



**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 9, 2024 | 10:30 A.M.

ORDINARY TIME

## Gathering

### PRELUDE

*Amazing Grace*  
arr. Diane Bish

### WELCOME

**REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

### INTROIT

*I'll Walk With God*  
Nicholas Brodsky

The Sanctuary Choir; Meredith Wilson, *mezzo soprano*; Jacob Mohr, *tenor*

I'll walk with God from this day on. His helping hand I'll lean upon. This is my prayer, my humble plea. May the Lord be ever with me. There is no death though eyes grow dim.

There is no fear when I'm near to Him. I'll lean on Him forever, and He'll forsake me never. He will not fail me as long as my faith is strong, whatever road I may walk along. I'll walk with God, I'll take His hand. I'll talk to God, he'll understand. I'll pray to Him each day to Him, and He'll hear the words that I say. His grace reveals the path I trod, now I'll never walk alone, while I walk with God.

### ✠CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Mark 3)

Jesus said, "If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand."

**"And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand."**

Jesus healed and cast out demons. He angered those in power, and they accused him of evil. But Jesus did these things in God's name, united with his heavenly Father.

**"If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand."**

As we gather in God's house, may we be united with Christ and with one another, seeking first the kingdom of God as we are guided by the Spirit.

**"If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand."**

Let us worship God.

### ✠HYMN 634

*To God Be the Glory*  
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### ✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God,

Your plans surprise us. We confess that we are often slow to recognize your will for us because we are set in our own ways. We think we know what is best and ignore your call. We allow divisions, fears, and assumptions to guide us instead of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us, Lord, and hear our silent prayers of confession.

(Silence)

Have mercy on us, O God. Humble our hearts and renew our strength. Give us courage to follow you in faith, trusting your will instead of our own. 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.

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.

## ✠RESPONSE | HYMN 581

*Glory Be to the Father*  
GLORIA PATRI

# Proclaiming the Word

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**BUZZY RIIS**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Psalm 138: 1-8

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** 1 Samuel 7: 3-17

**SERMON:** "The Story of Samuel: War and Worship"

**REV. LAMAR**

# Thanksgiving

## ✠HYMN 703

*Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

ST. CATHERINE

## ✠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.

## ✠RESPONSE

*Seven-fold Amen*  
John Rutter

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

*I Believe In Christ*  
arr. Mack Wilberg

### The Sanctuary Choir

I believe in Christ; He is my King! With all my heart to Him I'll sing; I'll raise my voice in praise and joy, in grand amens my tongue employ. I believe in Christ; he is God's Son. On earth to dwell his soul did come. He healed the sick; the dead He raised. Good works were his; his name be praised. I believe in Christ my Lord, my God! My feet he plants on gospel sod. I'll worship Him with all my might; He is the source of truth and light. I believe in Christ; He ransoms me. From Satan's grasp he sets me free. And I shall live with joy and love in his eternal courts above. I believe in Christ; He stands supreme! From Him I'll gain my fondest dream; and while I strive through grief and pain, His voice is heard: "Ye shall obtain." I believe in Christ; so come what may, with him I'll stand in that great day, when on this earth He comes again to rule among the sons of men. To rule again!

**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.

**✠RESPONSE | HYMN 609**

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**

**COMMISSIONING OF BRADLEY DAUGHERTY,  
DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**✠HYMN 697**

*Take My Life*  
HENDON

*Sending*

**✠BENEDICTION**

**REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

**POSTLUDE**

*Chaconne*  
Louis Couperin

*Sunday, June 16*

Join us in worship next week, June 16, when the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar will continue her sermon series "The Story of Samuel" with a sermon titled "Will and Warning."  
Scripture readings will be Psalm 121 and I Samuel 8:4-20; 11:14, 15.  
Choral music includes Douglas Wagner's "A Wonderful Noise" and Eugene Butler's "Therefore, Give Us Love," with text by Christopher Wadsworth.  
This is the Sanctuary Choir's last Sunday to sing until August 18, as they begin their well-deserved summer break.



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## Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Marilyn and Stova McFadden  
by their children, Beth McFadden Rouse, Marcia  
McFadden Wyatt, William Stova McFadden,  
and their families.

## Calendar of Events

### TUESDAY, JUNE 11

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

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

**Choir rehearsal:** 6-7:30 p.m. in the choir room.

### ADDITIONAL NOTES

**Mark your calendars!** Vacation Bible School is planned for the week of June 17-24. Sign up from the e-newsletter or from our website, [gspcmobile.org](http://gspcmobile.org).

**A Baytreat Blessing:** The congregation will celebrate Baytreat's ministries and memories on Thursday, June 20, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The event will include water slides, swimming, dinner and music. Donations will be accepted for Baytreat items.

**GSPC T-Shirts:** If you would like to order a T-shirt, the deadline is June 16. Use the form in the e-newsletter (download, fill out and email to Mary Herndon Nordmann), or fill one out in the church office.

**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.

**Flower dedications:** There are several openings for flower dedications this summer. 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 [marion@att.net](mailto: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.

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