GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 13, 2025 | 10:30 A.M.

PALM SUNDAY | SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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 *My Tribute (To God Be the Glory)*
Andrae Crouch; arr. Chris Nemec

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

INTROIT *Hosanna to the Son*
Jody Lindh

The Children's Choir

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Glory, glory be to God on high. The people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. Riding on a donkey's colt, He came, palm branches spread before Him. The disciples didn't understand what was happening at first. But when Jesus the King was glorified, then they remembered - it had all been written.

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Philippians 3)* **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

In the season of Lent, we deepen our commitment to Christ.

We want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection.

We remember that our righteousness comes through Christ alone and seek to live a life worthy of this calling.

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We gather to worship in Christ's name as we press on toward this goal.

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With boldness,
with thanksgiving,
with humility,
with perseverance,
with peace,
and with compassion,
let us worship God!

✠**HYMN 196** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*
VALET WILL ICH DER GEBEN

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.

✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *unison* **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

Holy God,
We want to run into the streets and sing your praise! We want to be bold and unashamed of the good news of the gospel. But too often we find ourselves staying quiet, letting others carry the song. Forgive us for the moments when we could lead the parade, but instead stand on the sidelines. Hear our silent prayers of confession.

(silence)

Have mercy on us, Lord. Save us from our fears and our sins. Help us to be bold and faithful for the sake of the good news. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

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.*

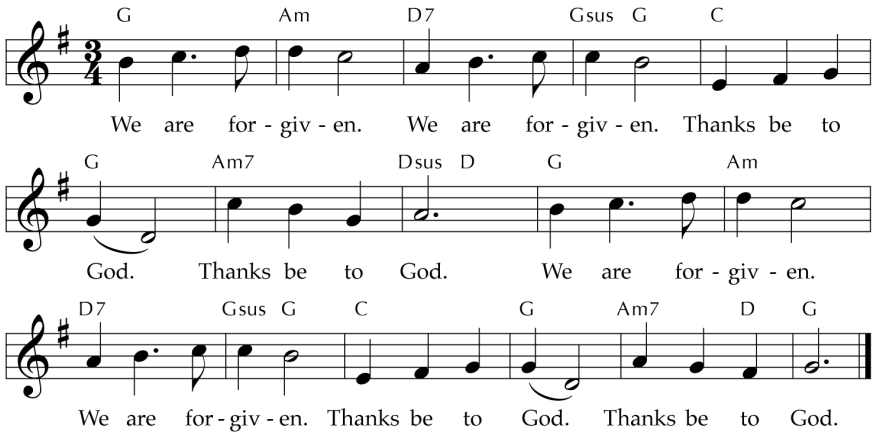
Children's worship totes *are available for children in the sanctuary. These totes include children's bulletins and other items to help children engage in the worship service.*

✠Assurance of Pardon

✠Passing of the Peace

✠Response | Hymn 447 *We Are Forgiven*

WE ARE FORGIVEN



Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination **Margaret Browning**

First Reading Psalm 118:1,2, 26-29

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God!

Children's Sermon *(Based on Mark 11:1-10)* **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Second Reading: Philippians 4:10-23

Sermon: "Compassion" **Rev. Lamar**

✠Hymn 93 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

TRURO

✠Affirmation Of Faith *(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.

Prayer is a place we bring ourselves fully before God. *In the Prayer of Intercession, we hold the needs of our hearts and of the world before a powerful and loving God. If you have a need for prayer, you may call the church office to speak with a pastor or to have your request passed on to our prayer team.*

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.

Response *Seven-Fold Amen*
John Rutter

Offering

Offertory *The Palms*
Jean Baptiste Faure

The Sanctuary Choir
O'er all the way, green palms and blossoms gay, Are strewn this day in festal preparation. Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away, E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare. Join all and sing, His name declare, Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation: Hosanna! Praise to the Lord! Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation! Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem, Of all thy sons sing the emancipation, Through boundless love the Christ of Bethlehem Brings faith and hope to thee forevermore.

✠**Doxology | Hymn 606** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
OLD HUNDREDTH

✠**Prayer Of Thanksgiving**

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Sending

✠**Hymn 197** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*
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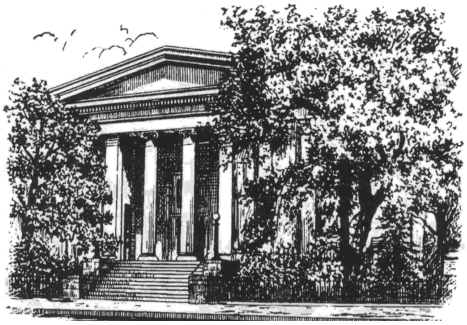
✠**Benediction** *(from Philippians 4)* **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar and Congregation**

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I say: Rejoice!
Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Finally, whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure,
whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable,
if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.

Postlude *Improvisation on "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

Sunday, April 20

Join us on Easter Sunday, as we celebrate the Risen Lord! The Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar will preach from John 21:1-19 with a sermon titled "I Have Seen the Lord." 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 "Easter Song" by Anne Herring. Instrumental music includes Everret Titcomb's "Cantilena," Mozart's Church Sonata 15, and the Intermezzo from the Easter Scene from "Cavalleria Rusticana."



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Joel and Fran Danley
and Henri and Chiny Aldridge
by their family.

Calendar of Events

MONDAY, APRIL 14
Circles of Hope and Joy: The Circles of Hope and Joy will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Guesnard House for Bible study. All are welcome. If you are able, please bring a snack or beverage to share.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15
Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 9 a.m. at the home of Ann Adams. The group is studying the Gospel of Matthew with the Rev. George Sinclair. Everyone is welcome.
Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Library. Contact: Mary Elizabeth Perry.
Youth Bible Study: Tuesdays at 3 p.m. at Carpe Diem. The group is studying "The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss." All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16
Choir Rehearsals: Handbells, 5:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary; Choir, 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the choir room.
Men's Bible Study: 6 p.m. in the Library and via Zoom. Contact: Bo Perry.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER EVENTS
APRIL 17: Maundy Thursday Service, 6 p.m. The service will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion.
APRIL 18: Good Friday Service at noon.
APRIL 19: Easter Egg Hunt in Washington Square, 10 a.m.

ADDITIONAL NEWS AND NOTES

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

Easter Lily Dedications

The Easter Lilies will be displayed on Easter Sunday, April 20,
and may be collected after the service.
Please turn this form in with the offering, or at the church office, by April 16.
Please make checks payable to GSPC.

Given by: _____

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In Memory of: _____

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In Honor of: _____

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Number of lilies ($13 each) *Total:*