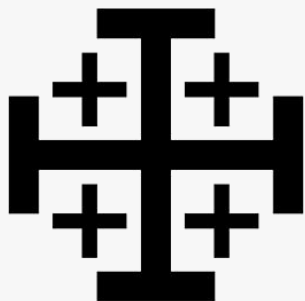




Welcome to worship! We are glad you are here. If you need any assistance, please notify an usher. Please take a moment to register your attendance by using the friendship register located in each pew. We welcome the opportunity to learn more about you.

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.

Welcome to Worship

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 4, 2024 | 10:30 A.M.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Gathering

PRELUDE

Vocalise (Opus 34, No. 14)

Sergei Rachmaninoff

Dr. Andrea Beltran Landers, cello

WELCOME

BUZZY RIIS

INTROIT

Be Not Afraid

Bob Dufford, S.J.; arr. Nemec

The Sanctuary Choir, Dr. Landers

You shall cross the barren desert but you shall not die of thirst; you shall wander far in safety, though you do not know the way. You shall speak your words to foreign men and they will understand; you shall see the face of God and live. "Be not afraid. I go before you always. Come, follow me and I will give you rest." If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown; if you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed. If you stand before the powers of hell and death is at your side, know that I am with you though it all.

✠CALL TO WORSHIP (From Isaiah 40)

Have we not known? Have we not heard? Has it not been told to us since the beginning?

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary.

He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

They shall mount up with wings like eagles. They shall run and not be weary.

They shall walk and not faint.

Let us worship God, who gives us strength.

✠HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Everlasting God,

You are the Creator of all that exists and your understanding is beyond measure. Though our wisdom is limited, we continue to follow our will rather than yours. We have sinned against you and our neighbors. Hear our silent prayers of confession.

(Silence)

In your compassion, forgive us, for we place our hope in your steadfast love. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

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-K 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.

The Apostles' Creed: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.

✠ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

✠RESPONSE | HYMN 447

We Are Forgiven
WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.
We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

BO PERRY

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 1: 29-39

CHILDREN'S SERMON

BUZZY RIIS

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 40: 21-31

REV. DR. JULIAN WALTHALL

SERMON: "Waiting on the Lord"

DR. WALTHALL

Thanksgiving

✠HYMN 340

This Is My Song
FINLANDIA

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

CASI CALLAWAY

✠RESPONSE

Seven-Fold Amen
Peter Lutkin

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Witness
Spiritual; arr. Mark Patterson/Nemec

The Sanctuary Choir; Jacob Mohr, *tenor soloist*; Meredith Wilson, *mezzo soloist*; Dr. Landers

Who'll be a witness for my Lord? Now Daniel was a Hebrew child, he went to pray to his God awhile. The king at once for Daniel did send, he put him right down in the lion's den. God sent angels, the lions to keep, so Daniel laid down and went to sleep.

Daniel was a witness for my Lord.

There was a man of the Pharisees, his name was Nicodemus and he didn't believe. Christ told Nicodemus as a friend, "Man, you must be born again. Marvel not, man, if you want to be wise, repent, believe, and be baptized."

Who'll be a witness for my Lord? I'll be a witness for my Lord.

When we gather for Communion, the Spirit draws us into Christ's presence and unites us with Christians in every time and space. We join with the baptized faithful in heaven and on earth in offering thanksgiving to the triune God. We affirm the promises of our baptism and recommit ourselves to love and serve God, one another, and our neighbors in the world.

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.

✠RESPONSE | HYMN 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.
 Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God in Jesus fully known; Creator, word and spirit one. Alleluia!

✠PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

DR. WALTHALL

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
 Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Bist du Bei Mir (BWV 508)

J.S. Bach

Sarabande (Suite for Unaccompanied Cello, BWV 1007)

J.S. Bach

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

✠HYMN 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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Sending

✠BENEDICTION

DR. WALTHALL

POSTLUDE

Marcia (3rd Organ Symphony, Opus 13, No. 3)

Charles Marie Widor

The Rev. Dr. Julian W. Walthall is a native of Hale County in the Black Belt. After serving four churches in active ministry over 39 years, he was honorably retired in 2012 by the Presbytery of South Alabama. He and his wife, Carolyn, live in Daphne. They have two sons: David, an English professor in Siena, Italy, and Claiborne, an environmental lawyer in upstate New York. Their three precious granddaughters live in New Scotland, NY.

Sunday, February 11

Next Sunday, February 11, GSPC will worship at First Baptist Church of Mobile, 806 Government Street, at 9 a.m. Preachers for this service are the Rev. Trey Doyle (First Baptist Church), Rabbi Edward Boraz (Spring Hill Avenue Temple), and the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar (GSPC). There will be no service at GSPC next week.



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Mabel and Bestor Ward
by their family.

Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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.

Tuesday Lunch and Learn: Learn all about how to avoid Internet
scams from our guest speaker, Glenda Snodgrass, a cybersecurity
expert! Lunch is served at noon and the presentation begins at 12:30
p.m. Lunch is \$12 and includes coffee, tea and dessert. Invite your
friends and family to lunch! Here is the schedule:

Feb. 6: Glenda Snodgrass, information security expert, the Net Effect

Feb. 20: Jo Bonner, President, University of South Alabama

Feb. 27: Keith Blackwood, Mobile District Attorney

March 5: Lucy Gafford, Executive Director, Mobile Arts Council

March 12: John Driscoll, Director and CEO, Alabama Port Authority

March 19: Alan Sealls, author and Chief Meteorologist at NBC-15

April 2: Champ Napier, client advocate, Mobile County Public Defender's
Office

April 9: Simone Eli, sports director and anchor, WKRG

April 16: Owen Bailey, CEO, USA Health

April 23: Jon Carfagno, Executive Director, Mobile Museum of Art

April 30: Elizabeth Stevens, President and CEO, Downtown Mobile
Alliance

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Choir rehearsals: Handbells, 5:15-5:45 p.m.; choir, 6-7:30 p.m.

Men's Bible Study: 6 p.m. in the Library. Contact: Bo Perry.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Joint worship service: 9 a.m., First Baptist Church, 806 Government St.

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.