Welcome to Worship

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 21, 2026 | 10:30 A.M.

ORDINARY TIME

Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE *Liebster Jesu, Wir Hier*
Paul Fey

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

✠CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)* **MAX ROMANOWSKI**
In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
God spoke, and light pierced the darkness.
God set the sun, moon, and stars in their places.
All creation sings the goodness of the Lord.
God created us in God's image, intending us to live in relationship with one another and with the earth.
Even when we fall short of God's intentions for us, God meets us with mercy.
Come, let us worship the Creator of all things.
Let us praise God with grateful hearts and joyful voices!

✠HYMN 35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*
LOBE DEN HERREN

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)* **REV. LAMAR**
Creator God,
You made us in your image, but we confess that we have distorted that image through selfishness, pride, and indifference. We have failed to honor the dignity of our neighbors, and we have forgotten our dependence upon you. Forgive us, Lord, and hear our silent prayers of confession.

(Silence)

Have mercy on us, Lord. Show us how to nurture relationships that honor your image and build a compassionate community of mutual care and compassion. May our lives glorify you in all we do. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

✠ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

✠RESPONSE | HYMN 447 *We Are Forgiven*
WE ARE FORGIVEN

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.*

***The congregation of Government Street Presbyterian Church**, as the people of God called to worship and work in downtown Mobile, pursue our mission to use our unique resources and opportunities to love, to honor, and to glorify God and to give hope, comfort, instruction and inspiration to all persons that they may become joyful disciples of Jesus Christ.*

***Government Street Presbyterian Church,** founded in 1831, is a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and participates in the work of the Presbytery of South Alabama.*

***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.*

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.*

Wee Worship sign-in slips *are available next to the bulletins at the front and back of the church as well as in the children's worship totes. Children may bring these filled out slips with them when they go to Wee Worship.*

Children's worship totes *are available for children in the sanctuary. These totes include children's bulletins and other items to help children engage in the worship service.*

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination — **Max Romanowski**

First Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon — **Rev. Lamar**

Wee Worship leaders: Katherine Ogburn and Linda Reynolds

Second Reading: Genesis 2:4b-25 — **Rev. Lamar**

Sermon: "In the Beginning: The Second Creation Story" — **Rev. Lamar**

Thanksgiving

✠**Hymn 378** — *We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom*
MERLE'S TUNE

Affirmation of Faith *(The Apostles' Creed*) — **Rev. Lamar**

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 564 — *Amen*
AMEN (Shubert)

Offering
Offertory — *It Is Well with My Soul*
arr. John Ness Beck

The Sanctuary Choir

Text: No. 840 in The Hymnal

✠**Response | Hymn 606** — *Doxology*
OLD HUNDREDTH

✠**Prayer of Thanksgiving** — **Max Romanowski**

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 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.

Visiting? Welcome to GSPC, *where we hope you'll find our worship meaningful, our fellowship warm and our ministry exciting. Come again! Be sure to sign the Registry booklet that you will find in your pew. If you are considering membership, we'd love to have you. You may join us through transfer of letter, re-affirmation of faith or profession of faith.*

Prayer requests: *Please scan the QR code below to share your joys and concerns so that we may share them with our church family in the newsletter and bulletin.*

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer — **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Sending

✠Hymn 714 — *God of the Fertile Fields*
ITALIAN HYMN

✠Benediction

Postlude — *Maestoso*
Philip Kreckel

Thanks to our guest organist, Stephen Prager. Stephen is a native of Texas and a araduate of Texas A&M University with a B.S. in Industrial Education. He served in the U.S. Air Force for 12 years as a Missile Launch Officer, War Planning Officer, and Command and Control Officer before attaining the rank of Major. He is a veteran of the Gulf War. He obtained a Master of Library and Information Studies degree from the University of Alabama and worked at the Mobile Public Library as a Library Training Officer, Reference Librarian, and Branch Manager for 24 years. He has been studying organ for 17 years with Terry Maddox. He is a member of the Mobile Vocal Arts Society and the Mobile Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Sunday, June 28

Join us in worship next week, June 28, when the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar finishes her sermon series, "In the Beginning," with a sermon on Genesis 3:1-24. Stephen Prager will be our organist, and special music will be provided by Jarrett Callaway, Ashley Lamar, and James Tamblyn.

Prayer Requests

Prayers for Healing:

- Sarah Hale, mother of Carter Hale, who is at Palm Gardens Nursing Home on hospice care
- Bill Cutts, who is recovering at home after a hospital stay
- Dorothy Morrison, who is recovering at home after a hospital stay
- Molly Nordmann, who is undergoing cancer treatment
- John Peebles requests continued prayers for his good friend, who is recovering from pancreatic surgery

Prayers of Gratitude:

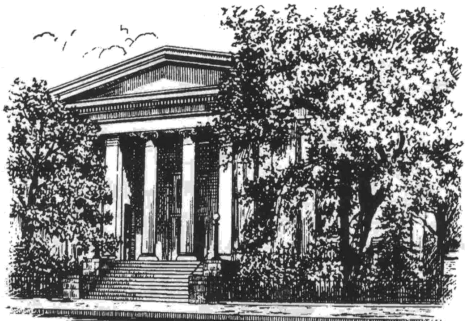
- Bligh Jones offers prayers of thanksgiving for Chris Nemec and for his time serving and bringing beautiful music to GSPC.
- Prayers are requested that GSPC will find a replacement for Chris and an assistant for Rebekah.

Prayers for safety and strength:

- The congregation extends Christian sympathy to the Lindsey family after the death of David Lindsey on June 9 in Spanish Fort. The memorial service was held on June 19 at GSPC.
- The congregation extends Christian sympathy to the Ferrell family after the death of Kimbrough Ferrell on June 13. The memorial service was held on June 18 at St. Francis at the Pointe Anglican Church**.**
- Jonathan Laws requests prayers for healthcare workers carrying emotional and physical burdens. He asks that we pray for steady hands, kind hearts, patience, protection, and opportunities to rest and recharge.
- Prayers are requested for the people in Sudan, for victims of the Ebola virus and for those caring for all those affected by war and illness.

Share Your Joys and Concerns

Your GSPC family would like to pray and rejoice with you. Please share your joys and concerns so that we can share them with our church family in the weekly newsletter. Your prayer requests can be general requests for a family, community, country, or world. They can be personal, for someone in the church, or someone you know. If you are making a request for someone else, please make sure they are comfortable being included and named. You can always omit a name and make a general request for prayers or celebrations. Please scan the QR code to access the Prayer Request form. Each prayer request will remain on the list for one month and then be removed. If you would like to have a request added back or updated, please email Paula Spath at paula@gspcmobile.org.



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given
to the glory of God, and in loving memory
of Dr. and Mrs. Theo Middleton
and Edward Robinson McMurphy
by their family.

Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, JUNE 23
Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 9 a.m. at the home of Ann Adams.
Theology on Tap: 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Guesnard House. All are invited to this evening of fellowship and Bible study.

COMING UP

SUNDAY, JULY 12
Second Sunday Luncheon: The congregation is invited to enjoy lunch together in Fellowship Hall after worship.

NEWS AND NOTES

Officer Nominations: The Nominating Committee asks for your prayerful consideration as you submit nominations for Elders, Deacons and Trustees in the Class of 2029. Please use the QR code here to make your nominations.

McKemie Place: Each month on the second Friday, volunteers provide a light lunch for about 24 residents at McKemie Place, a shelter for homeless women. Please call Lisa DeShazo at 251-591-1077 or Mary DeWitt Dukes at 504-920-1918 to volunteer.

Flower dedications: 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.

Calling all cooks: The Congregational Care Committee is asking for volunteers to help prepare food for Memorial Receptions, Take Them A Meal, and other GSPC events. If you are interested in preparing food for our congregation, please call the church office.

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.