



**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.

The **nursery** is available for ages infant through kindergarten. Children's worship packets are available at the front of the sanctuary.

**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.

# GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 2, 2023 | 10:30 A.M.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

## Gathering

### PRELUDE

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

Charlotte Naylor, recorder

MATERNA

### WELCOME

REV. ALEXANDRA HUTSON

### ✠CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 118)

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;  
**The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**  
The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

### ✠OPENING HYMN: *This Is the Day*

Les Garrett

*This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

### ✠HYMN 1

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

NICAEA

### ✠CALL TO CONFESSION

CARRIE ADAMS

### ✠HYMN 833

*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go (Verses 1,2)*

ST. MARGARET

### ✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CARRIE ADAMS

Gracious God, we have wandered from You, choosing our earthly desires over Your will for us. You taught us to love one another, but we continue to choose ourselves instead. With your loving mercy, help us to abide by you. Forgive us, Lord, and now hear our silent prayers of confession.

(silence)

In your mercy, renew our spirit to serve you and live according to your will. Help us to love one another as you love us. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

### ✠ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### ✠HYMN 833

*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go (Verses 3,4)*

ST MARGARET

### ✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

✠RESPONSE: HYMN 840

*When Peace Like a River*  
VILLE DU HAVRE

*Proclaiming the Word: Scriptures and Songs*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

REV. ALEXANDRA HUTSON

✠HYMN 462

*I Love to Tell the Story*  
HANKEY

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 103

CARRIE ADAMS

✠HYMN 620

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*  
LAUDA ANIMA

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 90: 1,2, 9-17

REV. ALEXANDRA HUTSON

✠HYMN 687

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*  
ST. ANNE

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Timothy 1: 14-17

CARRIE ADAMS

✠HYMN 12

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*  
ST. DENIO

FOURTH SCRIPTURE READING: Lamentations 3: 19-24

REV. ALEXANDRA HUTSON

✠HYMN 39

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
FAITHFULNESS

*Thanksgiving*

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From A Brief Statement of Faith) CARRIE ADAMS

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.

OFFERING

CARRIE ADAMS

OFFERTORY

*Steal Away*  
Spiritual; arr. Hal Johnson

Jacob Mohr, tenor

*Steal away to Jesus, steal away home; I ain't got long to stay here. My Lord, he calls me; He calls me by the thunder, De trumpet sounds within my soul, I ain't got long to stay here. Green trees a-bendin', Po' sinner stands a tremblin'. Steal away to Jesus.*

*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.*

✠RESPONSE | HYMN 607

*Doxology*

✠PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CARRIE ADAMS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION  
AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

REV. ALEXANDRA HUTSON

*The Prayer of Intercession is in the form of spoken prayer  
interspersed with verses of Hymn No. 819, "Be Still, My Soul."*

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to thy God to order and provide, who through all changes faithful will  
remain.

**Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake to guide the future surely as the  
past.**

**Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright  
at last.**

Be still, my soul: The hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the  
Lord; when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone; sorrow forgot, love's  
purest joys restored.

✠CLOSING HYMN

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*  
MELITA

*Sending*

✠BENEDICTION

REV. ALEXANDRA HUTSON

POSTLUDE

*My Country, 'Tis of Thee*  
AMERICA

Ms. Naylor, recorder

*Sunday, July 9*

Next Sunday, July 9, the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar continues her sermon series  
with "Sailboat Church: Unity," with scriptural references of Psalm 100 and  
I Corinthians 12:4-13. While the Sanctuary Choir is on their summer break, our  
guest musicians will be Dr. Andra Bohnet, principal flute with the Mobile  
Symphony Orchestra, and guitarist Ben Harper, Operations and Education  
Coordinator of the MSO, who will lead worship with "Morning Has Broken,"  
"Be Thou My Vision" and other selections.



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## Sanctuary Flowers

The Sanctuary Flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Hans Zandstra  
by his wife, Jeepje, and their children.

## Calendar of Events

### TUESDAY, JULY 4

**Church Office closed.**

### MONDAY, JULY 10

**Interfaith Bible Study:** All are welcome to join the "Two Pastors and a Rabbi" Bible study from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at GSPC.

### ADDITIONAL NEWS AND NOTES

**Baytreat Summer Rentals:** Baytreat is available for rentals this summer. For information, contact Shelley Springer at shelly@shelleyspringer.com or 251-605-0695.

**The Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar** is away through Saturday, July 8, for a week of Continuing Education at Montreat's Worship and Music Conference and also a week of family vacation in Montreat.

## July Birthdays

**July 1:** Bill Majure

**July 2:** Dan Dealy, Jim Hood, Julia Thomas King

**July 3:** Henley Akers

**July 5:** Kym Carroll

**July 6:** Ashley Lamar, Scott Weldon

**July 7:** Charlotte Crockett

**July 9:** Eva Curran, Carolyn Jones

**July 10:** Marilyn Moses

**July 14:** Tripp Gustin

**July 15:** Shelley Hood

**July 16:** Chan Ogburn

**July 18:** Shepard Oliver

**July 20:** Jacob Hutson

**July 23:** Caroline Newman

**July 24:** Stella Jackson

**July 25:** Virginia Guy

**July 26:** Elizabeth Morrisette

**July 27:** Margaret Vidmer Hutchison, Cecily Kaffer

**July 28:** Robin Adams

**July 30:** Mary Ann Adams

**July 31:** Molly Nordmann

## 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.