GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 9, 2023 | 10:30 A.M.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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.*

The ***nursery*** *is available for ages infant through kindergarten. Children's worship packets are available at the front of the sanctuary.*

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.*

PRELUDE *The Battering Ram/Banish Misfortune*
Traditional Irish
Dr. Andra Bohnet, *flute*; Ben Harper, *guitar*

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Supper Clubs **LINDA REYNOLDS**

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

Here we are, O Lord, preparing to worship you.
Together we praise the name of the Lord.
Here we are, O Lord, full of faults and faithfulness.
Together we seek the mercy of God.
Here we are, O Lord, hoping to serve you and bring glory to your name.
Together we meet to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.
Here we are, O Lord, meet us as we worship you now.

✠HYMN 664 *Morning Has Broken*
BUNESSAN

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION **REV. ALEXANDRA HUTSON**

Holy and gracious God, we are fearfully and wonderfully made in your image, each of us with unique gifts to be used for your glory. We confess that we squander what you have given us, that we use what we have in selfish and thoughtless ways, and that we do not value those whose gifts are different than our own. Forgive us for these sins and those we confess silently.

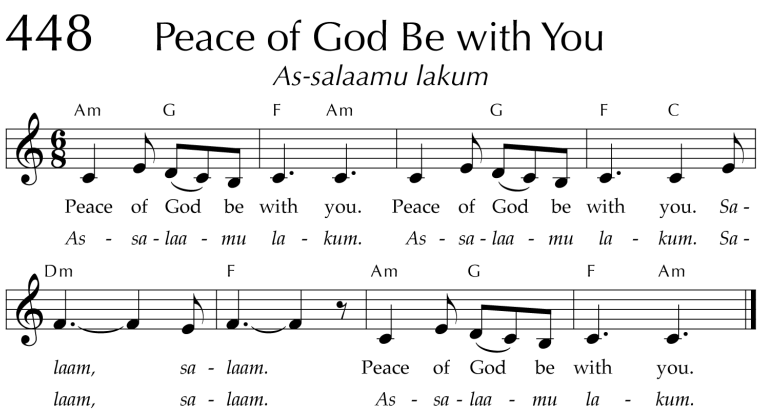
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Have mercy on us, O Lord. Give us courage to serve you faithfully and to honor your image in all your children. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

✠ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

✠Response: Hymn 448 *Peace of God Be with You*
AS-SALAAMU LAKUM



Proclaiming the Word

***Children ages three** and older are invited to the front for the Children's Sermon.*

The nursery is available for ages infant through kindergarten.

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

Prayer For Illumination **Jim Hood**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 100

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

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 12: 4-13

Sermon: "Sailboat Church: Unity" **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 450 *Be Thou My Vision*
SLANE

***The Brief Statement of Faith** was written in the 1980s when the Presbyterian Church (USA) was formed by the reunion of the northern and southern strands of Presbyterianism that divided before the Civil War. The statement offers one of the fullest descriptions of the Holy Spirit found in our denomination's Book of Confessions, emphasizing the Spirit's work in our present-day world.*

✠Affirmation of Faith (From A Brief Statement of Faith) **Carrie Adams**

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Offering

Offertory *Hector the Hero (Air)*
Traditional Irish

Dr. Bohnet and Mr. Harper

✠Response | Hymn 607 *Doxology*

✠Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer **Rev. Alexandra Hutson**

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 *Pavane*
Gabriel Fauré

Prayer After Communion

✠Hymn 824 *There Is a Place of Quiet Rest*
MC AFEE

Sending

✠Benediction **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Postlude *Otter's Holt/Star of Munster (reels)*
Traditional Irish

We thank Dr. Andra Bohnet and Ben Harper for providing our music this morning during the Sanctuary Choir's well-deserved summer break. Dr. Bohnet is principal flute with the Mobile Symphony Orchestra and serves on the music faculty at USA, and Mr. Harper is on the staff at the MSO as their Operations and Education Coordinator.

Sunday, July 16

Next Sunday, July 16, the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar continues her sermon series with "Sailboat Church: Mission," with corresponding scripture of Psalm 103: 1-5, 15-22, and Matthew 9:35-38, and mezzo soprano Meredith Wilson will sing the Spiritual "Deep River." Hymn selections will include those recently requested from the congregation.



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Sanctuary Flowers

The Sanctuary Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Gill by Linda and Ted Burke.

Calendar of Events

MONDAY, JULY 10

Interfaith Bible Study: All are welcome to join the "Two Pastors and a Rabbi" Bible study from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at GSPC.

TUESDAY, JULY 11

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.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

GSPC Youth Service Project: 9:45 a.m. at Dumas Wesley Community Center, 125 Mobile St. Contact: the Rev. Alexandra Hutson.

ADDITIONAL NEWS AND NOTES

Baytreat Summer Rentals: Baytreat is available for rentals this summer. For information, contact Shelley Springer at shelley@shelleyspringer.com or 251-605-0695.

PW Summer Conference: Presbyterian Women are invited to sign up for the Alabama/Mississippi Women's Conference, which will be held July 13-15 at Spring Hill Presbyterian Church. The keynote speaker is Dr. Olive Mahabir, writer of the Horizon's Bible Study for next year. The registration fee for all three days is $160, which includes lunch and supper on Thursday and Friday, and a "to-go" box lunch on Saturday. If you do not wish to attend all three days, you may sign up on a per-day basis at $55 per day (lunch only) or $75 per day (lunch and supper). To register for the conference, email Martha Knichel at miknichel@gmail.com, or stop by Spring Hill Presbyterian to fill out a form. If you have questions**,** call the SHP church office at 251-342-1550.

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.