

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday September 18, 2022 | 10:30 A.M.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Gathering

PRELUDE *Prelude Moderato*
C.H.RINK

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

MINUTE FOR MISSION **CASI CALLAWAY**
STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, O servants of God!

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

We praise the Lord for our God is mighty and full of compassion.

Incline your ear to us, Lord, as we offer our worship and praise today.

Let us worship God!

✠HYMN 2 *Come, Thou Almighty King*
ITALIAN HYMN

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

Gracious God, you know our sin. We have hoarded and bartered what has never been ours in hope of securing our future. We have sought to fulfill our selfish desires more than we have sought to honor you. We have squandered your trust and grieved your heart with what we have done and what we have left undone. Hear our silent prayers of confession.

(silence)

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.*

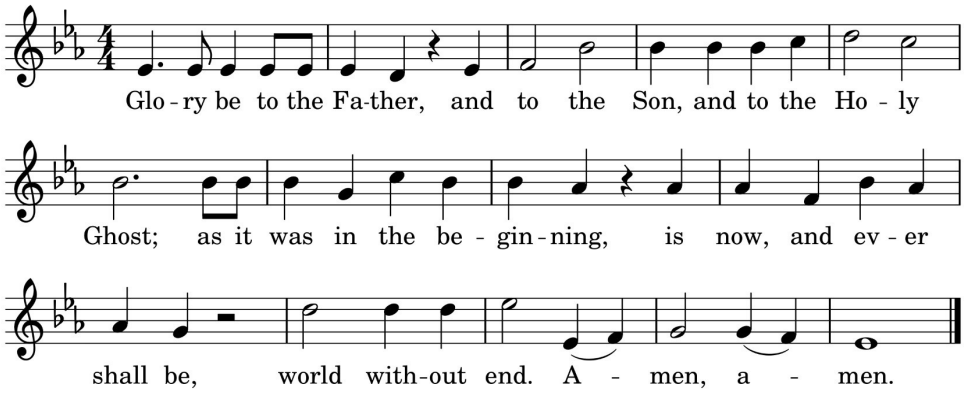
Congregational responses *are in* ***bold*** *text.* ✠ *is an indication to rise in body or in spirit as you are able.*

Have mercy on us, Lord. In your goodness, redirect our wayward actions and give us faith to follow you each day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

✠Assurance of Pardon **Rev. Alexandra Hutson**

✠Response | Hymn 581 *Glory Be To The Father*

GLORIA PATRI



Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination **Blanche Parsons**

First Reading 1 Timothy 2: 1-7

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God!

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

Second Reading **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Luke 7: 36-50

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Sermon "Do You See This Woman?" **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Following the Children's Sermon, children ages 3-Kindergarten *are invited to leave the sanctuary with two volunteers for Wee Worship. Wee Worship is a special time designed for young children to have a space to learn about God through bible stories, crafts and play. Sign-binder is located in the first pew of the middle section of the sanctuary Rev. Alexandra Hutson will lead Wee Worship today..*

Thanksgiving

✠ **Hymn 465** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*
Converse

✠ **Affirmation of Faith** *unison* **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

The Nicene Creed

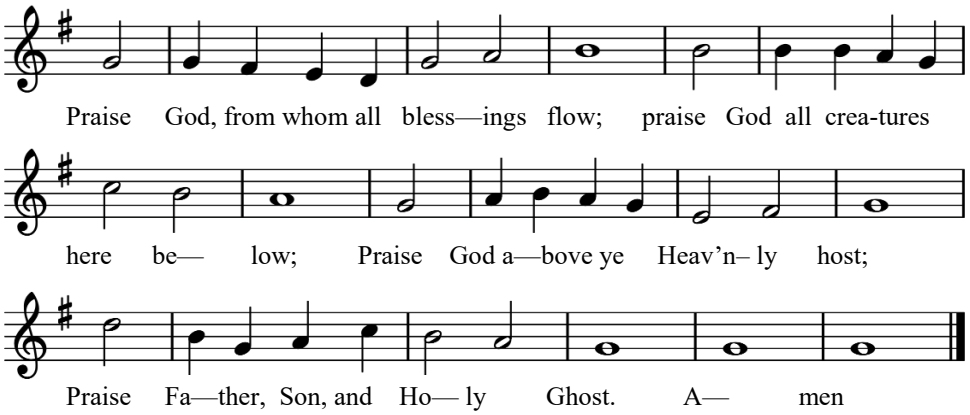
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty; maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through whom all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

The Nicene Creed was written in 325 in order to unify the church. *It affirms that the divinity of Christ, the Son, is of the same substance as the divinity of God, the Father. It is an ecumenical creed used by Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, and Protestant Christians with slight variations.*

Offering

Meditation *Grave in F Major*
J. Bernards

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



✠ **Prayer Of Thanksgiving**

Prayer of Intercession

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.

Sending

✠**Hymn 321** *The Church's One Foundation*
AURELIA

The benediction begins with a charge, or a challenge, to the faithful *as they prepare to leave and is concluded with a blessing and assurance of God's presence as they go from the sanctuary into their lives of discipleship.*

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

Postlude *Po stlude Maestoso*
L. Botazzo

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

I Timothy 2:1-7

2 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, [2] for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. [3] This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, [4] who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. [5] For:

there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
[6] who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. [7] For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth;[a] I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

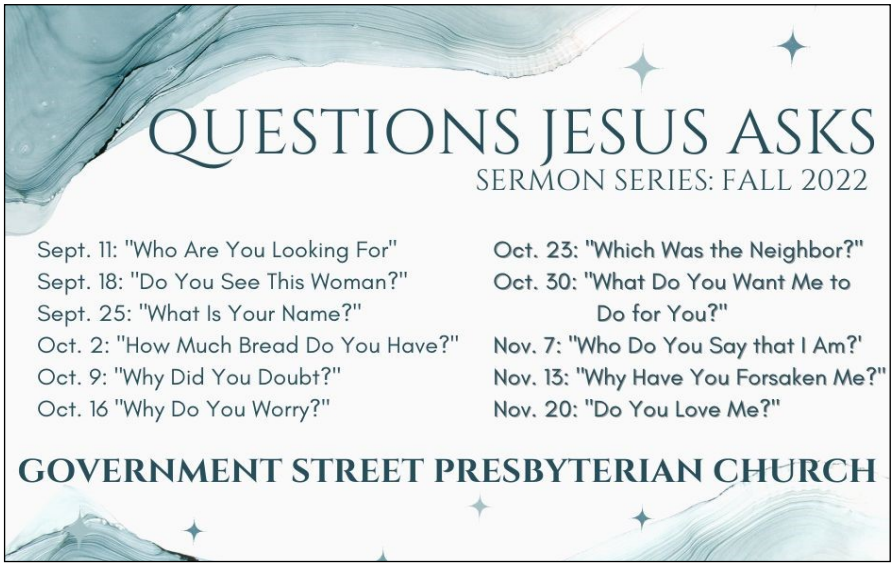
Luke 7:36-50

[36] One of the Pharisees asked Jesus[a] to eat with him, and when he went into the Pharisee's house he reclined to dine. [37] And a woman in the city who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. [38] She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair, kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. [39] Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." [40] Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." [41] "A certain moneylender had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. [42] When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" [43] Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus[b] said to him, "You have judged rightly." [44] Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. [45] You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. [46] You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. [47] Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little." [48] Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." [49] But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" [50] But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

GSPC NEWS







Fall Gathering: The GSPC Presbyterian Women will hold their Fall Gathering on Monday, Sept. 19, at 6 p.m. in the Guesnard House. The Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar will lead the Bible lesson, and the "Thank Offering" will be collected. Bring a snack or beverage to share and plan to join us!

Lunch and Learn: On Sunday, September 25, families will have an opportunity to attend an informational luncheon on "Anxiety and How to Cope With It," presented by Kari Whatley. The luncheon, cooked by Shelia, will begin after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to the Rev. Alexandra Hutson if you plan to attend.

"At the River" Film Screening: GSPC will host filmmaker Carolyn Crowder on Monday, September 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. to view and discuss her documentary "At the River." The film shares the experiences of many southern Presbyterian ministers who took risks to stand for Civil Rights in the 50s and 60s. Vernon Hunter, Billy McLean, and Jim Lowry are just a few of the pastors she interviewed, along with family and friends, including our own Martelle Scott and Martha Tissington. The community is welcome.

Blessing of the Pets: Join us on Saturday, October 1, for the third annual Blessing of the Pets in the GSPC parking lot from 10 a.m. to noon. Bring your pets for a blessing, a photo and a goody bag! This event is a partnership with the Mylo Foundation, which will have several dogs available to foster.

Volunteers needed for Trunk or Treat: Our annual Halloween party is coming up on Sunday, Oct. 30, and we need plenty of trunks full of treats! RSVP to the Rev. Alexandra Hutson.

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 MINISTRIES

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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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers today are given to the glory of God in celebration and gratitude for the wedding of E.B. and Geraldine Hill Peebles by their family.

CALENDAR

Session meeting

The Session will meet in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship today. Lunch will be provided.

Presbyterian Women

The Fall Gathering will be held on Monday, Sept. 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Guesnard House.

Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays at 8 a.m. at the home of Ann Adams.

Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Library. Contact: Mary Elizabeth Perry.

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Library. Contact: Bo Perry.

Sunday Book Study Group

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the library.

Sunday School

Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m.

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).

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.