Welcome to Worship

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 14, 2026 | 10:30 A.M.

ORDINARY TIME

Preparation for Worship

"Good human work honors God's work."
Wendell Berry

PRELUDE *Sarabande (After Felix Mendelssohn)*
Gordon Young

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

INTROIT *Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*
Theodore Dubois

The Sanctuary Choir
Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever. For on the Holy Cross hast Thou the world from sin redeemed. Christ, we do all adore Thee.

✠CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)* **REV. LAMAR**
In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
God spoke, and light pierced the darkness.
God set the sun, moon, and stars in their places.
All creation sings the goodness of the Lord.
God created us in God's image, intending us to live in relationship with one another and with the earth.
Even when we fall short of God's intentions for us, God meets us with mercy.
Come, let us worship the Creator of all things.
Let us praise God with grateful hearts and joyful voices!

✠HYMN 370 *This Is My Father's World*
TERRA BEATA

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)* **DANIEL KILLILEA**
Creator God,
You created us in your image, but we confess that we have distorted that image through selfishness, pride, and indifference. We have failed to honor the dignity of our neighbors, and we have forgotten our dependence upon you. Forgive us, Lord, and hear our silent prayers of confession.

(Silence)

Have mercy on us, Lord. Renew in us a sense of wonder for your creation, a spirit of gratitude for your blessings, and a commitment to live as faithful stewards of all you have made. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

✠ASSURANCE OF PARDON
✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

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.*

The congregation of Government Street Presbyterian Church*, as the people of God called to worship and work in downtown Mobile, pursue our mission to use our unique resources and opportunities to love, to honor, and to glorify God and to give hope, comfort, instruction and inspiration to all persons that they may become joyful disciples of Jesus Christ.*

Government Street Presbyterian Church, *founded in 1831, is a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and participates in the work of the Presbytery of South Alabama.*

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.*

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.

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.*

✠Response | Hymn 447 *We Are Forgiven*
WE ARE FORGIVEN

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

First Reading: John 1:1-5

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon **Rev. Lamar**

Wee Worship leaders: Katherine Ogburn and Lisa Goodloe

Second Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a **Daniel Killilea, Rev. Lamar, Walt and Marlyn Ogburn**

Sermon: "In the Beginning … The First Creation Story" **Daniel Killilea**

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 36 *For the Fruit of All Creation*
AR HYDY NOS

Affirmation of Faith *(The Apostles' Creed)* **Rev. Lamar**

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.

Response | Hymn 569 *Holy, Holy, Holy*
SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Offering

Offertory *I'll Walk With God*
Nicholas Brodsky

Gabrielle Mohr, *soprano*; Jacob Mohr, *tenor*; the Sanctuary Choir

I'll walk with God, from this day on. His helping hand I'll lean upon. This is my prayer, my humble plea. May the Lord be ever with me. There is no death tho' eyes grow dim, there is no fear when I'm near to Him. I'll lean on Him forever, and He'll forsake me never. He will not fail me as long as my faith is strong. Whatever road I may walk along. I'll walk with God, I'll take His hand. I'll talk with God, He'll understand. I'll pray to Him each day to Him, and He'll hear the words that I say. His Grace reveals the path I've trod, now I'll never walk alone while I walk with God.

✠Response | Hymn 606 *Doxology*
OLD HUNDREDTH

When we gather for Communion, *the Spirit draws us into Christ's presence and unites us with Christians in every time and space. We join with the baptized faithful in heaven and on earth in offering thanksgiving to the triune God. We affirm the promises of our baptism and recommit ourselves to love and serve God, one another, and our neighbors in the world.*

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.

Visiting? Welcome to GSPC, *where we hope you'll find our worship meaningful, our fellowship warm and our ministry exciting. Come again! Be sure to sign the Registry booklet that you will find in your pew. If you are considering membership, we'd love to have you. You may join us through transfer of letter, re-affirmation of faith or profession of faith.*

Prayer requests: *Please scan the QR code below to share your joys and concerns so that we may share them with our church family in the newsletter and bulletin.*

✠Prayer of Thanksgiving **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table **Rev. Lamar**

Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer **Daniel Killilea**

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 **Rev. Lamar**

Communion of the People

Communion Meditation *Peaceful Meditation*
Paul Fey

Prayer After Communion

Sending

✠Hymn 649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*
AMAZING GRACE

✠Benediction **Daniel Killilea**

Postlude *Allegro*
Carl Wilhelm Kern

We welcome Daniel Killilea as our worship leader. Daniel is a recent graduate of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, having completed both his Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy last month! Baptized as an infant by the Rev. Dr. Joe Donaho and raised in the faith at GSPC, Daniel discerned a call to ministry while serving South Highland Presbyterian in Birmingham as Youth Director for nearly seven years. He credits his late parents, Bob and Linda Killilea, and the many saints of GSPC for their modeling of God's love. He lives in Louisville with his wife of 12 years, Jessica, and their daughters, Norah, 4, and Zoey, 1.

Thanks to our guest organist, Stephen Prager.

Prayer Requests

Prayers for Healing:

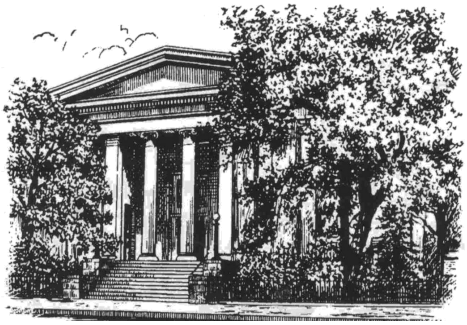
- Sarah Hale, mother of Carter Hale, who is at Palm Gardens Nursing Home on hospice care
- Bill Cutts, who is recovering at home after a hospital stay
- Dorothy Morrison, who is recovering at home after a hospital stay
- Molly Nordmann, who is undergoing cancer treatment

Prayers of Gratitude:

- Bligh Jones offers prayers of thanksgiving for Chris Nemec and for his time serving and bringing beautiful music to GSPC.
- The Majure family offers prayers of thanksgiving for the birth of Watterson McNeil Majure on April 26, 2026. He is the son of Will and Hannah Majure and the grandson of Bill and Beth Majure.
- Prayers are requested that GSPC will find a replacement for Chris and an assistant for Rebekah.

Prayers for safety and strength:

- The congregation extends Christian sympathy to the Lindsey family after the death of David Lindsey on June 9 in Spanish Fort. The memorial service arrangements will be announced soon.
- Jonathan Laws requests prayers for healthcare workers carrying emotional and physical burdens. He asks that we pray for steady hands, kind hearts, patience, protection, and opportunities to rest and recharge.
- Prayers are requested for the people in Sudan, for victims of the Ebola virus and for those caring for all those affected by war and illness.



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given
to the glory of God, and in loving memory
of Linda and Bob Killilea
by their sons, David and Daniel Killilea,
and their families.

Calendar of Events

SUNDAY, JUNE 14
Second Sunday Luncheon: The congregation is invited to enjoy lunch together in Fellowship Hall immediately after worship. We will assemble care packages with sunscreen, insect repellant and other donations to be taken to H.E. Savage Memorial Health Center and distributed to the homeless.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16
Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 9 a.m. at the home of Ann Adams.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17
How Great Is Our God, 5:30-6:50 p.m.: GSPC families are invited to a fun summer evening where kids will explore God's world through hands-on experiments, discovery, and Bible study. We'll learn about God's amazing creation through interactive science activities. The event, for children in preschool up to fifth grade, will include a pizza dinner. Bring a friend and come ready for a night of fun and discovery!

NEWS AND NOTES

McKemie Place: Each month on the second Friday, volunteers provide a light lunch for about 24 residents at McKemie Place, a shelter for homeless women. Please call Lisa DeShazo at 251-591-1077 or Mary DeWitt Dukes at 504-920-1918 to volunteer.

Flower dedications: To place flowers in the Sanctuary in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please contact Ann Adams at Adams-marion@att.net or 251-591-8586.

Calling all cooks: The Congregational Care Committee is asking for volunteers to help prepare food for Memorial Receptions, Take Them A Meal, and other GSPC events. If you are interested in preparing food for our congregation, please call the church office.

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.