Welcome to Worship

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 27, 2025 | 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. 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.

Gathering

PRELUDE *Clair de Lune (Suite Bergamasque)*
Claude Debussy
Simple Gifts
Shaker Melody; arr. Daniel Burton
Deep River
Spiritual; arr. Daniel Burton
Rebekah Atkinson, ***harpist***

WELCOME **REV. ANNE H.K. APPLE**

INTROIT *Fairest Lord Jesus*
Miss Atkinson Silesian Melody

✠CALL TO WORSHIP **SUSAN ASHBEE**

From water to wilderness,
God's covenant continues.
God's kingdom draws near.

On stone and in hearts,
God's covenant continues.
God's kingdom draws near.

We will cast all our anxiety upon God, for God cares for us.
We follow Christ. Let us worship God together in Spirit and Truth.

✠HYMN 37 *Let All Things Now Living*
ASH GROVE

✠CALL TO CONFESSION *(Responsive)*
If we say that we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us;
but if we confess our sins,
God is faithful and just to forgive our sins,
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. It is as if we stand before Christ and say,
"This is how it is with my life — this is how it is with our life together."

Let us come before Christ to confess.

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.*

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.*

✠Prayer of Confession *(Responsive)*

New every morning is your love, great God of life.
Forgive us when we fail to listen and to join in your good work in the world.
You desire that we rid ourselves of all guile, insincerity, envy and slander.
Forgive us when we fail to long for the pure, spiritual milk that you offer.
You invite humility and deep faithfulness. You build us into a spiritual house.
Forgive us when we turn from trusting that you will restore, support, strengthen, and establish us.
In this silence, hear our prayers for the sin that clings so closely.
O Lord in your mercy, ***Forgive us, we pray. Amen.***

✠Assurance of Pardon

✠Passing of the Peace

✠Response | Hymn 581 *Glory Be to the Father*
GLORIA PATRI

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination **Rev. Anne H.K. Apple**

First Reading: 1 Peter 4:7-11 **Susan Ashbee**

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks Be to God!

Children's Sermon **Bradley Daugherty**
Wee Worship Leaders: Emily Watson and Katherine Ogburn

Second Reading: 1 Peter 5: 5b-11

Sermon: "Cast All Your Anxiety" **Rev. Apple**

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 720 *Jesus Calls Us*
GALILEE

✠Affirmation Of Faith *(Responsive; from the Confession of 1967, Section 9.31)* **Susan Ashbee**

Already, God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in God's people.

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world.

The church does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat.

In each time and place there are particular problems and crises through which God calls the church to act.

The church is guided by the Holy Spirit, humbled by its own complicity and instructed by all attainable knowledge to discern the will of God.

The church seeks to discern the will of God and to learn how to obey in these concrete situations.

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.*

Please use this QR code to access the ***Officer Nomination Form.*** *(To access the code, hold up your phone as if you were taking a photo and click on the small yellow box.) You may make as many nominations as you like.*

Please use this QR code to access the ***Announcement Form.*** *(To access the code, hold up your phone as if you were taking a photo and click on the small yellow box.) You may use this form to submit news for the newsletter or bulletin.*

Offering

Offertory *As the Deer*
arr. Jill Justice

Miss Atkinson

✠Response | Hymn 606 *Doxology*
OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God, above ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✠Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of Intercession and 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 451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*
OPEN MY EYES

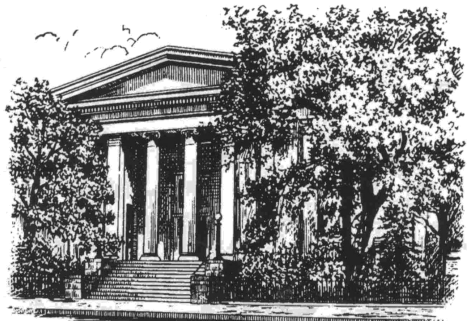
✠Benediction **Rev. Apple**

Postlude *Am Springbrunnen (At the Fountain)*
Albert Zabel

We welcome harpist Rebekah Atkinson back to GSPC, and thank her for sharing her talent with us during our morning worship.

Sunday, August 3

Join us next Sunday, August 3, for Holy Communion and as the Rev. Bob Madsen joins as our guest preacher. Scripture readings will include Hosea 11:1-11 and Luke 12:13-21. Rev. Madsen's sermon is titled "Whose Will They Be?" Music will include tenor Jacob Mohr singing "How Great Thou Art" with guest pianist Nancy Graham.



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Alexandra Katherine DeWitt,
daughter of Ruth Schmohl
and stepdaughter of John Schmohl.

GSPC News

Call for Nominations: The congregation is invited to submit nominations for Elders and Deacons in the Class of 2028. Please use the QR code on page 3 of the bulletin to access the nomination form. You may make as many nominations as you like.

Back-to-School Uniform Drive: The new school year starts in just a few weeks. Last year, the congregation provided assistance for students attending Barton Academy whose families needed help with purchasing uniforms. If you would like to assist these families, please submit a check to the church office, or through the offering, and put "Uniform Assistance" in the memo line.

Status Update on the Elevator: The elevator repair project has begun with Bagby Elevator Company. The funding was secured by the work of the Trustees and the Session. In addition, the Session is moving forward to install a chair lift so that the sanctuary is accessible while the elevator repairs are undertaken. The estimate for completion of the chair lift is in August. The date we have been given for completion of the elevator is mid-November. Special thanks to the Property Committee for the persistence with all the details to get this project completed. If you need help when entering or exiting the sanctuary, please call the church office, or notify a staff member or a Sunday Assistant.

Bottle Drive: Do you have any extra water bottles? GSPC is collecting reusable water bottles to give out to those in need. Please bring your donations to the church office.

Seeking a 12-Step Program Host: The Mission Committee is searching for a volunteer with AA-12 step program history to host a new program at GSPC. This will be a weekly commitment. The committee will help with providing books and meeting space. If you have the knowledge and interest, please contact Neal Horner or Lynn McDaniel.

McKemie Place Lunches: Volunteers are needed to provide lunch to about 20-24 homeless ladies at McKemie Place. If you can help on August 8, September 11, or October 10, please call Lisa deShazo at 251-591-1077 or Mary DeWitt Dukes at 504-920-1918.

GSPC Book Club: The Book Club will meet on August 26 at 5:30 p.m. in the library and via Zoom. The selection is "Fairhope, 1894–1954: The Story of a Single Tax Colony" by Paul and Blanche Alyea. RSVP to mwjohnston@crimson.ua.edu or 251-323-5954.

Flower Dedications: To place flowers in the Sanctuary in memory of or in honor of a loved one, contact Ann Adams at Adams-marion@att.net or 251-591-8586.

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.