GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 4, 2025 | 10:30 A.M.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Gathering

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.*

PRELUDE: *Two early American Preludes*

Trumpet Air
James Bremner

Presto
John Christopher Moller

WELCOME — **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

INTROIT — *This Little Light of Mine*
Spiritual/arr. Ken Berg

The Sopranos and Altos of the Sanctuary Choir

✠CALL TO WORSHIP — **SIMS BROWN**

There is one body, but it has many members.

And all the many members of the body are still one body.

So it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Together we are the body of Christ. May we use our gifts to serve our risen Lord.

Let us worship God!

✠HYMN 239 — *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!*
GELOBT SEI GOTT

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.*

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION *unison* — **ANDERS TRICE**

Gracious God,
We need of your forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are afraid to ask questions that might not have easy answers. We justify our actions and words because comfort is easier than faithfulness. Forgive us, Lord, and hear our silent prayers of confession.

(silence)

Have mercy on us, Lord, and help us to be faithful. In Christ's name, 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 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.*

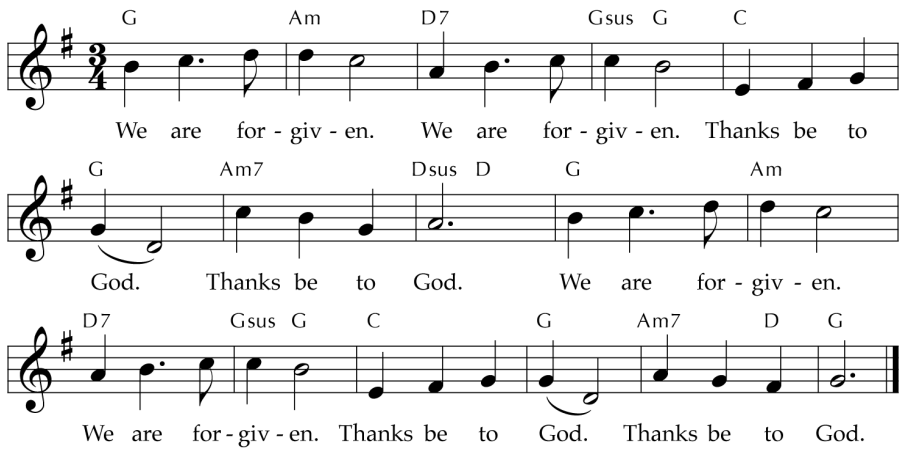
Wee Worship sign-in slips *are available next to the bulletins at the front and back of the church as well as in the children's worship totes. Children may bring these filled out slips with them when they go to Wee Worship.*

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.*

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 | Hymn 447 *We Are Forgiven*
WE ARE FORGIVEN



Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination **Ann Thomas Lamar**

First Reading: Acts 9:1-20 **Coleman Oswalt**

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks Be to God!

Children's Sermon **Bradley Daugherty**

Second Reading: John 21:1-19

Sermon: "Do You Love Me?" **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 236 *The Strife Is O'er*
VICTORY

Presentation of the Confirmation Class of 2025

Douglas Sims Brown
Ann Thomas Lamar
Susan Ann Lorge
Guy Coleman Oswalt, IV
Anders Owen Trice

Questions to the Confirmands

Prayer for Confirmands and Presentation of Gifts

✠Affirmation Of Faith *(The Apostles' Creed)* **Susan Lorge**

Offering **Ava Roberts**

When we gather for Communion, *the Spirit draws us into Christ's presence and unites us with Christians in every time and space. We join with the baptized faithful in heaven and on earth in offering thanksgiving to the triune God. We affirm the promises of our baptism and recommit ourselves to love and serve God, one another, and our neighbors in the world.*

Offertory *This Little Light of Mine*
Spiritual/arr. Mark Patterson

The Sanctuary Choir; Kelly Connor, *Soprano Soloist*
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, shine, shine. Take this little light and let it shine. Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine 'til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.
Oh, let it shine.

✠Doxology | 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, alleluia!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Breaking of the Bread
Communion of the People

Communion Meditation *Priere*
René Vierne

Prayer After Communion

Sending

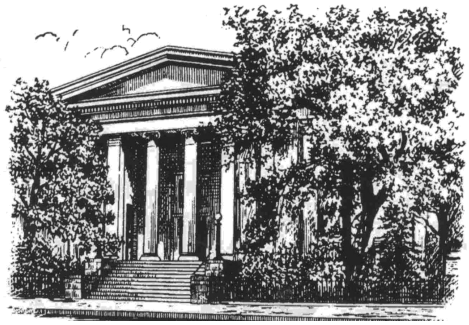
✠Hymn 69 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*
HERE I AM

✠Benediction **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Postlude *Marcia (Opus 13, Third Symphony)*
Charles-Marie Widor

Sunday, May 11

Join us on Sunday, May 11, as the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar continues her sermon series, "Miracles," with scripture from Acts 9:36-43 and a sermon titled "Get up!" We will have a guest musician, Dr. Gary Beard, who will join Chris Nemec and play one of Mozart's piano sonatas (four hands) and will also join the Sanctuary Choir in a jazzy arrangement of the Spiritual "Steal Away," as well as a setting of the hymn "Like a River Glorious," arranged by Dan Miller.



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Sanctuary Flowers

If you would like to place flowers 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

SUNDAY, MAY 4

Baytreat Re-dedication, 6:30 p.m.: Trinity Presbyterian Church in Fairhope will hold a re-dedication of Baytreat as they begin their ministry there. GSPC members are invited to attend.

TUESDAY, MAY 6

Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 9 a.m. at the home of Ann Adams. The group is studying the Gospel of Matthew with the Rev. George Sinclair. Everyone is welcome.
Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Library. Contact: Mary Elizabeth Perry.
Youth Bible Study: Tuesdays at 3 p.m. at Carpe Diem. All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

Choir Rehearsals: Handbells, 5:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary; Choir, 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the choir room.
Men's Bible Study: 6 p.m. in the Library and via Zoom. Contact: Bo Perry.

SATURDAY, MAY 10

Family Promise Fundraiser: Family Promise of Coastal Alabama will host its third annual Jazz Brunch & Wine Tasting on Saturday, May 10, at 11 a.m. at The Hummingbird Way Oyster Bar, 351 George St. This event has raised more than $50,000 to support homeless families. To order tickets, or for more information, visit www.familypromisemobile.org.

ADDITIONAL NEWS AND NOTES

Vacation Bible School: GSPC families and their friends are invited to sign up for Vacation Bible School, which will be June 9-12 from 5 to 7 p.m. This evening format will give our parents and volunteers more flexibility to participate. Please register by visiting gspcmobile.org/vbs.

GSPC Book Club: The GSPC Book Club will meet on May 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the GSPC Library and via Zoom. Our reading selection will be "Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy: A Righteous Gentile vs. The Third Reich" by Eric Metaxas. The book, over 600 pages, is available through the Mobile Public Library. Five physical copies are available in their system, and the bio is also available digitally/electronically through Hoopla. Contact Meredith Johnston for more information.

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.