

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 October 16, 2022 | 10:30 A.M.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Gathering

PRELUDE *Beach Spring*
WILBUR HELD

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

WELCOME FROM OUR CHILDREN **AVA STINSON**

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Responsive*) **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

"This is the Day"

This is the day, **this is the Day,**
That the Lord has made, **that the Lord has made,**
We will rejoice, **we will rejoice,**
And be glad in it, **and be glad in it.**

✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *unison* **JAMES LAMAR**

Gracious God, you tell us not to worry but still we do not put our trust in you. We put our trust in worldly things. Instead of following you, we go our own way. Forgive us, God. Help us to follow and trust you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

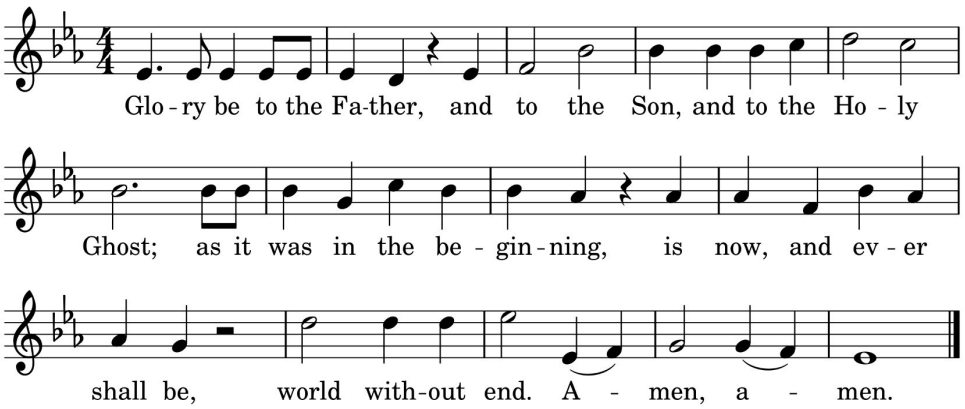
✠**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** **JAMES LAMAR**

***Following the Children's Sermon, children ages 3-Kindergarten** are invited to leave the sanctuary with two volunteers for Wee Worship. Wee Worship is a special time designed for young children to have a space to learn about God through bible stories, crafts and play. The sign–in binder is located in the first pew of the middle section of the sanctuary.*

✠Response | Hymn 581 *Glory Be To The Father*

GLORIA PATRI

Proclaiming the Word



Prayer for Illumination **Emerson Hale**

First Reading **Carter Hale**

2 Timothy 3: 14: 4-5

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God!

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

Presentation of Bibles **Rev. Alexandra Hutson**

Edward Mahan Heisterhagen
Shepherd Chandler Oliver

Rowan Claire Pierce
Preston Linden Reeder III

Second Reading **Rev. Alexandra Hutson**

Matthew 6: 25-34

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God

Sermon "Why Do You Worry?" **Rev. Alexandra Hutson**

Thanksgiving

Hymn 801 *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*
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✠ **Affirmation of Faith** *unison* **Lelia Otts**

The Nicene Creed

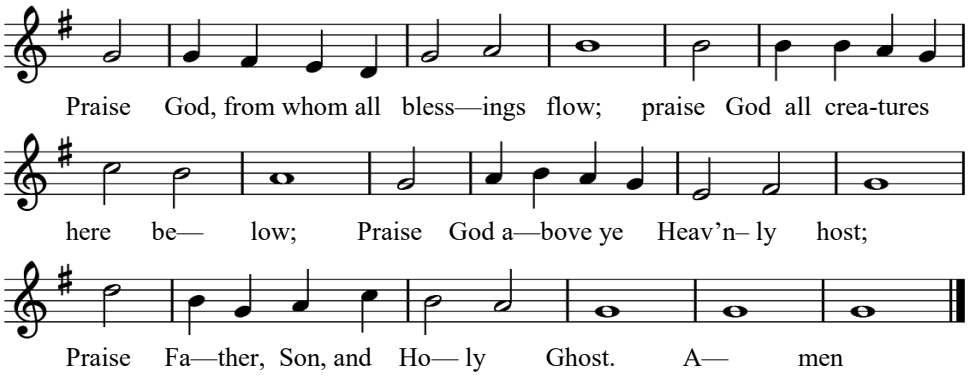
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty; maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through whom all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

The Nicene Creed was written in 325 in order to unify the church. *It affirms that the divinity of Christ, the Son, is of the same substance as the divinity of God, the Father. It is an ecumenical creed used by Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, and Protestant Christians with slight variations.*

Offering **Becca Lorge**

Meditation *God Will Take Care of You*
ARR. WALTER S. MARTIN

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



✠ **Prayer Of Thanksgiving** **Becca Lorge**

Prayer of Intercession **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

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

The benediction begins with a charge, or a challenge, to the faithful *as they prepare to leave and is concluded with a blessing and assurance of God's presence as they go from the sanctuary into their lives of discipleship.*

✠**Hymn 815** *Give to the Winds Thy Fears*

FESTAL SONG

✠**Benediction** **Rev. Alexandra Hutson**

Postlude *Musette*

G.F. HANDEL

Thank you to Dr. Nancy Graham for serving as our guest organist today.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Timothy 3:14-15

14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it 15 and how from

childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 6:25-34

25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink,[a] or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life?[b] 28 And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' 32 For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God[c] and his[d] righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

34 "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Children's Sabbath Sunday is celebrated by churches all over the country. It is sponsored and resourced by the Children's Defense Fund. It is a time for people of all faiths to unite in shared concern for children and common commitment to improving children's lives and working for justice on their behalf. Children's Sabbath is typically observed in October. As part of the "Educate a child, Transform the World" Initiative, Presbyterians throughout the country join in observance through worship, education and action. You can read more about this on the PCU-SA website or by going to this website, https://www.childrensdefense.org/childrens-sabbath-celebration/.

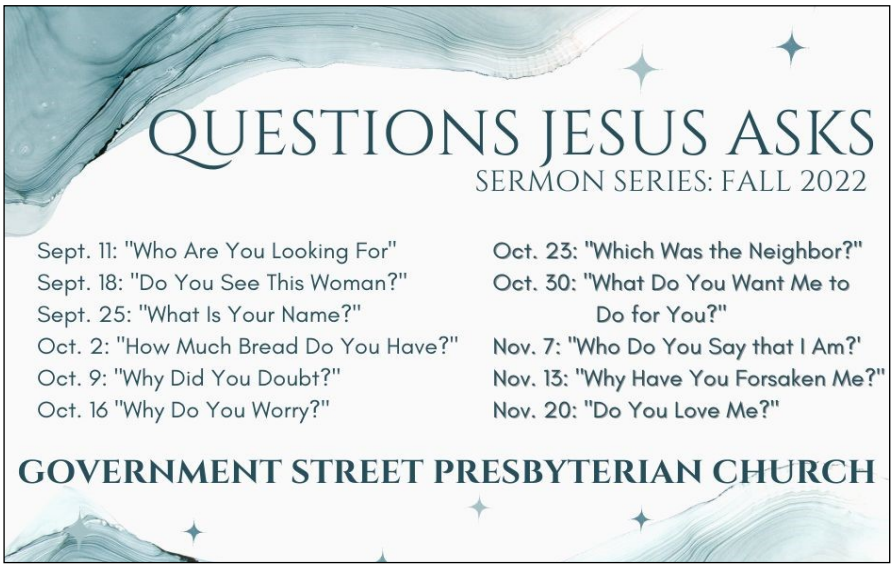
The roses on the pulpit are to honor our Pastors,

Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar

and Rev. Alexandra Hutson

during Clergy Appreciation Month.

GSPC NEWS







On Monday, October 10, the Urban Ministry Committee presented a special luncheon for the teachers at Barton Academy for Advanced World Studies. Thteachers were so pleased with the hospitality!

Children's Sabbath: On October 16, the children of our church will lead us in worship. This will be a special day in the life of our church. If your children are interested in being a part of this service, please contact the Rev. Alexandra Hutson.

Bible Basics: Mark your calendars for the Family Bible Basics class, a two-hour overview of the Bible, on Sunday, October 16, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided and the nursery will be available. Please call the church office at 251-432-1749 to register.

Interfaith Bible Study: The Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar joins Rabbi Ed Boraz of Spring Hill Avenue Temple and the Rev. Trey Doyle of First Baptist Church for an interfaith Bible study, "Two Pastors and a Rabbi." The dates are October 20, November 10 and December 1. All are welcome. Please call the church office at 251-432-1749 to register.

Volunteers needed for Trunk or Treat: Our annual Halloween party is coming up on Sunday, Oct. 30, and we need plenty of trunks full of treats! RSVP to the Rev. Alexandra Hutson.

CHURCH OFFICERS

ESSION

Class of 2022

John Browning, Joy Gardner, Dorothy Morrison, Scott Weldon, Marcia Wyatt

Class of 2023

Susan Ashbee, Casi Callaway, Lisa deShazo, John Moses, Henry Morrissette, Bo Perry

Class of 2024
Bobby Headrick, Charles Jones, Mary Herndon Nordmann, Katherine Ogburn, Dick Otts, Beth Rouse

Clerk of Session: John Browning

Assistant Clerk: Henry Morrissette

DIACONATE

Class of 2022

Kym Carroll, Sally Ericson, John Peebles, Jim Van Haneghan, Zack Weaver

Class of 2023

Damon Boone, Jane Hale, Ashley Oswalt, Harris Oswalt Jr., Leigh Schottgen, LeAnne Tamblyn

Class of 2024

Ashley Ashbee, Stella Jackson, Ashford Kettler, Richard Otts, Jasper Reaves

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 creamy peanut butter (no Jif, please, because of the recent recall) and 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.

BLANKET MINISTRY

All are invited to donate items to be delivered to USA Children's & Women's Mother/Baby/At Risk department for full term babies of needy families (not the NICU) and to the Mostellar Clinic. Here are suggested items and sizes:

- Baby blankets (greatest need) approx. 28-36" square/rectangles 30-34"x40-46"
- A few hats and booties
- (USACW only): No-scratch mittens (must be fabric, not yarn)

Inexpensive items of any baby-appropriate washable fabric or yarn are appreciated. No large items, please: The babies we serve usually average 3-5 lbs. Store-bought or handmade items are welcomed. (Please do not donate unmade fabric.)

Donations may be left in the "Baby Box" at the Jackson Street entrance, or you may order from Amazon and



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If you have news items to share in the e-newsletter or the bulletin, please email the information to Heather Hamilton (heather@gspcmobile.org) and Sally Ericson (sallyericson23@gmail.com).

Sanctuary Flowers

Gein to the glory of God and in loving memory of

Louise Ellis Oswalt

by Coleman, Margaret Vidmer and Lyle, and Ashley and Guy.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

Sunday Book Study Group: Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the library. Blanche Parsons is leading a new study on the book "Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others," by Barbara Brown Taylor.

Talking Heads Sunday School class: This class, led by the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar, meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Heltzel Room on the second floor.

Sunday School for children and youth: These classes meet at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays.

Wee Worship: Sundays at 10:45 a.m. for ages 2-6 after the Children's Sermon.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

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.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

Men's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 6:00p.m. in the Library.

Contact: Bo Perry.

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.