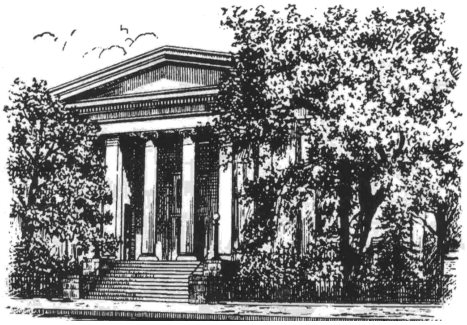
✠Hymn 295 *Go to the World!*
SINE NOMINE

✠Benediction **Rev. Gamble**

Postlude *Toccata in d minor (BWV 565)*
J.S. Bach

Sunday, November 2

Join us next Sunday, November 2, as we commemorate All Saints Day, remembering the saints of GSPC who have died in the past year and celebrating the sacrament of holy communion. Rev. Lamar will continue our sermon series on the Fruit of the Spirit with a sermon titled "Goodness" which will focus on Psalm 73:1-3, 23-28 and Romans 12:1-2, 9-21. Music will include Ralph Vaughan Williams' setting of "For All the Saints" (Sine Nomine) and Mack Wilberg's setting of "Beautiful Savior."



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given
to the glory of God,
and in loving memory of James Kenneth Bounds,
by his daughter, Nicole Riis.

Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28
Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 9 a.m. at the home of Ann Adams.
Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Library. Contact: Mary Elizabeth Perry.
Lunch and Learn, noon: Come to lunch! Our guest speaker is Cyndy Baggett, Vice President of Development and Marketing at Feeding the Gulf Coast. The cost is $10 and includes drinks and dessert. Lunch is served at noon and the presentation begins at 12:30 p.m.
GSPC Book Club, 5:30 p.m. in the Library, in-person and via Zoom: This month's selection is "Imagining Time in the English Chronicle Play: Historical Futures, 1590-1660," by Marissa Nicosia. Come dressed as your favorite Shakespearean character! Please RSVP to Meredith Johnston at mwjohnston@crimson.ua.edu.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29
Young Women's Bible Study, 6 p.m. in the Guesnard House: All 20s/30s women are invited to join this weekly Bible study series based on "Tending the Wild Garden: Growing in the Fruit of the Spirit" by the Rev. Eugenia Gamble. The facilitators are Nicole Riis and Beth Majure.
Music Rehearsals: Handbells, 5:15-5:45 p.m. in the sanctuary; choir, 6-7:30 p.m. in the choir room.
Men's Bible Study: 6 p.m. in the Library. Contact: Bo Perry.

COMING UP

November 2: Children of Worship Training, 3:30-6:30 p.m. All adult volunteers who work with our children are asked to sign up for this training session, which will be led by the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar.

November 20: Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, 6 p.m. at Springhill Avenue Temple.

NEWS AND NOTES

McKemie Place: Each month on the second Friday, 2-3 volunteers provide a light lunch for about 24 residents at McKemie Place, a shelter for homeless women. Volunteers are needed in January and February. Please call Lisa DeShazo at 251-591-1077 or Mary DeWitt Dukes at 504-920-1918 if you are able to help with this meaningful, longtime mission at GSPC.

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.

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.