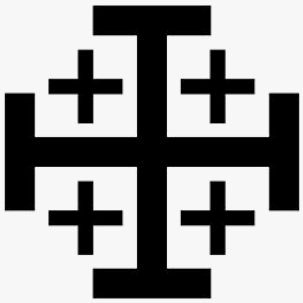


Welcome to worship! *We are glad you are here. If you need any assistance, please notify an usher. Please take a moment to register your attendance by using the friendship register located in each pew. We welcome the opportunity to learn more about you.*

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.*

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.*

Welcome to Worship

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 26, 2024 | 10:30 A.M.

TRINITY SUNDAY | FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Gathering

PRELUDE *Pasticcio (Organ Book, No. 10)*
Jean Langlais

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

INTROIT *Bless The Lord, O My Soul (Psalm 103)*
Ruth Watson Henderson

The Sopranos and Altos of the Sanctuary Choir

Text: Psalm 103: 1-2; 8-9

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 29*)
Honor the LORD for his glory and strength. Honor the LORD for the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.
The voice of the LORD is over the waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful. The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king for ever.
May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!
Let us worship God!

✠**HYMN 2** *Come, Thou Almighty King*
ITALIAN HYMN

✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

Holy God, we know that you are always there to lead us, yet we somehow lose our way and fall back in fear. We confess that we have stumbled, and we recognize our need for you to lift us up and help us start again. Have mercy on us, O God, and hear our silent prayers of confession.

(Silence)

Forgive us our failings, restore us to strength, and reconcile us with you, ourselves, and each other. Through the power of Christ and the gift of your Spirit we pray, Amen.

✠**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

✠**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

✠**RESPONSE | HYMN 581** *Glory Be to the Father*
GLORIA PATRI

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.*

The Brief Statement of Faith *was written in the 1980s when the Presbyterian Church (USA) was formed by the reunion of the northern and southern strands of Presbyterianism that divided before the Civil War. The statement offers one of the fullest descriptions of the Holy Spirit found in our denomination's Book of Confessions, emphasizing the Spirit's work in our present-day world.*

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer For Illumination **Casi Callaway**

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

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

Scripture Reading: John 3:1-17

Sermon: "God So Loved the World" **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Thanksgiving

✠**Hymn 343** *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*
GERMANY

✠**Affirmation of Faith:** From "A Brief Statement of Faith"
In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
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.

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 *For the Beauty of the Earth*
John Rutter

The Sanctuary Choir

Text: No. 14 in The Hymnal (Stanzas 1, 2, 4, & 5)

✠Response | Hymn 609 *Doxology*
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word and Spirit One.
Alleluia!

✠Prayer of Thanksgiving
Prayer of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

✠Hymn 673 *Jesus, Light of Joy*
LAUDA ANIMA

Sending

✠Benediction **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Postlude *Trumpet Tune*
Nicholas Bowden

Sunday, June 2

Join us in worship next Sunday, June 2, when the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar will preach on "The Story of Samuel: Confusion and Call," with Scripture readings from Psalm 9:9-20 and I Samuel 3:1-20. Choral music includes Ron Harris' "In This Very Room" and Eugene Butler's "Rejoice, the Lord is King!"

June Birthdays

June 1: Sadie Weldon

June 2: William Peebles

June 3: Shelby Gustin, Anne Guy, Sage Long, Julie Otts, Amanda Roberds

June 8: Lillian Hale

June 10: Robert Otts

June 11: Kelleen Walker

June 14: Marian and Slade Bennett, Katherine Browning

June 15: Will Ashbee, Arria Nicholas

June 16: Ceil McGehee

June 18: Lucinda Haas, Timothy Heisterhagen, Edward Heusser

June 20: Nancy Boone, Benjamin Hollensworth

June 23: Paula Sinclair, Michael Winn

June 24: Lee Adams, Trisha Hawkins

June 25: Chris King, Joy Rue

June 28: Trey Crockett

June 29: Forrest Jackson

June 30: Mac Schoenvogel, KB Walker



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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.

Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, MAY 28

Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 8 a.m. at the home of Ann Adams.

Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Library. Contact: Mary Elizabeth Perry.

Book Club: Meredith Johnston is leading a book discussion/club, which will meet on Tuesday, May 28, at 5:30 p.m. in the Church Library and via Zoom. The focus is on books about church history and biography. View the readings online in this week's e-newsletter. For more information, contact Meredith Johnston via email or at 251-323-5954.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

Men's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Library. Contact: Bo Perry.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: 6 p.m. in the Choir Room.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School is planned for the week of June 17-24. Sign up from the enewsletter or from our website, gspcmobile.org.

Volunteers Needed: The church office would welcome volunteers during the week, especially between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Volunteers assist with monitoring the Jackson Street entrance and answering the phone. They may also assist with special projects. If you are able to volunteer please contact Meredith Johnston at 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.

Worship has continued on this site since 1836, when the sanctuary, now a National Historic landmark, was completed.