

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 5, 2022 | 10:30 A.M.

DAY OF PENTECOST

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.

Gathering

PRELUDE *New Britain*
GEORGE SHEARING

CHORAL INTROIT *Come O Holy Spirit, Come*
WA EMIMIMO

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** *responsive*

In the beginning, the Holy Spirit breathed life into the world.

In the fullness of time, the Holy Spirit came to Mary, bringing Jesus to dwell among us.

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gave birth to the church, offering good news for all.

Today, in this moment, even now, the Holy Spirit creates, redeems, and sustains us, leading us to participate in the new thing God is doing.

Let us worship God!

✠**HYMN 280** *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*
EBENEZER

✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *unison*

Creator God, we confess that we do not understand your Spirit and we struggle to trust what we do not understand. Our fear leads us to ignore your commandments and forget what we have been taught. Too often we miss your still, small voice. Let your mercy quiet us, God. Fill us with your goodness and compassion. Open us to the mystery of your gracious Spirit and to experience your peace. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

***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.*

✠Assurance of Pardon

✠Response | Hymn 286 *Breathe on me, Breath of God*
TRENTHAM

STANZA 1

Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what though wouldst do.

Stanza 2

Breathe on me, Breath of God.
until my heart is pure,
until with thee, I will one will,
to do, and to endure.

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination **Charlotte Crockett**

First Reading Acts 2:1-21

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God!

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

Second Reading John 14: 8-17, 25-27

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God!

Sermon "The Advocate" **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Thanksgiving

Hymn 300 *We Are One in the Spirit*
THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

Our Affirmation of Faith for today comes from the Brief Statement of Faith. *This confession was written in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1983, in response to the reunion of the two largest Presbyterian churches in the USA, creating the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). It was added to the Book of Confessions following the 203rd General Assembly (1991).*

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

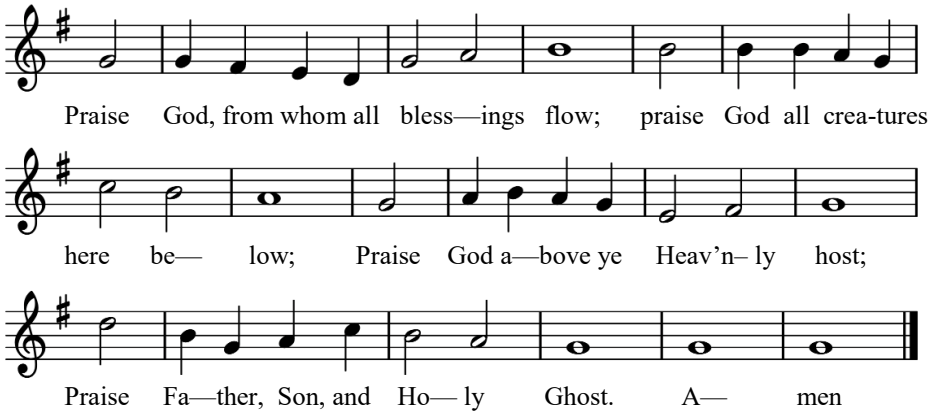
From A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Offering

Meditation *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*
SPIRIT

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



Prayer Of Thanksgiving

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table — **Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Great Thanksgiving and 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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Communion Meditation — *Feed Us, Lord*
FEED US, LORD

Prayer After Communion

Sending

✠**Hymn 515** — *I Come with Joy*
DOVE OF PEACE

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

Postlude — *Depart In Peace*
Leon Boellman

Thank you to Nancy Graham for serving as our guest organist today.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all
together in one place. [2] And suddenly from heaven
there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind,
and it filled the entire house where they were
sitting. [3] Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared
among them, and a tongue rested on each of
them. [4] All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit
and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit
gave them ability.

[5] Now there were devout Jews from every people
under heaven living in Jerusalem. [6] And at this sound
the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because
each one heard them speaking in the native
language of each. [7] Amazed and astonished, they
asked, "Are not all these who are speaking
Galileans? [8] And how is it that we hear, each of us, in
our own native language? [9] Parthians, Medes,
Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and
Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, [10] Phrygia and
Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging
to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and
proselytes, [11] Cretans and Arabs—in our own
languages we hear them speaking about God's
deeds of power." [12] All were amazed and perplexed,
saying to one another, "What does this
mean?" [13] But others sneered and said, "They are
filled with new wine."

[14] But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his
voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who
live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen
to what I say. [15] Indeed, these are not drunk, as you
suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the
morning. [16] No, this is what was spoken through the
prophet Joel:

[17] 'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall
prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
[18] Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.
[19] And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
[20] The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and
glorious day.
[21] Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
shall be saved.'

John 14:8-17, 25-27

[8] Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and
we will be satisfied." [9] Jesus said to him, "Have I been
with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not
know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the
Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? [10] Do
you not believe that I am in the Father and the
Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not
speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me
does his works. [11] Believe me that I am in the Father
and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then
believe because of the works themselves. [12] Very
truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also
do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater
works than these, because I am going to the
Father. [13] I will do whatever you ask in my name, so
that the Father may be glorified in the Son. [14] If in
my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

[15] "If you love me, you will keep my
commandments. [16] And I will ask the Father, and he
will give you another Advocate, to be with you
forever. [17] This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world
cannot receive because it neither sees him nor
knows him. You know him because he abides with
you, and he will be in you.

[25] "I have said these things to you while I am still
with you. [26] But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom
the Father will send in my name, will teach you
everything and remind you of all that I have said to
you. [27] Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to
you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not
let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be
afraid.



VBS: JUNE 20-24



All are invited! The theme is "Passport to Peace." Children will travel through the world learning how to be peacemakers. They will make friends, sing fun songs, meet peacemakers in the Bible, do art projects and science explorations and play active games.

Please sign up for VBS on the church website: gspcmobile.org/vbs. The Rev. Alexandra Hutson is seeking volunteers to assist with this event. If you can help, email her at Alexandra@gspcmobile.org.



GSPC news

Welcome to our special guests: The Confirmation Class from St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church is visiting with us today. They will spend the night at Baytreat and will assist with delivering Meals on Wheels on Monday morning.

The **GSPC Youth and the Rev. Alexandra Hutson** are attending a Youth Conference in Montreat, N.C., this week.

The GSPC Young Adults Gathering is tonight at 5 p.m. at 6859 Bay Road. Join us this evening for food and fellowship!

Baytreat Mission Camps: Get ready to welcome our campers this summer! Church Officers, Sunday School Classes, PW and Bible Study Groups are invited to serve a Sunday night meal to the campers at Baytreat. To sign up, please call or email Heather Hamilton at 251-432-1749 or heather@gspcmobile.org.

Here is the schedule:

Week 1: June 11-18

First Presbyterian Church || Mantoon, IL

Week 2: June 25-July 1

First Presbyterian Church || Anderson, SC

Week 3: July 9-15

Decatur Presbyterian Church || Decatur, GA

Week 4: July 16–22

Germantown Pres. Ch. ||Germantown, TN

Thursday, June 23: GSPC members are invited to "Sweet Home Soiree," a fundraiser for the Presbyterian Home for Children and Ascension Leadership Academy, on June 23 at the Country Club of Mobile. Organizers are seeking sponsors and collecting donations for live and silent auctions at the event, which will be held in honor of the Rev. Samford Turner. To order tickets, or to donate to the auctions, contact Jennifer Braxton of the Presbyterian Home for Children at 205-410-4851 or jbraxton@phfc.org.

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 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 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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The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and with gratitude in celebration of Hattie Ogburn's 100th Birthday by her family.

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.

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.

Sunday School
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Wee Worship
This ministry is on hiatus during the summer months.

If you would like to have flowers placed in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of loved ones, please consider placing them during the summer months. We have plenty of open Sundays, and would love to have beautiful floral offerings throughout the summer. To place flowers, please contact Ann Adams at Adams-marion@att.net or 251-591-8586.

If you have news items to share in the e-newsletter or the bulletin, please email the information to Heather Hamilton (heather@gspcmobile.org) and Sally Ericson (sallyericson23@gmail.com).

Those Serving Today:

Sunday Assistants: John Peebles
LeAnne Tamblyn