

"Cast Your Nets On The Right Side:"

Artist-Greg Olsen

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.*

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 1, 2022 | 10:30 A.M.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME — **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** *responsive* — **SAM LAMAR**

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
Shout to God with loud songs of joy.
For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
A great king over all the earth.
He subdued peoples over us,
And nations under our feet.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
He is highly exalted.
Let us worship God.

✠**HYMN 611** — *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*
HYMN TO JOY

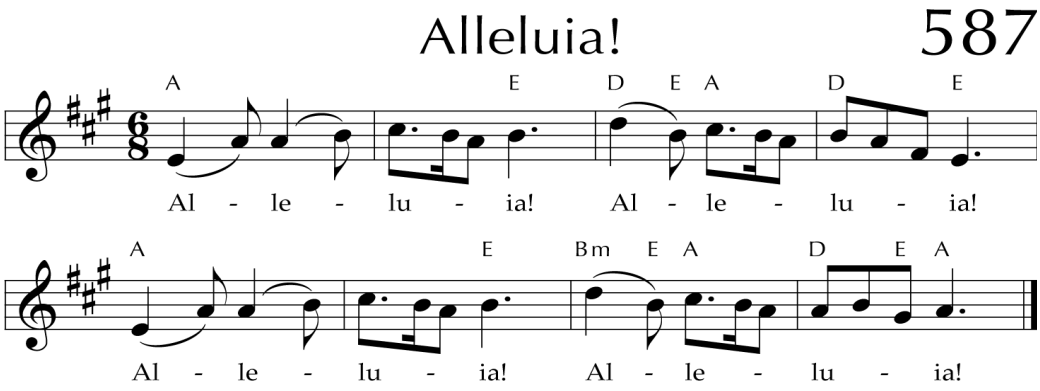
✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *unison* — **MICKIE LORGE**

Lord God, we know that we have sinned against you. We cannot live human lives without sin. We humbly ask for your forgiveness, Lord. It is inevitable that we will sin again, but we ask for your forgiveness. You will always be there for us. Your arms will always be open for us. We are your people and will always be your people.

✠**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** — **ANN CLAIRE MCMILLAN**

✠Response | Hymn 587 CELTIC ALLELUIA

Proclaiming the Word



Prayer for Illumination **Houston Jones**

First Reading Psalm 30

The Word of the Lord. Old Testament p. 478

Thanks Be to God!

Children's Sermon **Jack Steed and Stephens Ashbee**

Second Reading John 21:1-19

The Gospel of the Lord. New Testament pp. 109-110

Thanks Be to God!

Senior Reflections: **William Jameson and Ben Hollensworth**

Thanksgiving

Hymn 69 *Here I Am, Lord*

SCHUTTE

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.*

***Our Affirmation of Faith today is the Nicene Creed**. It is the first and only creed used ecumenically for the majority of Christians throughout the world. The Nicene Creed came out of the Council of Nicea in 325 CE and Constantinople in 381 CE.*

✠Affirmation of Faith *unison* **Coleman Callaway**

(Excerpt from Brief Statement of Faith)

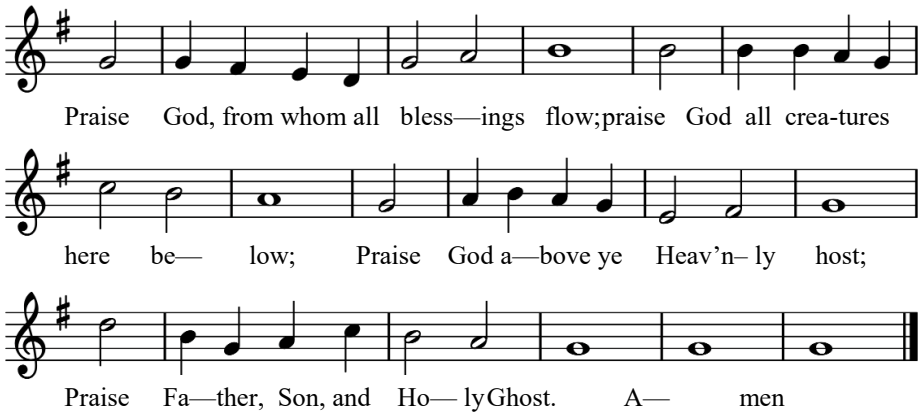
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: Preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, Healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil. Delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Offering **Andrew Mcmillan**

Offertory

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

OLD HUNDREDTH



Blessing of the Seniors

Prayer of Thanksgiving **Murphy Hollensworth**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the lord's table **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Great Prayer of thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with You

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give out thanks and praise.

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.

Breaking of The Bread

Communion of the People

Communion Meditation

Prayer After Communion

Sending

✠Hymn 643 *Now Thank We All Our God*
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✠Benediction **Ben Hollensworth**

Postlude

Thank you to our Guest Pianist, Scott Jolly.

CLASS OF 2022

MARY BROWN



Graduating from: St. Paul's Episcopal School

College plans: The University of Alabama, majoring in Business
Honors, awards and activities: President of Interact Club; Varsity Cheer captain; Honor Roll; AP photography; Film Club
Favorite GSPC memories: Mary loved growing up in the church and seeing lots of family on Sundays. She has great memories of going through Confirmation with friends and their weekend spent at Baytreat together.

BEN HOLLENSWORTH



Graduating from: UMS-Wright Preparatory School

College plans: Troy University to study Kinesiology in preparation for physical therapy school
Honors, awards and activities: Varsity football; varsity baseball; Bulldog Ambassador.

Favorite GSPC memories: Ben's favorite GSPC memories center around youth lock-ins, preparing bags for the homeless, and serving at Coffee Club. He has celebrated most of his birthdays attending or volunteering for GSPC VBS.

LOUISE HUTCHISON



Graduating from: UMS-Wright Preparatory School

College plans: Texas Christian University, majoring in Neuroscience

Honors, awards and activities: National Honor Society; National Science Honor Society; National History Honor Society; Difference Makers Club; Key Club; Photography Club; Reading Club; JV Tennis Team

Favorite GSPC memories: Louise enjoyed helping set up for the Easter Egg Hunt at Washington Square and leading Lyle around when he was in the bunny suit and couldn't see. ("I may have run him into a few things," she writes.) GSPC members who are special to her include her mentor, Sallye Irvine, who always remembers her during special events and holidays, and Betsy Otts. "She was my grandmother's best friend and she is always happy to see everyone."

WILLIAM JAMESON



Graduating from: St. Paul's Episcopal School (Valedictorian)

College plans: Airforce Academy in Colorado Springs
Honors, awards and activities: Named to the State of Alabama Cross Country All-Stars, 1 of 20 selected; National Merit Finalist; AP Scholar w/ Distinction, making all 5's on five or more AP Exams; Co-Captain of the Swim Team; 1 of 11 AP Scholars in the WORLD to make a perfect score on the AP English Literature Exam; recognized and named to the All-County Cross Country Team for his performance at County Championships; Alabama State Champion in the AHSAA's 200IM Swimming Event; Relay Swim Team member in both the 200 Medley and 200 Free that finished second in the State in both events; will graduate with over 10 Varsity Letters in four different sports; Presidential Scholar nominee; Bryant Jordan 5A Scholar Athlete for the State of Alabama

Favorite GSPC memories: William loved attending VBS as a child and then serving as a VBS youth leader. William has always enjoyed hanging out with his church friends at the church and at Baytreat.

SACKY OTTS



Graduating from: UMS-Wright Preparatory School

College plans: Auburn University, majoring in Biomedical Science while on the Pre-physician Assistant Track
Honors, awards and activities: Key Club
Favorite GSPC memories: Helping with Vacation Bible School for several summers; helping her dad, Richard, with Meals on Wheels during school and summer breaks.

All GSPC Women are invited to the Presbyterian Women's

Spring Back Gathering

Please join us in the Guesnard House for an evening of fellowship and fun! There will be a short business meeting, followed by the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar teaching our last lesson from "What My Grandmothers Taught Me."

Monday, May 2, at 6 p.m. in the Guesnard House

We are looking forward to a wonderful social regrouping! Please bring food or drink of your choice to share.

Coming up at GSPC

The **Children of the Church** will have an End-of-the-Year party on **Saturday, May 14**, at Woodland Swim Club. RSVP to the Rev. Alexandra Hutson at Alexandra@gspcmobile.org.

Vacation Bible School, June 20-24

All are invited! Our theme is "Passport to ace." 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.

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.

JUNIOR LEAGUE DIAPER DRIVE

During the month of April, Junior League of Mobile will be hosting a month-long Diaper Drive at various locations. GSPC will be one of these locations. Throughout the month, members and anyone else in the community who would like to can donate diapers that will go to the Junior League Diaper Bank. The bank is especially in need of the smaller preemie, newborn, sizes 1, 5, and 6, and any toddler and adult size diapers. There is a box in the Jackson St. entrance for these donations.

The Junior League Diaper Bank, the only diaper bank in Mobile, supplies diapers to the Central Presbyterian Church Food Pantry and other agencies that support families in need. The Diaper Bank is a project of the Provisional Class, of which the Rev. Alexandra Hutson is a member.



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Volunteers for May 1

Sunday Assistants
Ashley Ashbee
Jim Van Hanegan

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO
THE GLORY OF GOD
IN HONOR OF OUR GRADUATION SENIORS

MEETINGS

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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 and 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

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

Wee Worship
Sundays during the service, ages 3 through kindergarten