

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.*

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Gathering

PRELUDE *Away in a Manger*

The Handbell Choir — arr. Cynthia Dobrinksi

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

INTROIT *Light One Candle*

The Children of the Church — Natalie Sleeth

✠CALL TO WORSHIP
AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *responsive*

PRESTON, VIRGINIA, EVELYN, PRESTON, AND DOTTIE REEDER

While we wait for Christ's coming, we light the candle of hope.
We place our hope in the Light of the World.
While we wait for Christ's coming, we light the candle of peace.
We pray for peace in our hearts, our homes, and our world.
While we wait for Christ's coming, we light the candle of joy.
We pray for the joy of Christ to overwhelm our sorrow.
While we wait for Christ's coming, we light the candle of love.
May the love of God uphold us and guide us.
The light of these candles is our prayer for a better world, a prayer for God's kingdom to come.
"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."
Let us worship God.

✠HYMN 133 *O Come, All Ye Faithful (Stanzas 1,3 and 4)*

ADESTE FIDELIS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *In Dulci Jubilo (Variation 4)*

Max Drischner

During the Passing of the Peace, please turn to your neighbors and say, "The peace of Christ be with you." Respond with, "And also with you," when others greet you. The Passing of the Peace is a Christian ritual in which we remind each other of the peace that we know only in Christ, the Prince of Peace, and which draws us together as disciples.

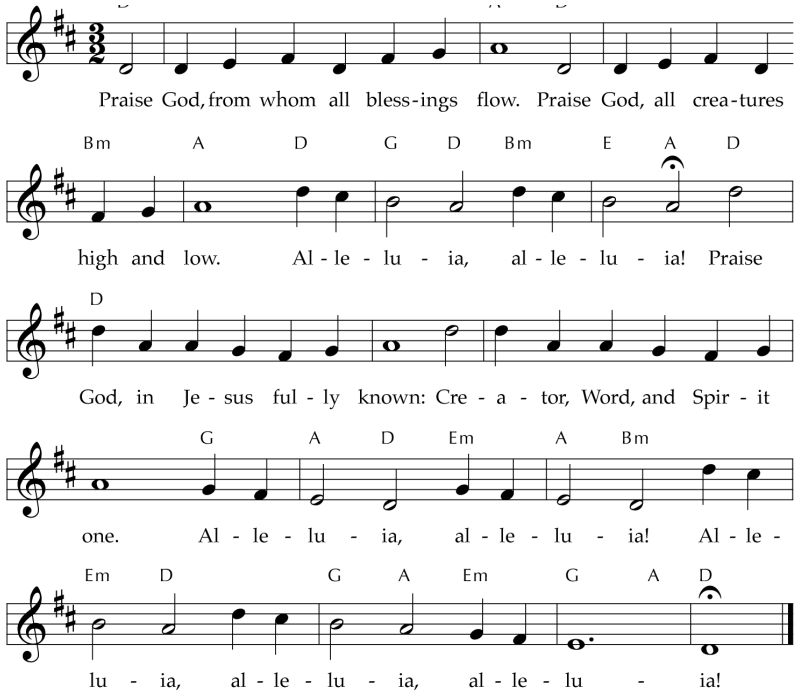
***Children ages three** and older are invited to the front for the Children's Sermon. Children ages three through kindergarten may leave with volunteers for Wee Worship for the remainder of the service. The sign-in sheet for parents of Wee Worship children is on the front row.*

The nursery is available for ages infant through kindergarten.

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

✠Response | Hymn 609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



✠Prayer Of Thanksgiving

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

Service of Lessons and Carols

Bidding Prayer — **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

The First Lesson: Isaiah 9: 2-7 — **Katherine Ogburn**

Music: Hymn 123 — *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

Stanzas 1, 3, 5 — CAROL

The Second Lesson: Isaiah 11: 1-9 — **Casi Callaway**

Music: — *Gesu Bambino (The Infant Jesus)*

Carter Hale Jr., boy soprano — Pietro Yon

The Third Lesson: Luke 1: 26-38 — **Bo Perry**

Music: — *Calypso Noel*

The Sanctuary Choir — Gordon Krunnfusz

***A Declaration of Faith was adopted in 1977 by the Presbyterian Church (USA) denomination** and remains a resource to the church for study and worship.*

THE FOURTH LESSON: Luke 2: 1-7 — **Susan Ashbee**

Music: *Away in a Manger*
The Sanctuary Choir — arr. John Rutter

THE FIFTH LESSON: Luke 2: 8-20 — **Dick Otts**

Music: Hymn 113 *Angels We Have Heard on High*
GLORIA

THE SIXTH LESSON: Matthew 2: 1-11 — **Mary Herndon Nordmann**

Music: Hymn 147 *The First Nowell*
Stanzas 1, 5, and 6 — THE FIRST NOWELL

THE SEVENTH LESSON: John 1: 1-14 — **Henry Morrissette**

Music: Hymn 136 *Go, Tell it on the Mountain*
GO TELL IT

✠BENEDICTION — **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

POSTLUDE *God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen (Finale)*
George Wright

Poinsettia Dedications

In Memory of:	Given by:
Dr. Mac & Mary McDaniel	Lynn McDaniel
Paula Taylor Weldon Martelle Scott	Nicole and Buzzy Riis
Jake Jacobelli	Babs Jacobelli
Marion S. Adams, Jr.	Ann Adams
Lee and Erma Catrett Buck & Abbie Tamblyn G. B. & Anne Clarke	The Tamblyn Family
Rosalie and Massey Heltzel Mid and Leon Pearsall	David and Sally Pearsall
Louise & Ellis Oswalt Beverly Hutchison	Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hutchison
Jack Miller Emily Townsend Miller	His Family Her Family

Poinsettia Dedications

In Memory of:	Given by:
Fred and Molly Crown Fred Crown, Jr. Rudy and Florence Nordmann William Sandifer Bobby Harper, Jr.	Rudy and Molly Nordmann
Harry, Barbara, and Joyce Ray Mr. and Mrs. John M. Tyson Mary Tyson Duffy Holly Duffy	Paul, Elizabeth, Harry and Hunter Ray
Martha B. Coleman Ione G. Tissington Arthur B. Tissington, III Arthur "Bud" Tissington, IV H. Randall Jones, Sr.	Martha Tissington and the H. Randall Jones Family
Paula Taylor Weldon	Scott, Taylor, and Sadie Weldon
Dr. and Mrs. Paul D. McGehee, Jr. Dr. and Mrs. Rayford A. Smith, Jr.	Ceil and Tom McGehee
John Anderson John and Sally Morrissette	Their Grandchildren, Elizabeth and Henry Morrissette
John D. and Julis Meador E. B. and Geraldine Peebles E. B. and Lee Peebles The Honorable and Mrs. W. B. Hand Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Hand Mr. and Mrs. Alan Denby	Mr. and Mrs. John D. Peebles
Stewart Ashbee	The Ashbee Family
Margaret and Bob Adams Catherine and Wade Perry	Mary Elizabeth and Bo Perry
Don Bryan Joel David Bryan	Sara Bryan
Mr. John Lutz Miss Ellen Boden	Stella and Charlie Jackson
S. P. Crockett, Jr. Vivian T. Parks	Charlotte Crockett

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Amen.

Poinsettia Dedications

In Memory of:	Given by:
Grandparents, Dr. Hugh G.H. English and Dr. Elizabeth R. English Mrs. Anne Carter Irvine	The Irvine Family
Walter Ogburn	Joy and Reed Gardner
Dr. and Mrs. Theo Middleton Mr. Edward McMurphy	Knox McMurphy
Dr. and Mrs. Theo Middleton Daniel Brannan Haas	Barbara Haas
Steve Morrison Martelle Scott	Dorothy Morrison
Madeline Elise Hale	The Hale Family
Cecile Taylor Gardner Charles Bancroft Taylor	Jim and Shelley Hood
Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Linhart Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Moses	Marilyn and John Moses

In Honor of:	Given by:
The Ministers and Staff of GSPC John and Marilyn Moses The Presbyterian Woman of GSPC	Nicole and Buzzy Riis
John David Mann	Babs Jacobelli
Glenda Pose, Beloved Friend	Lucinda Haas
Binky Oswalt	Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hutchison
Mary Herndon Nordman	Rudy and Molly Nordmann
Faye Anderson	Her Grandchildren, Elizabeth and Henry Morrissette
Martha Tissington	Charlotte Crockett
Dru Oswalt The Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar	George and Katie Oswalt
Faye "Mucker" Anderson, Extra Grandmother	The Irvine Family
Hattie Ogburn	Joy and Reed Gardner
My "YaYa"	Ava Stinson
Bo and Mary Elizabeth Perry Ann Adams	David and Peggy Glascoff

The wreaths at the Jackson Street entrance are dedicated in memory of Walter Ogburn by Joy and Reed Gardner and in memory of Dibber and John Lutz by Betsy and Dick Otts.

GSPC News





Mark your calendars: GSPC's Young Adults are invited to kick off the New Year with an **Epiphany Gathering** at the home of Joy and Reed Gardner on January 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Baby shower: Join us for a baby shower honoring the Rev. Alexandra Hutson on January 7 at 1 p.m. in the Guesnard House.

Advent Wednesdays: The final Advent noon service will take place at noon on Wednesday, December 21. There will be a light lunch served in Fellowship Hall at 12:30 p.m. after the service.

Choir rehearsals: Chris Nemec, Organist and Director of Music, is eager to welcome all musicians to our choirs! The Handbell Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. The Sanctuary Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Note: There are no rehearsals this coming week (December 21).

"Amahl and the Night Visitors:" Our very own Carter Hale, Jr., will be singing the part of Amahl in this Christmas opera. All are invited to join our friends at Christ Church Cathedral today at 4 p.m. for this special performance. Donations are requested for admission.



The children did such a wonderful job in the "Come As You Are" Christmas Pageant!

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

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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 Ministry

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 Foyer, or you may order from Amazon and request delivery to the church, marked "Blanket Ministry."

MCKEMIE PLACE

GSPC has agreed to provide lunch for up to 45 residents at McKemie Place on the second Friday of each month. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for this mission over the last year. We are in need of volunteers to provide, prepare, and serve lunches on January 13, February 10, and March 10, 2023. If you can help with this mission on any of these dates, please contact Lisa deShazo at 251-591-1077.

COLD-WEATHER CLOTHING DONATIONS

GSPC is collecting gently worn cold-weather clothing items for men, women and children, such as coats, sweaters, hats, gloves and scarves. Socks are a much-needed item for those in shelters. These items will be given to various agencies that distribute clothing to those in need. There is a box for these donations in the Jackson Street Foyer.



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for the life of
Paula Taylor Weldon
by Blanche and Dewey Parsons.

Calendar of Events

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

Sunday Book Study Group: Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the library. Dr. Susan Ashbee is leading the Interpretation Bible Series "Romans."

Talking Heads Sunday School class: This class meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Heltzel Room on the second floor.

Sunday School for children and youth: These classes meet at 9:30 a.m.

Wee Worship: Sundays at 10:45 a.m. for ages 3 to kindergarten.

Evening Bible Study: This study, led by the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar, meets at 5 p.m. in the Guesnard House.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

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, DECEMBER 21

Advent Wednesday Service: Noon in the Sanctuary, followed by lunch in Fellowship Hall at 12:30 p.m.

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

No Choir Rehearsals: There are no choir or handbell rehearsals this week.

Please note: Sunday School classes for children and youth will not meet on Sunday, December 25, or on Sunday, January 1. These Sunday School classes will resume on Sunday, January 8.

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.