

***Image***—*Grupos de Jesús "Three Prophets"*

***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.*

***Hymn 366—****This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.*

# Government Street Presbyterian Church

**Sunday, January 30, 2022 | 10:30AM**

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

## *Gathering*

**Prelude** *Prelude & Fugue in G major, BWV 557*
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**Chiming of the Half-hour** GUILDFORD

**Welcome** **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

✠**Call to Worship** *responsive* *from I Corinthians 13*

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love,
I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

**And if I have prophetic powers,**
**and understand all mysteries and all knowledge,**
**and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains,**
**but do not have love, I am nothing.**

If I give away all my possessions,
and if I hand over my body so that I may boast,
but do not have love, I gain nothing.

**Love is patient; love is kind;**
**love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.**

It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;
it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.
It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things,
endures all things.

**Love never ends.**

And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;

**and the greatest of these is love.**

Let us worship God.

✠**Hymn 366** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*
HYFRYDOL

## ✠Prayer of Confession *unison*

God of grace and truth, you have shown us the way,
but we choose our own path again and again.
You have shown us how to love, but we are stingy with our compassion.
You have shown us how to give,
but we put rules on who is worthy of your grace.
Forgive us, Lord, and help us know the vastness of your love.
In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

## ✠Assurance of Pardon

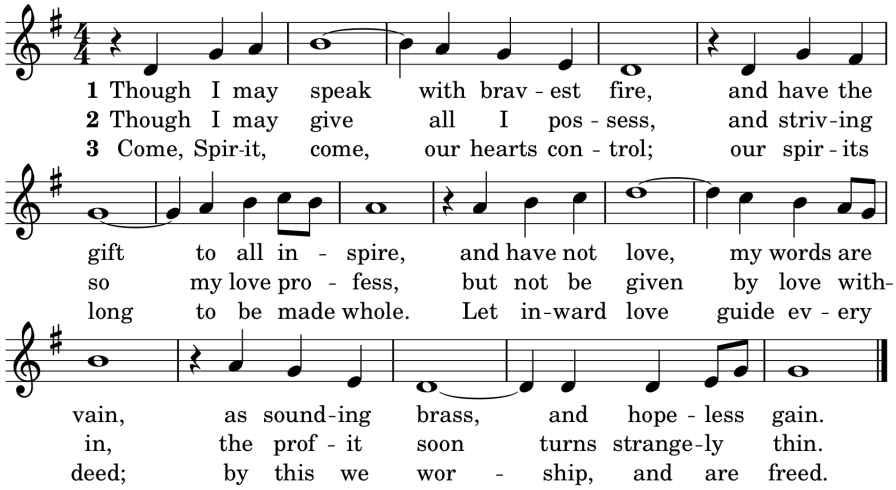
***The steadfast love*** *of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.*

*- Psalm 103:17*

## ✠Response | Hymn 693

*Though I May Speak*

GIFT OF LOVE




***Hymn 693—****As paraphrases of 1 Corinthians 13:1, 3 the first two stanzas here are in the first person singular, yet they lead into a plural prayer for the gift of such love, for it thrives in community. These words are especially poignant with this adaptation of an English folk melody.*

# Proclaiming the Word

## Prayer for Illumination — Sage Arnold

## First Reading — Jeremiah 4:1-10

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks Be to God!**

Old Testament pg. 660

## Children's Sermon — Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar

***Children ages three*** *and older are invited to the front. Those three years through kindergarten may leave with volunteers for Wee Worship for the remainder of the service. Sign-in for parents of Wee Worship children is on the front row.*

*Nursery is available for ages infant through Kindergarten.*

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

## Second Reading — Luke 4:21-30

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks Be to God!**

New Testament pg. 57

**Sermon** "But the Truth Is" **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

# Thanksgiving

***Hymn 772***—*This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.*

## ✠Hymn 772

*Live Into Hope*
TRURO

## ✠Affirmation of Faith *unison*

**The Apostles' Creed**

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.

## Offertory

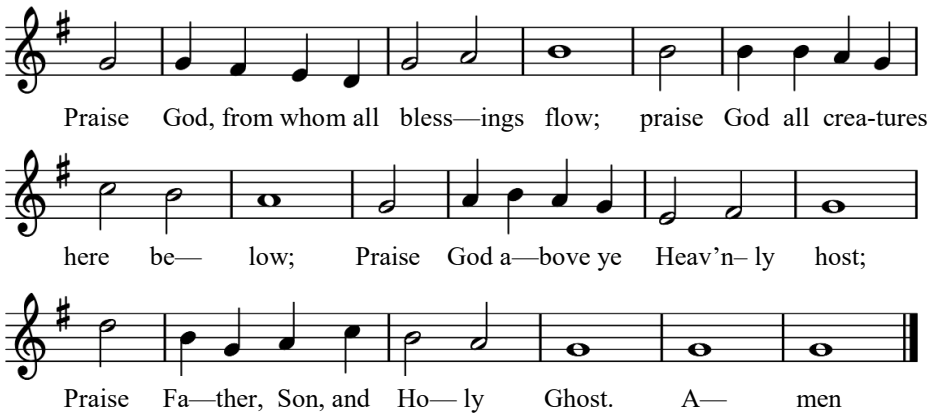
***All that is*** *in the heavens and on the earth is yours, O Lord, and of your own we give you.*
*I Chronicles 29:11, 14*

## Meditation

*This Is My Father's World*
TERRA BEATA; arr. Bish

## ✠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.

# Sending

✠**Hymn 12** *Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise*
ST. DENIO

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

**Postlude** *Festive Trumpet Tune*
David German (b. 1954)

***Hymn 12***—*The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.*

# CALLED TO SERVE

## VOLUNTEERS TODAY

**SUNDAY ASSISTANTS**

- Jim Van Haneghan
- Jasper Reaves

**WEE WORSHIP/NURSERY**

- Jennifer Steed
- Brooke McMillan
- Shawn Walker

*Please remember in your daily prayers the people our church is serving, and those who work with them.*

- **Pastor Alexandra is** away today to preach and lead worship at Providence Presbyterian Church in west Mobile, while their pastor, Mary Clark, is on sabbatical. Please keep Alexandra in your prayers.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The PW will host a luncheon for the GSPC family and friends on **Sunday, February 13** following worship in Fellowship Hall. All are invited to join us and hear about what the PW is doing.

# URBAN MINISTRY

**PB&J 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 need donations of creamy peanut butter and grape jelly to help fill the pantry for the remainder of the year. There is a donation box in the Jackson Street entrance for these donations.

**MCKEMIE PLACE**

GSPC has agreed to provide lunch for up to 40 residents at McKemie Place on the second Friday of each month. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for this mission over the last three months and into 2022. Due to its funding situation, the agency depends on volunteers to provide both lunch and dinner for the residents. They are looking to find individuals or groups that would be willing to provide a lunch or dinner meal on a regular basis each month. They are especially in need of volunteers to provide lunch meals. So, if you, as an individual, or are a member of a group that might be interested in providing this on a regular basis, please contact them at 251-287-2225.

**COLD WEATHER CLOTHING DONATIONS**

During the month of January, we will be collecting gently worn cold weather clothing items for men. women, and children - such as coats, hats, gloves, scarves. Also, socks are a much needed item for those in shelters. These items will be given to various agencies that distribute clothing to those who are homeless or are in need. There is a box designated for these donations at the Jackson Street entrance.

**DRIVER NEEDED**

Meals on Wheels is in need of a driver for the Northern Route on Tuesdays. There currently 12 recipients at four stops. Please contact Lis deShazo if your are interested in volunteering for this mission.

**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN FOOD BANK**

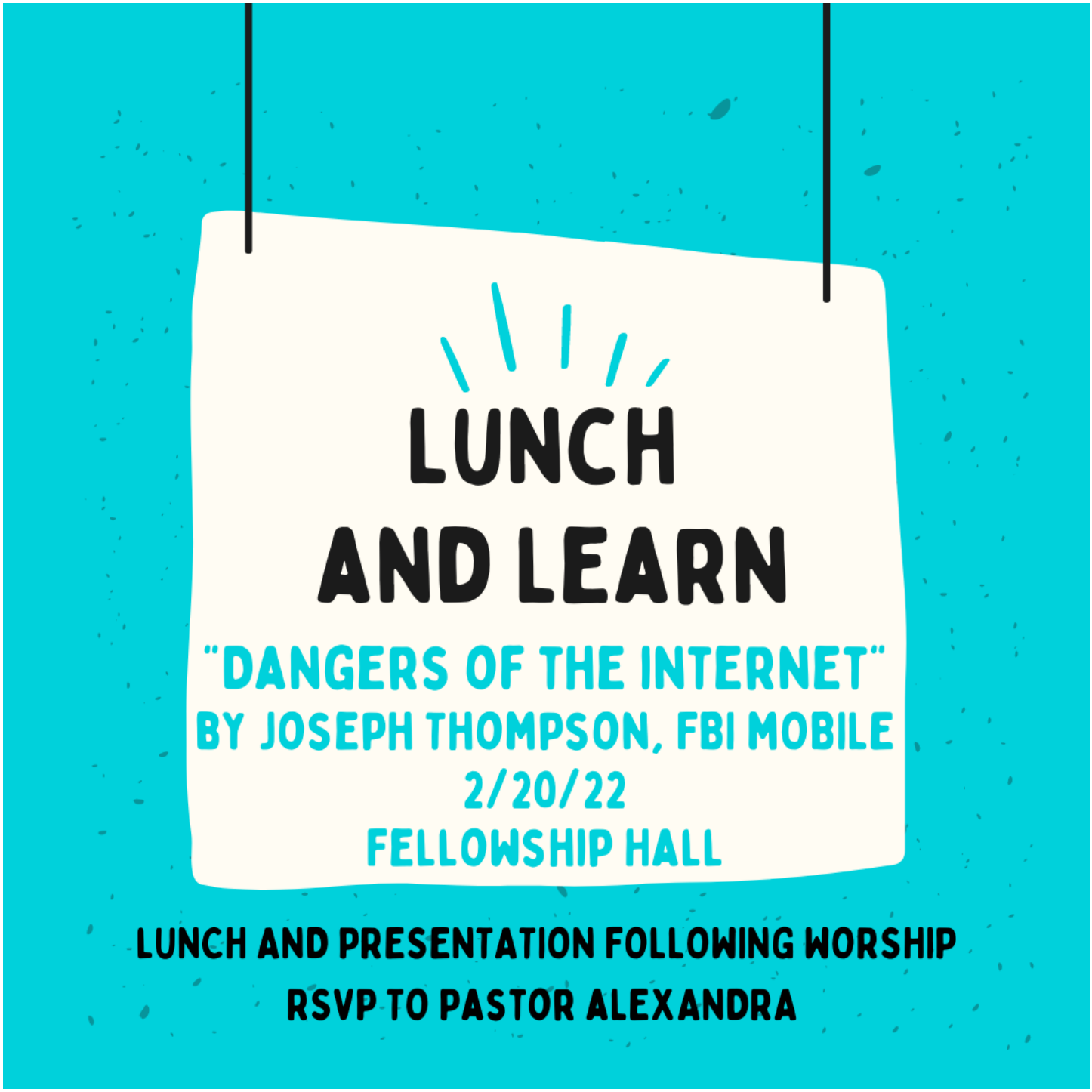
Tuesday, February 8, 2022 | 8:30 a.m.—12 p.m.
If you are interested and able to help, please report to Central at 8:30 a.m. There will be a short meeting at 8:45 with instructions for volunteers and the food distribution will begin around 9:00 am. This ministry serves around 750 families each week.




*The Muddy Creek Interpretive Nature Trail is a loop trail that's a little more than 2 miles long, and very easy for all ages to navigate. The trail has boardwalks and educational panels.*

*It is on Industrial Road between Bellingrath Road and Highway 193 (Rangeline Road exit) near Theodore, about a 20-minute drive from GSPC.*

*Lunch will be available in Fellowship Hall following worship. Please RSVP to Pastor Alexandra.*


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AND LEARN
"DANGERS OF THE INTERNET"
BY JOSEPH THOMPSON, FBI MOBILE
2/20/22
FELLOWSHIP HALL
LUNCH AND PRESENTATION FOLLOWING WORSHIP
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## The Sanctuary Flowers

are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Dr. & Mrs. Theo Middleton,
by their daughters, Barbara Haas,
Mary Knox McMurphy, and Margaret Brown.

# Christian Education

### Women's Bible Study

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

Tuesdays at 10 a.m. via Zoom
Contact: Mary Elizabeth Perry

### Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Library.
*In-person & on Zoom*
Contact Bo Perry.

### Sunday Book Study Group

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

### Presbyterian Women

P.W. Circle & Bible Study
Contact: Bligh Jones or Mary Elizabeth Perry

### Christian Education

**Sunday School** *all ages*
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

**Wee-worship** *ages 3—kindergarten*
Sundays during worship