Welcome to Worship

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Thursday, March 28, 2024 | 6 P.M.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

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 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.*

PRELUDE *Come, Sweet Repose (Komm, Susser Tod; BWV 478)*
J.S. Bach

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

INTROIT *Ubi Caritas (Quatre Motets, Op. 10, No. 1)*
Maurice Duruflé

The Sanctuary Choir

Translation: Where charity and love are, God is there. Love of Christ has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice in Him and be glad. Let us fear, and let us love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Where charity and love are, God is there. Amen.

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*responsive*)

This is a day of remembrance for us.
We lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.
Throughout the generations, we have received and handed on to others what the Lord has given to us: water for washing: the towel of service;
With the bread of his body and the cup of the new covenant, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.
Let us worship together.

✠**HYMN 509** *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*
HOLY MANNA

✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

Eternal God,
You have bound yourself to us, but we refuse to bind ourselves to you. Our hearts wander, and in our foolishness, we reject your perfect love. We withhold our love from others and contribute to the brokenness of the world. Forgive us, Lord, for we do not know what we do. We are ashamed of our sin, and ask for your mercy. Hear our silent prayers.

(silence)

Christ our Savior, you came as a servant, but we are stingy with our service to one another. In your mercy, forgive us and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us with you, the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. Amen.

✠**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer For Illumination

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 11:23-26

Scripture Reading: John 13:1-20

Homily: "Streams of Mercy" **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Thanksgiving

✠**Hymn 501** *Feed Us, Lord*
FEED US

When we gather for Communion, *the Spirit draws us into Christ's presence and unites us with Christians in every time and space. We join with the baptized faithful in heaven and on earth in offering thanksgiving to the triune God. We affirm the promises of our baptism and recommit ourselves to love and serve God, one another, and our neighbors in the world.*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

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.

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Communion Meditation *In Remembrance*
Buryl Red
Pie Jesu (Requiem)
Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber

The Sanctuary Choir; Gabrielle Corlette, *soprano*; Jacob Mohr, *tenor*

Translation: Pious Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world, give them rest. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, give them rest, everlasting rest.

Prayer After Communion (*unison*)
O Lord our God, we rise from this table knowing a love beyond our deserving. Thank you for giving us a place at your table; for serving us the bread of life; for offering to us the cup of salvation. In humility and hope, we continue our journey to the cross, trusting the promise of resurrection. Through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

***The chancel** is stripped of anything decorative at the end of the Maundy Thursday service in preparation for the hard reality of Good Friday.*

Stripping of the Chancel

Meditation *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*
ST. CHRISTOPHER

Jacob Mohr, *tenor*

Sending

✠Benediction **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Depart in silence.

Easter Sunday, March 31

Join us on Easter Sunday, as we celebrate the Risen Lord! The Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar will continue her sermon series with “Wandering Heart: And I Hope,” referencing Luke 24 :1-1 2. Joining the Sanctuary Choir will be a string quartet and timpani as they provide music to uplift: Handel’s “Hallelujah Chorus" (*Messiah*), and “Hallelujah, Amen!” (*Judas Maccabeus*) and John Rutter’s “I Am the Resurrection.” Instrumental music includes an Aquarelle by Delius, the Rondo from Mozart’s Serenade in G, and the Intermezzo from the Easter Scene from *Cavalleria Rusticana*.



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Flower Dedications

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please contact Ann Adams at Adams-marion@att.net or 251-591-8586.

Easter Events and Holy Week services

- Friday, March 29: Good Friday service, noon.
- Saturday, March 30: Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m. in Washington Square.
- Sunday, March 31: Easter Sunday service, 10:30 a.m.

Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

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 Champ Napier, who is a Client Advocate at the Mobile County Public Defender's Office. Lunch is served at noon and the presentation begins at 12:30 p.m. Lunch is $12 and includes dessert. Here is the schedule:

April 2: Champ Napier, client advocate, Mobile County Public Defender's Office
April 9: Simone Eli, sports director and anchor, WKRG
April 16: Owen Bailey, CEO, USA Health
April 23: Jon Carfagno, Executive Director, Mobile Museum of Art
April 30: Elizabeth Stevens, President and CEO, Downtown Mobile Alliance

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

No choir rehearsals this week.
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.