



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.

Welcome to Worship

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 29, 2023 | 10:30 A.M.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Gathering

PRELUDE

O God, Beyond All Praising
Gustav Holst; arr. Eric Thiman

WELCOME

REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR

INTROIT

Come, Christians, Join to Sing
arr. Gordon Young

The Sanctuary Choir

Text: No. 267 in The Hymnal

✠CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 100)

REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth! Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come before the Lord with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his.

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

Give thanks to the Lord and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

God's faithfulness continues through all generations.

Let us worship God!

✠HYMN 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!
DARWALL'S 148TH

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Based on Psalm 31)

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge. Do not let me ever be put to shame. In your righteousness, deliver me. Forgive my sins and my failures. Be gracious to me, O Lord. Into your hands, I commit my spirit. Hear the silent prayers of my heart.

(silence)

You have redeemed me, faithful God. You are my rock and my fortress. Lead me and guide me for your name's sake. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

This prophecy of Zechariah
(Luke 1:68-79) following the
birth of his son, John the
Baptist, is filled with quotations
from the Psalms, including from
105, 106, 107, and 111.

We baptize infants because of
our conviction that God always
acts first. God claims us before
we can ever claim God. It is
only through God's grace that
we participate in this sacrament
and in the life of faith.

Edward is the grandson of
Reed and Joy Gardner.

Children ages three and older
are invited to the front for the
Children's Sermon. Children
ages 3-K 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.

✠**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

✠**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

✠**RESPONSE: HYMN 587**

Alleluia!
CELTIC ALLELUIA

Proclaiming the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

JOHN BROWNING

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 1:68-79

CHILDREN'S SERMON

REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Edward Reed Heusser
Son of Gary and Meg Heusser
Born June 18, 2023

✠**BAPTISMAL HYMN 486**

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise
KINGDOM

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 139

SERMON: "Song"

REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR

Thanksgiving

✠**HYMN 406**

We Are Standing on Holy Ground
HOLY GROUND

✠**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
Peter Lutkin

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.

OFFERTORY

Lord, Here Am I
John Ness Beck

The Sanctuary Choir

Master, thou callest, I gladly obey; only direct me, and I'll find the way. Teach me the mission appointed for me, what is my labor, and where it shall be.
Master, thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."
Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross; willing to suffer reproaches and loss; willing to follow, if Thou wilt but lead, only support me with grace in my need.
Living or dying, I still would be Thine, yet I am mortal while Thou art divine.
Pardon whenever I turn from the right; pity, and bring me again to the light.

✠RESPONSE | HYMN 607

Doxology

✠PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

✠HYMN 29

O God, You Search Me
O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME

Sending

✠BENEDICTION

REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR

POSTLUDE

Toccata in d (BWV 565)
J.S. Bach

Memory verse for the week of October 29:

Psalm 100:1-2: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Copies of this week's memory verse may be picked up at any entrance to the sanctuary.

Sunday, November 5

Join us on All Saints Sunday as the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar continues the sermon series "How Firm a Foundation." Scriptures include Luke 1:68-79 and Psalm 139 and are the basis for the sermon, entitled "Wisdom." In preparation, worshipers may read pages pg 116-123 of "A Guide to Bible Basics" by Tyler Mayfield, or view the following videos at bibleproject.com: "Psalms." We will celebrate the sacrament of holy communion as we remember the GSPC saints who have joined the Church Triumphant in the last year. Choral music includes Mark Patterson's All Saints anthem "God's Love Is Alive in Us." Franz Schubert's "Litany for the Feast of All Saints" will be played during Holy Communion.



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Sanctuary Flowers

The Sanctuary flowers today are dedicated
to the glory of God upon the occasion of the baptism of
Edward Reed Heusser.

Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

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

Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Library. Contact:
Mary Elizabeth Perry.

Tuesday Lunch and Learn at GSPC: Come to lunch! Bradley Byrne, CEO of the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce, will be the guest speaker. Lunch is served at noon and the presentation will begin at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$12. All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Mid-week Bible Study: Noon to 1 p.m. in the Library and via Zoom. This study is led by the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar.

Choir rehearsals: Handbells, 5:15-5:45 p.m.; choir, 6-7:30 p.m.

Men's Bible Study: 6 p.m. in the Library. Contact: Bo Perry.

ADDITIONAL NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Meeting: There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 5, for the purpose of considering the following motion: **Approve the sale of Baytreat and delegate to the GSPC Session the authority to take all necessary steps to effect sale.**

November Birthdays

November 1: Mary McGowin, Richard Otts

November 2: Abigail Tanner

November 3: Charles Jackson, Ryan McKee

November 5: Karen Blackwell, Frank Harris, Blanche Parsons

November 6: John Otts

November 8: Don Carlisle

November 9: Susan Groom, Eddy Hawkins

November 10: Ashford Kettler, Melanie Thomason

November 12: Haney Jones

November 13: Lyle Hutchison IV, Peter Soh

November 15: Caroline King, James Tamblyn

November 16: Meg Brown, Meredith

Johnston

November 17: Ellen Bacon

November 18: Libby Hutson, Harris

Oswalt, Ulric Sinclair, Mae Weaver

November 19: Harriett Boster, Alexandra Pritchard, Emily Van Haneghan

November 20: Charlotte Naylor, Laura Nelson, Sally Pearsall

November 21: Sage Arnold, Christopher Majure, George Oswalt, Luci Smith

November 24: Laurie Shorter, Heather Weaver

November 25: Elizabeth Markle

November 26: Jenifer Marley, John Bowen Perry

November 28: Sara Kaffer, Susan Lorge

November 30: William Bennett, Becca Lorge