

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 6, 2022 | 10:30 A.M.

TWENTY-SECOND 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 *Litany for the Feast of All Saints*
FRANZ SCHUBERT

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** *responsive*

I will praise my God and king and bless the name of the Lord forever.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!
One generation shall laud the works to another and declare the mighty acts of God.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!
Those before us shared the good news of God's power with us, and we carry it to the generations to come.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!
Let us worship God!

✠**HYMN 309** *Come, Great God of All the Ages*
ABBOT'S LEIGH

✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *unison*

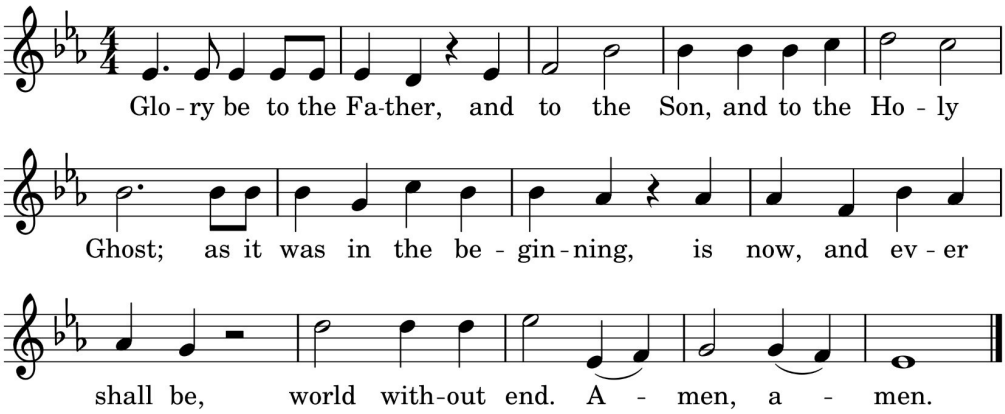
Holy and gracious God,
You are our light and our salvation. You are our strength and our delight. You give us all we need to live. We confess that we become distracted, chasing after our own desires rather than trusting your provision. We are not prepared to serve you as we should and too easily ignore your commands. Hear our silent prayers of confession.

(Silence)

Forgive us, Lord, and turn our attention to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with your grace. In Christ's name, Amen.

✠Assurance of Pardon **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

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



Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination **Buzzy Riis, Liturgist**

First Reading 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks Be to God!

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

Second Reading Matthew 16: 13-20

The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks Be to God!

Sermon: "Who Do You Say That I Am?" **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 501 *Feed Us, Lord*
FEED US

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.*

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.*

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

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.

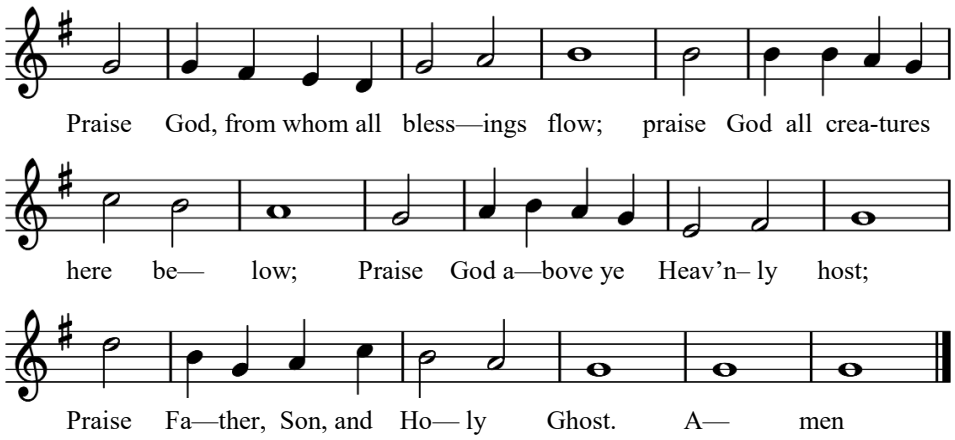
Offering

Offertory — *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

The Sanctuary Choir — Dale Wood

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

OLD HUNDREDTH



Prayer Of Thanksgiving — Rev. Alexandra Hutson

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table — Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar

Great Thanksgiving — Rev. Alexandra Hutson

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.

Remembering the Saints

Richard George Ivy
December 11, 1949 - December 3, 2021

Mavis Anne Monroe
August 18, 1929 – December 25, 2021

Elizabeth Bodden Lutz
May 14, 1923 – January 14, 2022

Kenneth James Smith
July 30, 1934 – January 16, 2022

Dortha May White
March 19, 1931 – February 15, 2022

Rev. Dr. James Oscar Pitts III
August 24, 1937 – April 4, 2022

Martelle Owens Scott
January 25, 1924 – April 19, 2022

Rosamond Boykin
March 14, 1929 – August 5, 2022

MayBeth Bruckmann
May 8, 1950 – September 9, 2022

Carolla Hider
September 15, 1920 – October 20, 2022

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.

Breaking of the Bread
Communion of the People

Communion Meditation — *Let Us Break Bread Together*
Arr. Stephen Nielsen

Prayer After Communion

Sending

✠Hymn 326 — *For All the Saints*
SINE NOMINE

✠Benediction — Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar

Postlude — *Rondeau*
Jean-Joseph Mouret

Scripture Readings

2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17

1 Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ
and our being gathered to him, we ask you,
brothers and sisters, 2 not to become easily
unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly
from us—whether by a prophecy or by word of
mouth or by letter—asserting that the day of the
Lord has already come. 3 Don't let anyone deceive
you in any way, for that day will not come until
the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is
revealed, the man doomed to destruction. 4 He
will oppose and will exalt himself over everything
that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets
himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to
be God.

5 Don't you remember that when I was with you I
used to tell you these things?

13 But we ought always to thank God for you,
brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because
God chose you as first fruits to be saved through
the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through
belief in the truth. 14 He called you to this through
our gospel, that you might share in the glory of
our Lord Jesus Christ.

15 So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and
hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you,
whether by word of mouth or by letter.

16 May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our
Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us
eternal encouragement and good hope, 17
encourage your hearts and strengthen you in
every good deed and word.

Matthew 16: 13-20

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea
Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people
say the Son of Man is?"

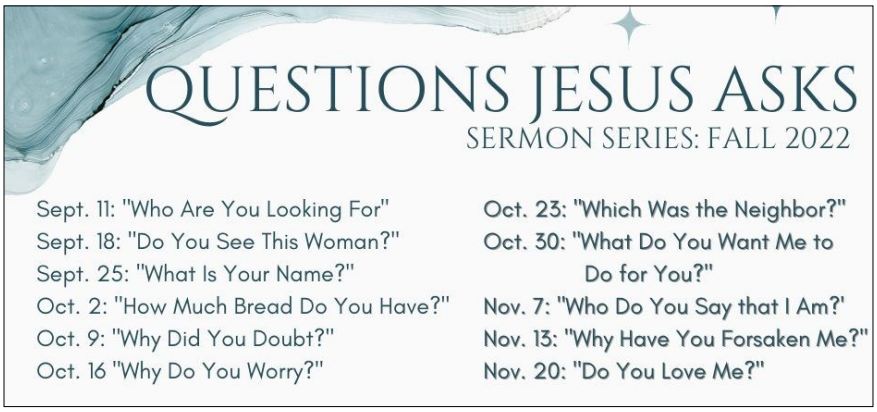
14 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others
say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the
prophets."

15 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you
say I am?"

16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah,
the Son of the living God."

17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of
Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh
and blood, but by my Father in heaven. 18 And I
tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will
build my church, and the gates of Hades will not
overcome it. 19 I will give you the keys of the
kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth
will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose
on earth will be loosed in heaven." 20 Then he
ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he
was the Messiah.

GSPC News







So many families and friends turned out for Trunk or Treat! Thank you to the Rev. Alexandra Hutson, to the volunteers who set up trunks, and to the youth for organizing this fun event!

Choir rehearsals resume: Chris Nemec, Organist and Director of Music, is eager to welcome all musicians as we begin to prepare for the holidays! Choir practice is on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Join us! 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 dates are November 10 and December 1. All are welcome. Please call the church office at 251-432-1749 to register.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service: The congregation is invited to a Thanksgiving Service led by downtown church leaders on Tuesday, November 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Spring Hill Avenue Temple. Among those leading in worship will be the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar and Rabbi Ed Boraz.

Fall Family Nature Walk: Join us for lunch and a fun outing after church on Sunday, November 13. We will have lunch in the Fellowship Hall and then meet out at Langan Park to explore the trails together! Please RSVP to the Rev. Alexandra Hutson so that she will have a head count for the lunch.

Mark Your Calendar: The Advent Festival is set for Sunday, November 20, right after worship. Please RSVP to the Rev. Alexandra Hutson.



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

November Birthdays

November 1: Mary McGowin, Richard Otts

November 3: Charles Jackson, Ryan McKee

November 5: Frank Harris, Blanche Parsons

November 6: John Otts

November 9: Susan Groom, Eddy Hawkins

November 10: Ashford Kettler, Melanie Thomason

November 11: Edward Ogburn

November 12: Haney Jones

November 13: Lyle Hutchison IV
November 15: Caroline King, James Tamblyn

November 16: Meg Brown

November 17: Ellen Bacon

November 18: Harris Oswalt, Ulric Sinclair

November 19: Harriett Boster, Alexandra Van Haneghan Pritchard, Emily Van Haneghan

November 20: Charlotte Naylor, Laura Nelson, Sally Pearsall

November 21: Sage Arnold, Christopher Majure, George Oswalt

November 24: Laurie Shorter

November 26: Jenifer Marley, John Bowen Perry

November 28: Sara Kaffer, Susan Lorge

November 30: William Bennett, Becca Lorge



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If you have news for the e-newsletter or bulletin, please email the information to Heather Hamilton at heather@gspcmobile.org, or to Sally Ericson at sallyericson23@gmail.com.

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers today are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Charlotte H. Eichold
by her daughter, Beth Walmsley,
and her grandchildren.

Calendar of Events

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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 on the second floor.

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

Wee Worship: Sundays at 10:45 a.m. for ages 3 to kindergarten; begins after the Children's Sermon.

Officer Training: There will be a training session for new Church Officers today in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship.

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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 9

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

Choir Practice: Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Choir Room.

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.