

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 29, 2022 | 10:30 A.M.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.*

Gathering

PRELUDE *Steal Away*
Arr. Charles Callahan

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP (FROM PSALM 97)** *responsive*

The Lord is king. Let the earth rejoice!
Let all the world be glad!
Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.
Rejoice in the Lord and give thanks to God's holy name.
Let us worship God!

✠**HYMN 624** *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*
TOULON

✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *unison* **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

God of power and hope, You are at work all around us, but so often we fail to see your power in our lives. We are distracted by what divides us instead of joining together in our common bond of your power and love. Forgive us for the many ways we fail you, and bind us together as witnesses of your mercy and grace. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

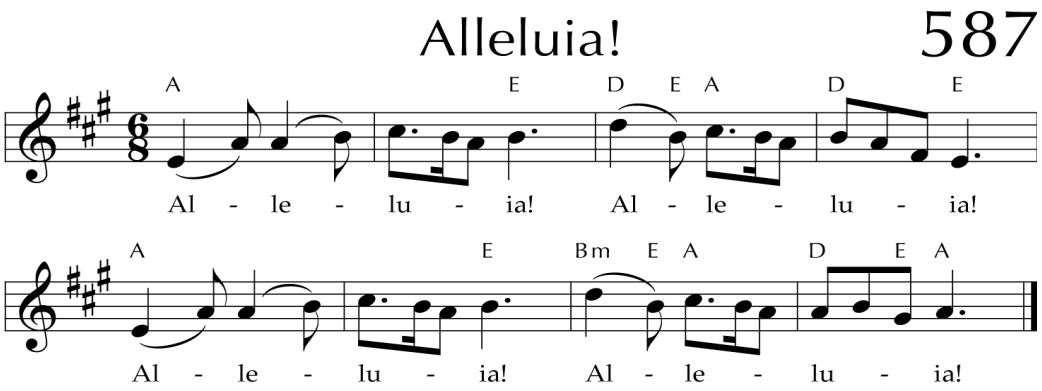
✠**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

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.*

✠Response | Hymn 587 CELTIC ALLELUIA



Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination **Tom McGehee**

First Reading Acts 16: 16-34

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God!

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

Second Reading John 17:20-26

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God!

Sermon "Completely One" **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Thanksgiving

Hymn 321 *The Church's One Foundation*
AURELIA

Our Affirmation of Faith for today comes from the Brief Statement of Faith. *This confession was written in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1983, in response to the reunion of the two largest Presbyterian churches in the USA, creating the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). It was added to the Book of Confessions following the 203rd General Assembly (1991).*

✠Affirmation of Faith *unison* **Rev. Alexandra Hutson**

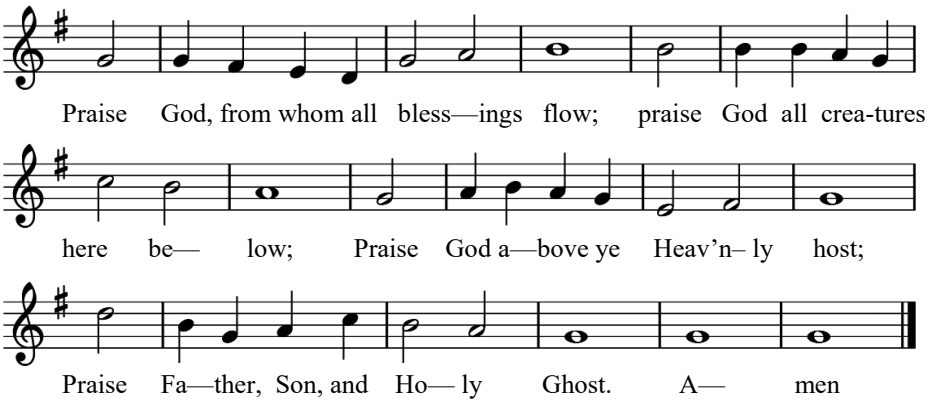
From A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Offering

Meditation *Come, Thou Traveler Unknown*
SCOTTISH MELODY

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



Prayer Of Thanksgiving

Prayer of Intercession

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 733 *We All Are One In Mission*
ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVOGELEIN

✠Benediction **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Postlude *Consolation*
George Shearing

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 16:16-34

16 One day as we were going to the place of prayer,
we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination
and brought her owners a great deal of money by
fortune-telling. 17 While she followed Paul and us, she
would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most
High God, who proclaim to you the way of
salvation." 18 She kept doing this for many days. But
Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the
spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to
come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

19 But when her owners saw that their hope of
making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas
and dragged them into the marketplace before the
authorities. 20 When they had brought them before
the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews,
are disturbing our city 21 and are advocating customs
that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or
observe." 22 The crowd joined in attacking them, and
the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing
and ordered them to be beaten with rods. 23 After
they had given them a severe flogging, they threw
them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them
securely. 24 Following these instructions, he put them
in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the
stocks.

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and
singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were
listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was an
earthquake so violent that the foundations of the
prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors
were opened and everyone's chains were
unfastened. 27 When the jailer woke up and saw the
prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was
about to kill himself, since he supposed that the
prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul shouted in a loud
voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all
here." 29 The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he
fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he
brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do
to be saved?" 31 They answered, "Believe in the Lord
Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your
household." 32 They spoke the word of the Lord to
him and to all who were in his house. 33 At the same
hour of the night he took them and washed their
wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized
without delay. 34 He brought them up into the house
and set food before them, and he and his entire
household rejoiced that he had become a believer in
God.

John 17:20-26

20 "I ask not only on behalf of these but also on
behalf of those who believe in me through their
word, 21 that they may all be one. As you, Father, are
in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so
that the world may believe that you have sent
me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given
them, so that they may be one, as we are one, 23 I in
them and you in me, that they may become
completely one, so that the world may know that
you have sent me and have loved them even as you
have loved me. 24 Father, I desire that those also,
whom you have given me, may be with me where I
am, to see my glory, which you have given me
because you loved me before the foundation of the
world.

25 "Righteous Father, the world does not know you,
but I know you, and these know that you have sent
me. 26 I made your name known to them, and I will
make it known, so that the love with which you have
loved me may be in them and I in them."



VBS: JUNE 20-24



All are invited! The theme is "Passport to Peace." 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.

Please sign up for VBS on the church website: gspcmobile.org/vbs. The Rev. Alexandra Hutson is seeking volunteers to assist with this event. If you can help, email her at Alexandra@gspcmobile.org.



Coming up at GSPC

Wednesday, June 1: GSPC Youth will assist with Meals on Wheels. See the Rev. Alexandra Hutson for details.

June 4-11: Youth Conference in Montreat, N.C.

Sunday, June 5, 5 p.m.: GSPC Young Adults Gathering, 6859 Bay Road. Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

Baytreat Mission Camps: Get ready to welcome our campers this summer! Here is the schedule:

Week 1: June 11-18

First Presbyterian Church || Mantoon, IL

Week 2: June 25-July 1

First Presbyterian Church || Anderson, SC

Week 3: July 9-15

Decatur Presbyterian Church || Decatur, GA

Week 4: July 16–22

Germantown Pres. Ch. ||Germantown, TN





Wear Red for Pentecost! (Sunday, June 5)

On Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church of Jesus Christ. Red is the traditional color for Pentecost. Please plan to wear red on Sunday, June 5 as we celebrate this special gift and worship together!

CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

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 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 request delivery to the church, marked "Blanket Ministry."



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The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
Don Bryan
by his wife, Sara, and his granddaughter, Sara.

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.

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.

Wee Worship
This ministry is on hiatus during the summer months.

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).

Those Serving Today:

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Leigh Schottgen