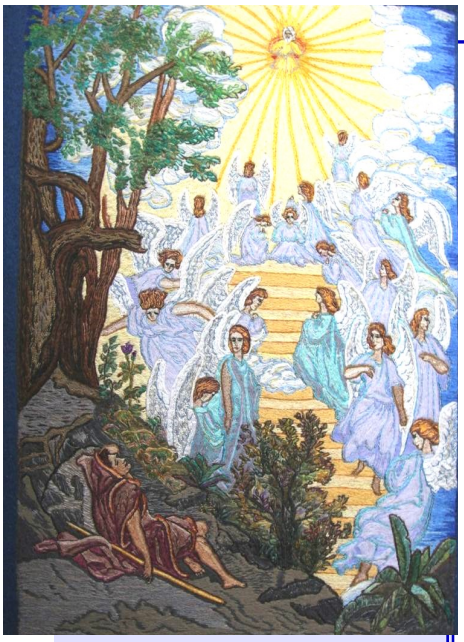


"Jacob's Dream" by Marina Gukova

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.*

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.*

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 19, 2022 | 10:30 A.M.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Gathering

PRELUDE *Andantino in G major*
KITI ZULLNER

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** (from **Psalm 42**)*responsive*

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for the living God.
By day the LORD commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.
Hope in God, for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.
Let us worship the God of hope.

✠**HYMN 14** *For the Beauty of the Earth*
DIX

✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *unison*

God of holy mystery,
We confess that we often are unaware of your presence with us. We go through the motions of our days ignorant of your holiness surrounding us. We worry about trivialities while ignoring what matters most in your kingdom. Stay with us, Lord. Forgive our willful blindness. Open our eyes and hearts so that we may be attentive to your holy mystery. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

✠**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

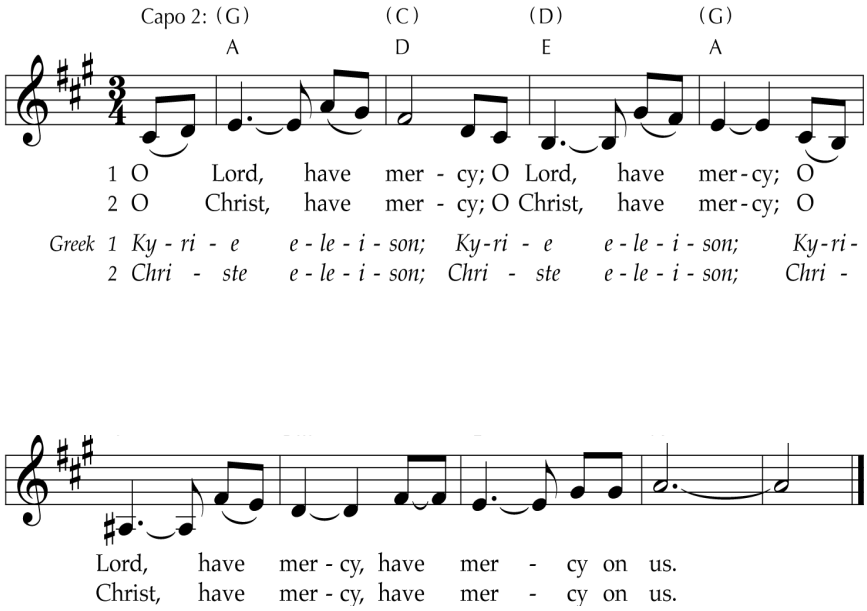
Children ages three *and older are invited to the front. Those three years through kindergarten may leave with volunteers for Wee Worship for the remainder of the service. Sign-in for parents of Wee Worship children is on the front row.*

Nursery is available for ages infant through Kindergarten.

***Children's worship packets** are available at the front of the sanctuary.*

✠Response | Hymn 578 — *O Lord, Have Mercy*

Kyrie eleison
Oré poriajú verekó



Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination — **Jeanie Lindsey**

First Reading — Luke 8: 26-39

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God!

Children's Sermon — **Rev. Alexandra Hutson**

Second Reading — Genesis 28: 10-22

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God!

Sermon — "Sunday School Stories: Jacob's Ladder"

Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar

Thanksgiving

✠ **Hymn 451** *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

OPEN MY EYES

✠Affirmation of Faith *unison* **Rev. Alexandra Hutson**

Apostle's 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.

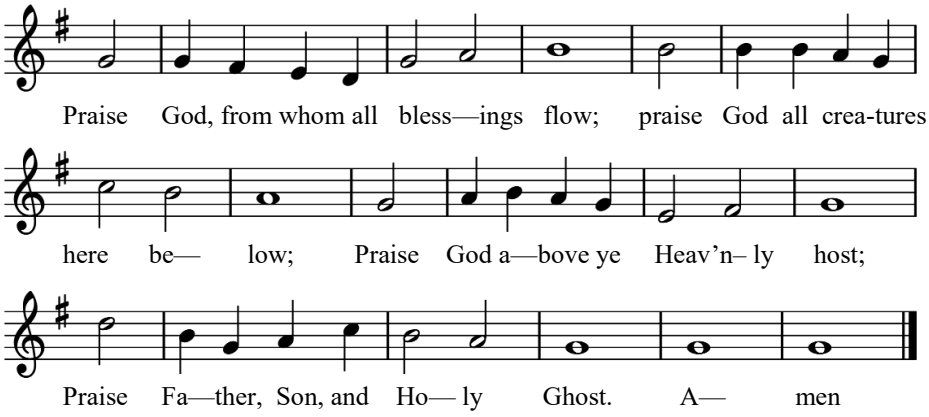
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Meditation *Larghetto*

CH. H. RINCK

✠Response | Hymn 607 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH



Prayer Of Thanksgiving **Rev. Alexandra Hutson**

Prayer of Intercession

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

Sending

✠**Hymn 12** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*
ST. DENIO

✠**Benediction** **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Postlude *Allegretto*
J. BLIED/F. WALCZYNSKI

Thank you to Stephen Prager for serving as our guest organist today.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 8: 26-39

26 Then they arrived at the country of the
Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. 27 As he
stepped out on land, a man of the city who had
demons met him. For a long time he had
worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house
but in the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he fell
down before him and shouted at the top of his
voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son
of the Most High God? I beg you, do not
torment me"— 29 for Jesus had commanded the
unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For
many times it had seized him; he was kept
under guard and bound with chains and
shackles, but he would break the bonds and be
driven by the demon into the wilds.) 30 Jesus
then asked him, "What is your name?" He said,
"Legion"; for many demons had entered
him. 31 They begged him not to order them to
go back into the abyss.

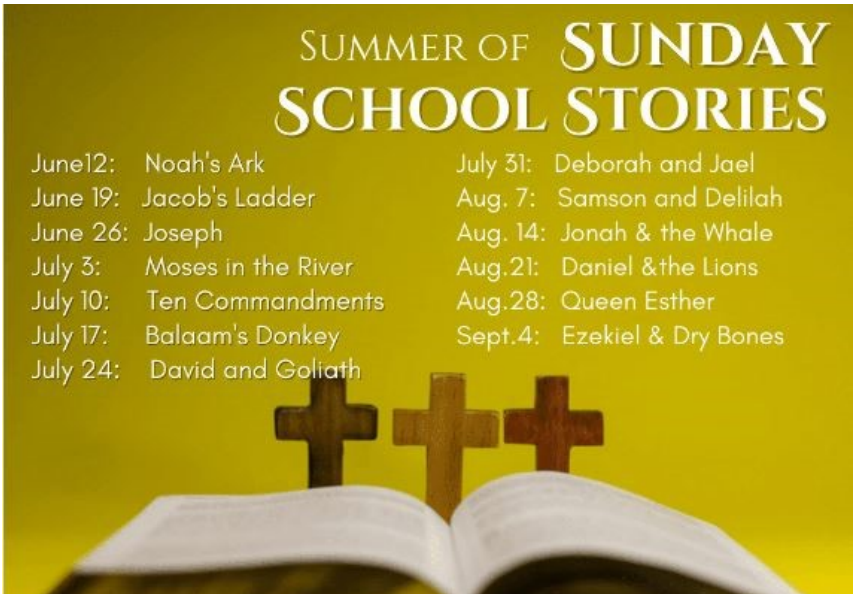
32 Now there on the hillside a large herd of
swine was feeding; and the demons begged
Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them
permission. 33 Then the demons came out of
the man and entered the swine, and the herd
rushed down the steep bank into the lake and
was drowned.

34 When the swineherds saw what had
happened, they ran off and told it in the city and
in the country. 35 Then people came out to see
what had happened, and when they came to
Jesus, they found the man from whom the
demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus,
clothed and in his right mind. And they were
afraid. 36 Those who had seen it told them how
the one who had been possessed by demons had
been healed. 37 Then all the people of the
surrounding country of the Gerasenes[i] asked
Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with
great fear. So he got into the boat and
returned. 38 The man from whom the demons
had gone begged that he might be with him; but
Jesus sent him away,
saying, 39 "Return to your home, and declare
how much God has done for you." So he went
away, proclaiming throughout the city how
much Jesus had done for him.

Genesis 28:10-22

10 Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward
Haran. 11 He came to a certain place and stayed
there for the night, because the sun had set.
Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it
under his head and lay down in that
place. 12 And he dreamed that there was a
ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching
to heaven; and the angels of God were
ascending and descending on it. 13 And
the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am
the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and
the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will
give to you and to your offspring; 14 and your
offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and
you shall spread abroad to the west and to the
east and to the north and to the south; and all
the families of the earth shall be blessed in you
and in your offspring. 15 Know that I am with
you and will keep you wherever you go, and will
bring you back to this land; for I will not leave
you until I have done what I have promised
you." 16 Then Jacob woke from his sleep and
said, "Surely the LORD is in this place — and I
did not know it!" 17 And he was afraid, and said,
"How awesome is this place! This is none other
than the house of God, and this is the gate of
heaven."

18 So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he
took the stone that he had put under his head
and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the
top of it. 19 He called that place Bethel; but the
name of the city was Luz at the first. 20 Then
Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with
me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and
will give me bread to eat and clothing to
wear, 21 so that I come again to my father's
house in peace, then the LORD shall be my
God, 22 and this stone, which I have set up for a
pillar, shall be God's house; and of all that you
give me I will surely give one-tenth to you."



VBS: JUNE 20-24



All are invited! The theme is "Passport to Peace." Children will travel through the world learning how to be peacemakers. They will make friends, sing fun songs, meet peacemakers in the Bible, do art projects and science explorations and play active games.

Please sign up for VBS on the church website: gspcmobile.org/vbs. The Rev. Alexandra Hutson is seeking volunteers to assist with this event. If you can help, email her at Alexandra@gspcmobile.org.

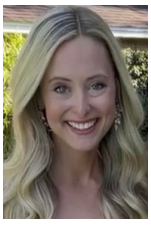


GSPC news

Welcome to our Baytreat Mission Camp directors, Gillianne Sharp (weeks 1, 3 and 4) and Hannah Majure (week 2). Gillianne is a preschool teacher at St. Paul's Early Education Center; Hannah is a social worker for Metro Nashville Schools.



Gillianne Sharp



Hannah Majure

Meals for our campers: Church Officers, Sunday School Classes, PW and Bible Study Groups are invited to serve a Sunday night meal to the campers at Baytreat. To sign up, please call or email Heather Hamilton at 251-432-1749 or heather@gspcmobile.org.

Here is the schedule:

Week 2: June 25-July 1

First Presbyterian Church || Anderson, SC

Week 3: July 9-15

Decatur Presbyterian Church || Decatur, GA

Week 4: July 16–22

Germantown Pres. Church ||Germantown, TN

"Sweet Home Soiree," Thursday, June 23: GSPC members are invited to "Sweet Home Soiree," a fundraiser for the Presbyterian Home for Children and Ascension Leadership Academy, on June 23 at the Country Club of Mobile. Organizers are seeking sponsors and collecting donations for live and silent auctions at the event, which will be held in honor of the Rev. Samford Turner. To order tickets, or to donate to the auctions, contact Jennifer Braxton of the Presbyterian Home for Children at 205-410-4851 or jbraxton@phfc.org.



Free Music CDs: The GSPC Decluttering Committee found a collection of music CDs in the choir room. They're in a basket in the office for any and all takers!

CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

Class of 2022

John Browning, Joy Gardner, Dorothy Morrison, Scott Weldon, Marcia Wyatt

Class of 2023

Susan Ashbee, Casi Callaway, Lisa deShazo, John Moses, Henry Morrissette, Bo Perry

Class of 2024
Bobby Headrick, Charles Jones, Mary Herndon Nordmann, Katherine Ogburn, Dick Otts, Beth Rouse

Clerk of Session: John Browning

Assistant Clerk: Henry Morrissette

DIACONATE

Class of 2022

Kym Carroll, Sally Ericson, John Peebles, Jim Van Haneghan, Zack Weaver

Class of 2023

Damon Boone, Jane Hale, Ashley Oswalt, Harris Oswalt Jr., Leigh Schottgen, LeAnne Tamblyn

Class of 2024

Ashley Ashbee, Stella Jackson, Ashford Kettler, Richard Otts, Jasper Reaves

URBAN MINISTRY

JELLY AND SNACKS FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

Our 45 Meals on Wheels recipients get a sandwich bag each day along with their hot meal. The bag has a sandwich and a snack. Peanut butter and jelly is often on the menu and we are in need of donations of creamy peanut butter (no Jif, please, because of the recent recall) and grape jelly and individually packaged snacks (peanut butter or cheese crackers, chips, cookies, Little Debbies, etc.). There is a donation box in the Jackson Street foyer for these donations.

BLANKET MINISTRY

All are invited to donate items to be delivered to USA Children's & Women's Mother/Baby/At Risk department for full term babies of needy families (not the NICU) and to the Mostellar Clinic. Here are suggested items and sizes:

- Baby blankets (greatest need) approx. 28-36" square/rectangles 30-34"x40-46"
- A few hats and booties
- (USACW only): No-scratch mittens (must be fabric, not yarn)

Inexpensive items of any baby-appropriate washable fabric or yarn are appreciated. No large items, please: The babies we serve usually average 3-5 lbs. Store-bought or handmade items are welcomed. (Please do not donate unmade fabric.)
Donations may be left in the "Baby Box" at the Jackson Street entrance, or you may order from Amazon and request delivery to the church, marked "Blanket Ministry."



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If you would like to have flowers placed in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of loved ones, please consider placing them during the summer months. We have plenty of open Sundays, and would love to have beautiful floral offerings throughout the summer. To place flowers, please contact Ann Adams at Adams-marion@att.net or 251-591-8586.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Women's Bible Study
Tuesdays at 8 a.m. at the home of Ann Adams
Tuesdays at 10 a.m. via Zoom. Contact: Mary Elizabeth Perry.

Sunday Book Study Group
Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the library.

Presbyterian Women
P.W. Circle & Bible Study. Contact: Bligh Jones or Mary Elizabeth Perry.

Sunday School
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Wee Worship
This ministry is on hiatus during the summer months.

If you have news items to share in the e-newsletter or the bulletin, please email the information to Heather Hamilton (heather@gspcmobile.org) and Sally Ericson (sallyericson23@gmail.com).

Those Serving Today:

Sunday Assistants: Ashley Ashbee
Ashley Oswalt