Welcome to Worship

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 11, 2026 | 10:30 A.M.

ORDINARY TIME

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, or through your Realm profile. 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.*

Gathering

PRELUDE *Variants on Hyfrydol*
Paul Manz

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

MINUTE FOR MISSION: *Stewardship* DAVID TRENT

INTROIT *Total Praise* Richard L. Smallwood
Voices Unlimited

✝ **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsive)*

Christ is the vine, and we are the branches. In Christ, we bear fruit.
Together we are the body of Christ in this place, bearing fruit for God's kingdom.
We serve Christ by seeking the welfare of the city where we have been planted.
As Jesus welcomed the children, so we welcome the young in Christ's name.
Connected to Christ,
Connected to one another,
Connected to our community,
Connected to our children and our youth,
We serve our risen Lord.
We are branches of one vine, members of one body, neighbors in one community, and children of one God.
Let us worship God!

✝ **HYMN 307** *God of Grace and God of Glory* *Cwm Rhondda*

✝ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Unison)*

Holy God,

You have given us a church where we can worship and serve. We confess that we have taken these relationships for granted, that we have not always acted as the body of Christ, that we have not used all the gifts you have given us. Forgive us, Lord, for the ways we fall short, and hear our silent prayers of confession.

(Silence)

Have mercy on us, Lord. Connect us in ways that help us to bear fruit, and help us to be faithful in all we do. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

✝ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

✝ **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING **PSALM 133**
The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC *Why We Sing* *Gregory L. Gilpin*
Voices Unlimited

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING **I CORINTHIANS 12:12-27**

SERMON: "Connected to Congregation" **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

Thanksgiving

HYMN 311 *Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather* *Tokyo*
Voices Unlimited

✝**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *God's Grace* *Luther Barnes/Derek Adams*
Voices Unlimited

✢ **DOXOLOGY | HYMN 606** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✢ **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION
AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

✢ **HYMN 305** *Come Sing, O Church in Joy!* Darwall's 148th

BENEDICTION **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

POSTLUDE *Fantasy on Darwall's 148th* John Dixon

*We wish a warm welcome to our special guest singing group today, **Voices Unlimited**. The members, all solo Gospel recording artists, are Sonia Daniels, Yvonne Matthews, and Terry Hazzard. Yvonne brought the group together more than 10 years ago after they were invited to preform at the History Museum of Mobile as part of a presentation on the history of gospel music.*

Sunday, October 18

Join us next Sunday as Rev. Lamar continues her sermon series, "Connected," She will preach on Jeremiah 29:4-7, with a sermon on worship titled "Connected to Community." We will celebrate communion as we recognize our younger elementary children completing their "Children at the Lord's Table" class. Special music will include hymns that support our children in the Communion Workshop. The Sanctuary Choir's anthem is a beautiful setting of "Panis Angelicus" by Thomas Pavlechko. The organ prelude and postlude are compositions of G.F. Handel.

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

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

Prayers for Support:
- **Thomas Patrick Jackson**, who is in the NICU following an early arrival on 10/3/2026, and his parents and grandparents.
- The congregation extends Christian sympathy to the **family of Gary Curran**.
- The congregation extends Christian sympathy to **Barbara Williams** and her family following the death of her son, Brandon Shute.

Prayers for Healing:
- **Sarah Hale**, mother of Carter Hale, is at Palm Gardens Nursing Home on hospice care.
- **John Peebles** requests continued prayers for his good friend, who is recovering from pancreatic surgery.
- **Charlotte Crockett** is receiving medical treatment in Tuscaloosa.
- **Carter Hale, Jr.,** is recovering after being struck by a car while riding his scooter on August 3. He appreciates prayers for pain management and increased mobility.
- **Beth Morrissette** requests prayers for a friend who has complicated and widespread cancer that was discovered late. She asks for prayers for her family, friends and treatment team.

Prayers for Thanksgiving:
- **Nancy Graham** is home recovering after a hospital stay.
- **Gene Glass,** Susan Ashbee's brother-in-law, discovered his bile duct cancer is Stage 1 with no metastasis. He is regaining strength in rehab. Susan thanks the congregation for their prayers.

Prayers for Safety and Strength:
- All those affected by Hurricane Isaias.



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ABOUT GSPC

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.

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Send news for the e-newsletter or bulletin to Jennifer Glover at jennifer@gspcmobile.org.

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Anne Winn, Bessie Spafford, Margaret Haight, and Don Winn by Anita and Michael Winn.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION ON SUNDAYS

All classes begin at 9:30 AM

- Adult **Book Study** meets in the Church Library.
- **Gospel 101** for Adults meets upstairs in the multi-purpose room.
- **Children** begin with singing in the corner Children's classroom on the 1st floor before dividing by age group.
- **Youth** meet in the youth room upstairs.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

- PW Circle, Women's Monthly Bible Study: Monday at 5:30 PM at the Guesnard House.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

- **Women's Bible Studies:**
  - ❖ 9 AM at the home of Ann Adams.
  - ❖ 10 AM at GSPC in the Library. Contact: Mary Elizabeth Perry.
- **Tuesday Lunch and Learn**: Join us in Fellowship Hall for a presentation by Kevin Lee, Arts Reporter for Lagniappe and author of "Sinners Above All Others." Lunch is served at noon and the presentation begins at 12:30 p.m. The cost is $10 and includes drinks and dessert.
- **Session Meeting:** 5:30 PM in the Library.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

- **Bible Study**: Meets at noon at the home of Beth Rouse. The text is "Encounters with Jesus/Studies in the Gospel of John" by Frances Gench. For information, contact Beth at *bethmrouse@gmail.com.*
- **Men's Bible Study:** 6 p.m. in the church library. For information, contact Bo Perry at *wbp@johnstoneadams.com*.
- **Choir Rehearsals:** Handbells, 5:30-6:25 PM. Sanctuary Choir, 6:30-8 PM. All are welcome to join.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

- **Children at the Lord's Table:** Children in K3 – 2nd grade are invited to join us for a Communion Workshop from 9:45 AM to 10:15 AM. Meet in Fellowship Hall.
- **"Second" Sunday Lunch** (postponed from today)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

- Stewardship Sunday
- Fall Festival following the 10:30 AM Worship Service.

NEWS AND NOTES

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.

Flower Dedications: If you would like 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.