

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 20, 2022 | 10:30 A.M.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Gathering

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.*

PRELUDE *In Heavenly Love Abiding*
FELIX MENDELSSOHN

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

MINUTE FOR MISSION **CHRIS NEMEC**

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** *responsive* **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

Christ is King! Let the earth be glad.
His kingdom is not of this world, but his reign is forever.
We bow our hearts in praise of the one who creates, redeems, and sustains us.
Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, the firstborn of all creation.
The one who reigns in power, who is beyond time and space, humbled himself for our sakes and gave his life as a ransom for many.
Christ's power is made perfect in weakness. In his kingdom, the last shall be first, the voiceless will be silenced no more, the blind will see with clarity.
Christ is King! Let the earth be glad!
Let us worship God together!

✠**HYMN 269** *Lead On, O King Eternal!*
LANCASHIRE

✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *unison* **REV. ALEXANDRA HUTSON**

Holy God,
We confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus the king and model for our lives. We are slow to relinquish control, admit when we are wrong, and humble ourselves before others and before you. We have worshipped idols that are not worthy of our devotioin, even while we claim to be disciples of Christ. We have received mercy, but we have refused to offer mercy to others. Hear our silent prayers of confession.

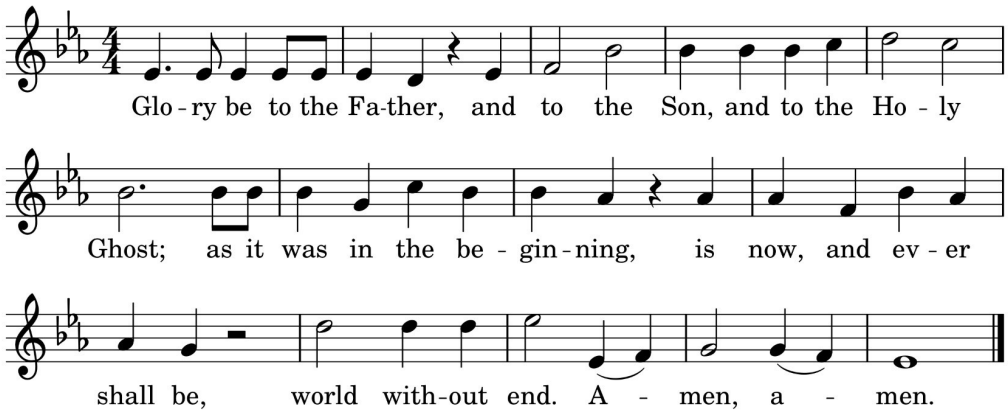
(Silence)

Forgive us, Lord, for the many ways we have failed to live as your people. Show us the ways we fall short, and by your grace, redirect our actions so that they may glorify you. We pray in the name of Christ the King. Amen.

✠Assurance of Pardon **Rev. Alexandra Hutson**

✠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 three through kindergarten may leave with volunteers for Wee Worship for the remainder of the service. The sign-in sheet for parents of Wee Worship children is on the front row.*

The nursery is available for ages infant through kindergarten.

***Children's worship packets** are available at the front of the sanctuary.*

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination **Harris Oswalt Jr.**

First Reading Colossians 1: 11-20

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks Be to God!

Children's Sermon **Rev. Alexandra Hutson**

Sacrament of baptism

Matthew Koehler O'Malley
born July 7, 2022
Son of Michael and Sydney O'Malley
Grandson of Duke and Shawn Walker

✠Hymn 486 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

KINGDOM

Second Reading John 21: 15-29

The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks Be to God!

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.*

Sermon "Do You Love Me?" **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 647 *Give Thanks*
GIVE THANKS

✠Affirmation of Faith *unison* **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

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.

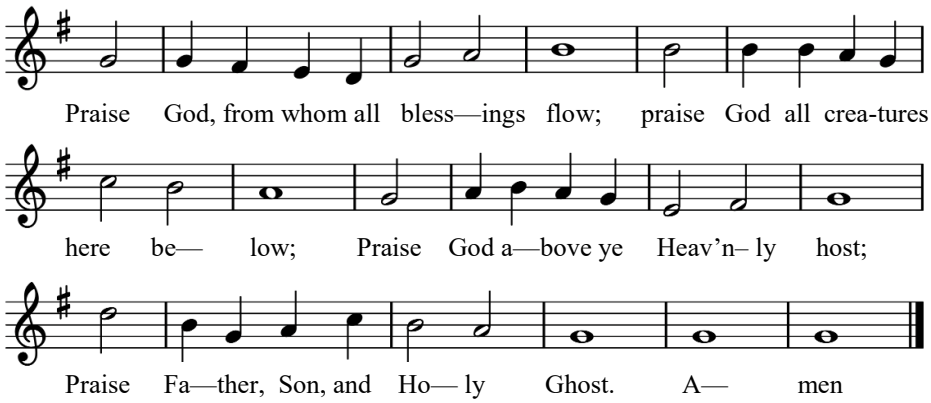
Choral Response *Alleluia*
The Sanctuary Choir — Traditional; arr. C. Nemec

Offering

Offertory *Day By Day*
The Sanctuary Choir — Martin How

Day by day, dear Lord of Thee, Three things I pray: To see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly, follow Thee more nearly, day by day.

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



✠Prayer Of Thanksgiving

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

✠Hymn 268 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*
DIADEMATA

✠Benediction **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Postlude *Passacaglia*
G. Young

Scripture Readings

Colossians 1: 11-20

11 being strengthened with all power according
to his glorious might so that you may have
great endurance and patience, 12 and giving
joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified
you to share in the inheritance of his holy
people in the kingdom of light. 13 For he has
rescued us from the dominion of darkness and
brought us into the kingdom of the Son he
loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the
forgiveness of sins.

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the
firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things
were created: things in heaven and on earth,
visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers
or rulers or authorities; all things have been
created through him and for him. 17 He is before
all things, and in him all things hold
together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the
church; he is the beginning and the
firstborn from among the dead, so that in
everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For
God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in
him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself
all things, whether things on earth or things in
heaven, by making peace through his
blood, shed on the cross.

John 21: 15-21

15 When they had finished eating, Jesus said to
Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love
me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

16 Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you
love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love
you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

17 The third time he said to him, "Simon son of
John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the
third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord,
you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. 18 Very truly I tell
you, when you were younger you dressed
yourself and went where you wanted; but when
you are old you will stretch out your hands, and
someone else will dress you and lead you where
you do not want to go." 19 Jesus said this to
indicate the kind of death by which Peter would
glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

20 Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom
Jesus loved was following them. (This was the
one who had leaned back against Jesus at the
supper and had said, "Lord, who is going to
betray you?") 21 When Peter saw him, he asked,
"Lord, what about him?"

GSPC News







Thank you to the wonderful Presbyterian Women for sponsoring the annual Angel Tree. If you selected an angel from the tree, please return your unwrapped gifts by Sunday, November 27.

Advent Festival: Come to Fellowship Hall right after worship today for the Advent Festival. We'll have lunch, decorate our Advent wreaths, and also make sandwiches for our Meals on Wheels clients.

Choir rehearsals: Chris Nemec, Organist and Director of Music, is eager to welcome all musicians as we prepare for the holidays! The Handbell Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, November 30, at 5:15 p.m. The Sanctuary Choir practices on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Chris has also begun rehearsals with the children for the **December 18 Lessons and Carols service.** They will sing a song about the candles of the Advent Wreath. Our weekly rehearsals are on Sundays from 9:30 to 9:45 a.m. in the Tent Room. Parents, please help us set the children up for success by bringing them to the weekly rehearsals. If you have questions, please contact Chris at Chris@gspcmobile.org.

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 final date is December 1. All are welcome. Please call the church office at 251-432-1749 to register.

Christmas Events coming up:

On **Sunday, November 27,** the Youth will meet at Target at Bel Air Mall at 5:30 p.m. for a fun service project! The group will go shopping to buy gifts for an Angel Tree child.

Christmas at Bellingrath: Families are invited to meet at Bellingrath Gardens and Home at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, December 2, to tour Magic Christmas in Lights.

The **Youth Christmas Party** is set for Sunday, December 4, at 4:30 p.m. at the Rev. Alexandra Hutson's home, 31553 Memphis Loop in Spanish Fort.



Church Officers

SESSION

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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 Foyer, or you may order from Amazon and request delivery to the church, marked "Blanket Ministry."

MCKEMIE PLACE

GSPC has agreed to provide lunch for up to 45 residents at McKemie Place on the second Friday of each month. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for this mission over the last year. We are in need of volunteers to provide, prepare, and serve lunches on January 13, February 10, and March 10, 2023. If you can help with this mission on any of these dates, please contact Lisa deShazo at 251-591-1077.

COLD-WEATHER CLOTHING DONATIONS

GSPC is collecting gently worn cold-weather clothing items for men, women and children, such as coats, sweaters, hats, gloves and scarves. Socks are a much-needed item for those in shelters. These items will be given to various agencies that distribute clothing to those in need. There is a box for these donations in the Jackson Street Foyer.



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. John B. Waterman, Mrs. Annie Louise Waterman, Mr. Thaddeus Harrison, Mr. Carroll B. Waterman, Mrs. Helen Waterman van Aken, Mr. Thaddeus H. Waterman, and Mr. John B. Waterman II by their descendants, Melissa Waterman Inge and Annise Waterman Uphaus.

The flowers on the baptismal font are given to the glory of God and in honor of Matthew Koehler O'Malley by his grandparents, Duke and Shawn Walker, and Mike and Jeannie O'Malley.

Calendar of Events

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Sunday Book Study Group: Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the library. Dr. Susan Ashbee is leading the Interpretation Bible Series "Romans."

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.

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

Wee Worship: Sundays at 10:45 a.m. for ages 3 to kindergarten.

Advent Festival: Luncheon and an Advent Wreath workshop in Fellowship Hall.

Evening Bible Study: This study, led by the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar, meets at 5 p.m. in the Guesnard House.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

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, NOVEMBER 22

The Wednesday Men's Bible Study will not meet this week.
The Sanctuary Choir will not rehearse this week.

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.