

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday October 23, 2022 | 10:30 A.M.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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 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.*

PRELUDE *Fugue a 3*
GEORGE FREDERIC HANDEL

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

MINUTE FOR MISSION **CASI CALLAWAY**

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Responsive*)

We are created in the image of God, called to share the joy of our Creator.

We gather to worship. We gather to serve.

We are invited to follow Jesus, called to share the love of Christ with All we meet.

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We are inspired by the movement of the Holy Spirit, called to share the good news that is transforming the world.

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✠**HYMN 267** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*
MADRID

✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *unison*

Holy God, We want to do what is right and good, but we confess that we do not love you or our neighbors as we ought. We have passed by suffering and misfortune because of fear or busyness or preoccupation. We find it hard to reach out to our neighbors whose lives are vastly different from our own. We confess that we have held prejudices against people and have limited our compassion. You know our sin and our struggles. Hear our silent prayers of confession.

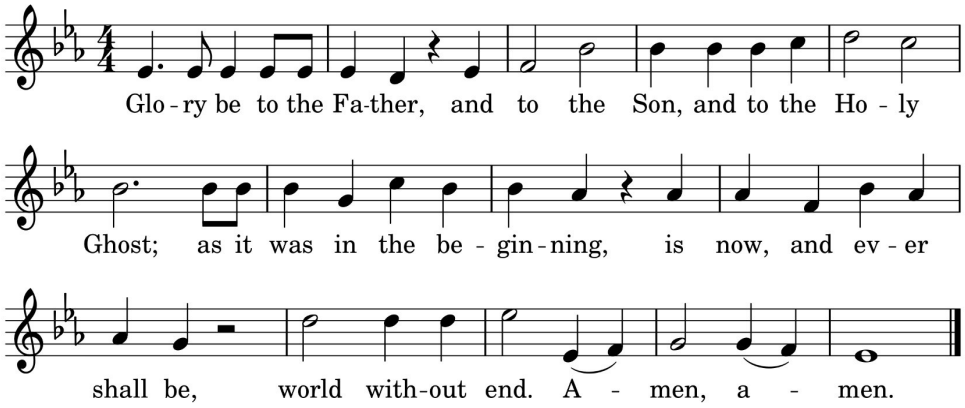
(silence)

Heal our pains; amend our faults. Guide us in ways of caring and generosity, for we pray in the name of Jesus, who cared for us even to the cross. Amen.

✠Assurance of Pardon **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

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

GLORIA PATRI



Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination **Bo Perry**

First Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God!

Children's Sermon **Rev. Rebekah Abel lamar**

Second Reading Luke 10:25-27

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Sermon "Who Was the Neighbor?" **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. The sign–in binder is located in the first pew of the middle section of the sanctuary.*

Thanksgiving

Hymn 451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*
OPEN MY EYES

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

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.*

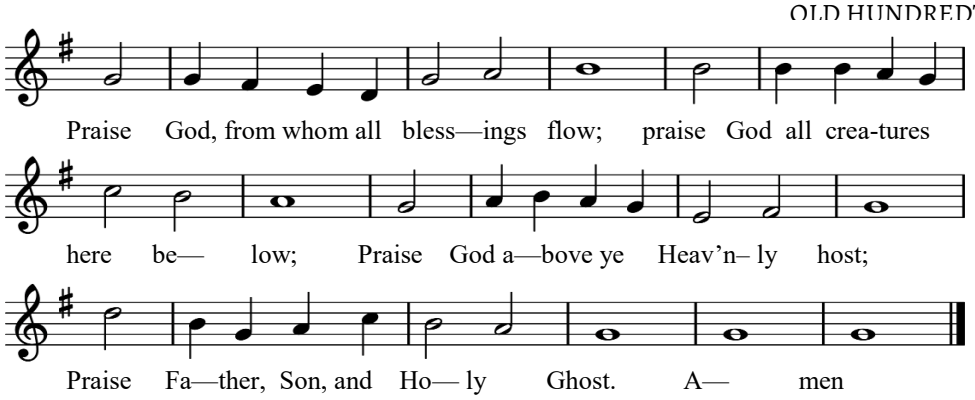
The Nicene Creed

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

Offering and Dedication of Pledges

Meditation

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



✠ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayer of Intercession **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

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

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.*

✠ **Hymn 321** *The Church of Christ in Every Age*
WAREHAM

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

Postlude *Rondeau*
JOHN-JOSEPH MOURET

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Timothy 4:6-8

6 As for me, I am already being poured out as
a libation, and the time of my departure has
come. 7 I have fought the good fight; I have
finished the race; I have kept the faith. 8 From
now on there is reserved for me the crown of
righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous
judge, will give me on that day, and not only
to me but also to all who have longed for his
appearing.

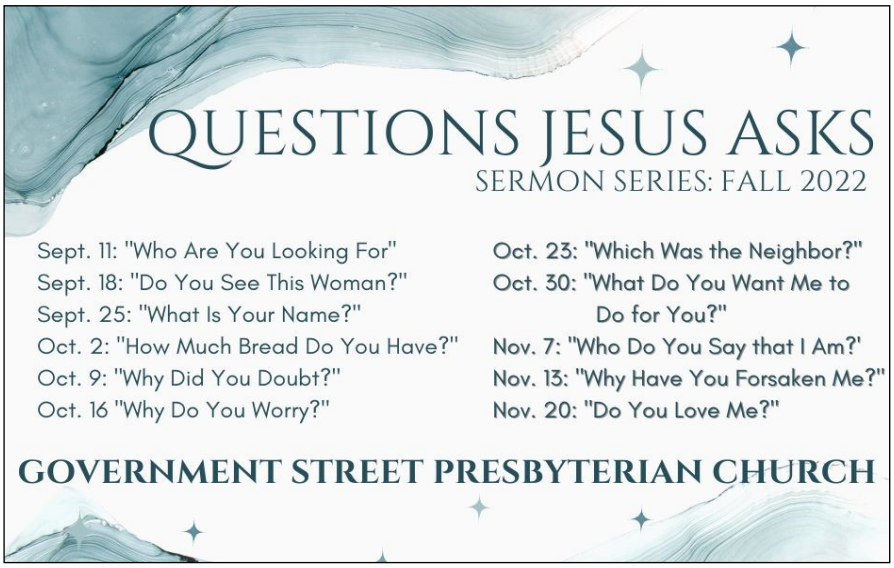
16 At my first defense no one came to my
support, but all deserted me. May it not be
counted against them! 17 But the Lord stood
by me and gave me strength, so that through
me the message might be fully proclaimed
and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was
rescued from the lion's mouth. 18 The Lord will
rescue me from every evil attack and save me
for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Luke 10: 25-37

25 An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus.
[a] "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit
eternal life?" 26 He said to him, "What is written in
the law? What do you read there?" 27 He answered,
"You shall love the Lord your God with all your
heart and with all your soul and with all your
strength and with all your mind and your neighbor
as yourself." 28 And he said to him, "You have given
the right answer; do this, and you will live."

29 But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus,
"And who is my neighbor?" 30 Jesus replied, "A man
was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell
into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat
him, and took off, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by
chance a priest was going down that road, and
when he saw him he passed by on the other
side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the
place and saw him, passed by on the other
side. 33 But a Samaritan while traveling came upon
him, and when he saw him he was moved with
compassion. 34 He went to him and bandaged his
wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he
put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn,
and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out
two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said,
'Take care of him, and when I come back I will
repay you whatever more you spend.' 36 Which of
these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the
man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" 37 He
said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said
to him, "Go and do likewise."

GSPC NEWS







GSPC Youth and Club 345 Pumpkin Party: This afternoon, the Youth will join Club 345 (3rd, 4th and 5th graders) for an afternoon of pumpkin carving and painting, Halloween games and dinner at the Hale family's house from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Bible Basics Class Rescheduled: The Bible Basics Class, originally planned for October 16, will be rescheduled on a later date. Stay tuned!

Interfaith Bible Study: The Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar joins Rabbi Ed Boraz of Spring Hill Avenue Temple and the Rev. Trey Doyle of First Baptist Church for an interfaith Bible study, "Two Pastors and a Rabbi." The next dates are November 10 and December 1. All are welcome. Please call the church office at 251-432-1749 to register.

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
and in loving memory of Alice, Joe and Richard Mighell
by their family.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

Sunday Book Study Group: Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the library. Blanche Parsons is leading a study on the book "Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others," by Barbara Brown Taylor.

Talking Heads Sunday School class: This class, led by the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar, 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. on Sundays.

Wee Worship: Sundays at 10:45 a.m. for ages 2-6 after the Children's Sermon.

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

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, OCTOBER 26

Men's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 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.