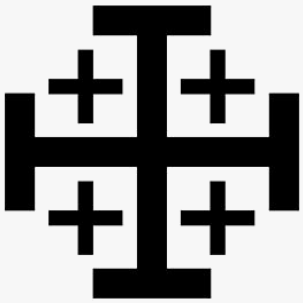


Welcome to worship! *We are glad you are here. If you need any assistance, please notify an usher. Please take a moment to register your attendance by using the friendship register located in each pew. We welcome the opportunity to learn more about you.*

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, April 28, 2024 | 10:30 A.M.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Gathering

PRELUDE *In The Garden*
Arr. Chris Nemec

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

INTROIT *Come, Ye Blessed*
John Prindle Scott

Jasaan Roberts, *baritone*

Text: Matthew 25:34-36

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Unison*)
This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
This is the day that the Lord has made.
We will sing praises to our God!
This is the day that the Lord has made.
We will honor Christ and live as his disciples!
This is the day that the Lord has made.
We will follow the wisdom of the Holy Spirit!
This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

✠**HYMN 724** *O Jesus, I Have Promised*
ANGEL'S STORY

✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Unison*) **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

Holy God,

We claim to be your disciples, but we often deny and ignore you. We confess that we follow our own will instead of yours. We hold grudges and fail to love as Jesus commanded. We have received the good news of Christ's resurrection, but we do not share the grace we have received from you. Forgive us and hear our silent prayers of confession.

(silence)

Forgive us, Lord. Make us disciples worthy of your name. Help us to love one another as you have loved us. 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 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.*

***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 587 *Alleluia!*
CELTIC ALLELUIA

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer For Illumination **Charlie Jackson**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 22:25-31

Children's Sermon **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

Sermon: "That We May Have Boldness" **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 738 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*
MARYTON

✠Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

✠Response *Thanks Be to God, Alleluia*
Swahili Folk Hymn; arr. Nemec

Offering

Offertory *It Is Well with My Soul*
VILLE DU HAVRE; arr. John Ness Beck

The Sanctuary Choir

Text: No. 840 in The Hymnal, Stanzas 1, 3, 4

✠Response | 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!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Statement on Ordination and Installation
Constitutional Questions to Officers
Questions to the Congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept these members as Deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to pray for them, encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

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.

Ordination Prayer and Laying on of Hands — **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Welcoming of New Officers

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

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

Sending

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

Postlude — *Trumpet Tune*
Jeremiah Clarke

Sunday, May 5

Join us next Sunday as the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar continues her sermon series, "Living as Children of God," with her sermon "Christian Obedience" and scripture from Psalm 98:1-9 and 1 John 5:1-6. Joining the Sanctuary Choir will be two violins as they offer César Franck's celebratory setting of Psalm 150, as well as Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Make a Joyful Noise," composed for the coronation of King Charles III. Instrumental music includes Franck's "Panis Angelicus" and J.S. Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring."

May Birthdays

May 1: Glenn Adams
May 3: Grace Tyson, Jack Otts
May 5: Elyse Marley, McGinniss Blanton
May 6: Beth Rouse, Richard Tippy IV
May 8: Sullivan Irvine, David Lindsey, James Van Haneghan
May 9: Mamie Blanton
May 11: Katherine Tomko-Watson
May 12: Travis Goodloe, Rachel Hood, Anne Roberds
May 13: Lizzie Arnold
May 15: Wade Perry
May 16: Elizabeth Ray
May 16: Haney Jones
May 18: Margaret Sue Browning, Charles Oswalt
May 19: Elizabeth Gustin
May 23: Lisa Deshazo
May 24: Jennifer Jameson, Blair Schoenvogel
May 27: Buzzy Riis
May 29: Allison Peebles
May 31: Chandler Ogburn, Hunter Oswalt



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for two new generations born on the same day: Daniel Savran Ashbee and Brooks Harrison Parsons, born on February 12, 2024.
Daniel is the son of Will and Ira Ashbee of Atlanta; the grandson of Susan Ashbee and the late Stewart Ashbee; and the nephew of Helen Ashbee Miller. His maternal grandparents are Anatolii and Alva Savran of Ukraine.
Brooks is the son of Harrison and Hannabelle Parsons of Little Rock, Ark.; the grandson of Thomas and Ashley Parsons; the great-grandson of Dewey and Blanche Parsons; and the great-nephew of William Parsons.

Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 8 a.m. at the home of Ann Adams. The group is studying Romans.

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

Tuesday Lunch and Learn: Come to lunch! Our guest speaker will be Elizabeth Stevens, President and CEO of the Downtown Mobile Alliance. Lunch is served at noon and the presentation begins at 12:30 p.m. Lunch is $12 and includes dessert.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

Handbell Choir rehearsal: 5:15 p.m. in the sanctuary.
Sanctuary Choir rehearsal: 6 p.m. in the choir room.
Men's Bible Study: 6 p.m. in the Library. Contact: Bo Perry.

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.