Welcome to Worship

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 8, 2025 | 10:30 A.M.

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.*

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

PRELUDE *Two Variations on "Veni, Creator Spiritus" (Come, Creator Spirit)*
Maurice Duruflé

INTROIT *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*
Harold Friedell

The Sanctuary Choir

Text: No. 529 in The Hymnal

✠CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

The Day of Pentecost is here! Jesus' disciples have gathered in this place:
We are transformed into God's family by God's Spirit joining with ours.
Come, Spirit of adoption, and open our hearts to our sisters and brothers:
Come, Holy Spirit!
Come, Spirit of peace, and calm our trembling hearts:
Come, Holy Spirit!
Come, Breath of God, and overturn our conventional lives:
Come, Holy Spirit!

✠HYMN 289 *On Pentecost They Gathered*

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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.

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)*

On this Pentecost Sunday, we confess to You, O Lord –
our division, for we are not gathered together as Your people in one place;
our fear of the rush of your Spirit in our lives and what it might call us to do or to be;
our actions that can be like the crowds that taunt and torment,
mocking those who are filled with your Spirit that burns like fire and rushes like wind.
Forgive us, Lord, and hear our silent prayers of confession.

(Silence)

Have mercy on us, O God. Help us to let down our barriers to your Spirit. Guide us to live with joy, abandon, and faithfulness. Create in us new hearts to be new people who worship only You. Through Christ, 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.*

✠ASSURANCE OF PARDON

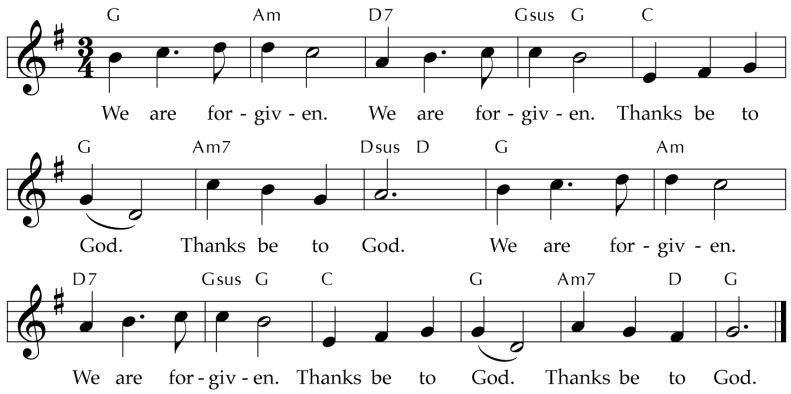
✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

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.*

✠Response | Hymn 447 *We Are Forgiven*
WE ARE FORGIVEN



Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

First Reading: John 14:8-17

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God!

Children's Sermon **Rev. Lamar**

Wee Worship Leaders: Bradley Daugherty and Nicole Riis

Second Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Sermon: "Troubled Hearts and Resting Tongues" **Rev. Anne H.K. Apple**

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 286 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*
TRENTHAM

✠Affirmation Of Faith *(The Apostles' Creed)* **Rev. Apple**

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.

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.*

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.

Offering

Offertory *Spirit, Now Live in Me*
Bryan Jeffrey Leech

The Sanctuary Choir

O holy Dove of God descending, You are the love that knows no ending, All of our shattered dreams You're mending, Spirit, now live in me. O Holy Wind of God now blowing, You are the seed that God is sowing, You are the life that starts us growing, Spirit, now live in me. O holy Rain of God now falling, You make the Word of God enthralling, You are that inner voice now calling, Spirit, now live in me.
O holy Flame of God now burning, You are the pow'r of Christ returning,
You are the answer to our yearning, Spirit, now live in me.

✠Doxology | Hymn 609 *Doxology*
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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, alleluia!

Prayer of Thanksgiving **Rev. Anne H.K. Apple**

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Sending

✠Hymn 66 *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*
PENTECOST

Congregational Meeting to Elect Nominating Committee

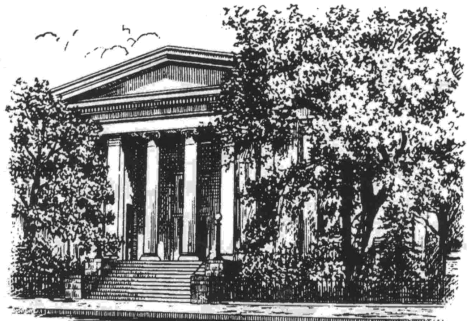
✠Benediction **Rev. Apple**

Postlude *Improvisation on "Veni, Creator Spiritus"*

Today, we welcome the Rev. Anne H.K. Apple to our pulpit. Anne served as an Urban Mission Intern at GSPC in the summers of 1999 and 2000 while she was a student at Columbia Theological Seminary. She has served as pastor at Grace Presbyterian Church in Mobile and at Idlewild Presbyterian Church in Memphis. More recently, Rev. Apple served as Interim Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Tallahassee, FL. She and her husband, Jim, live in Montreat, N.C., but are spending the summer in Mobile, where she will serve as Temporary Pastor at GSPC while the Rev. Lamar is on sabbatical (June 16-September 16, 2025).

Sunday, June 15

Join us in worship on June 15 as the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar preaches her last sermon before going on sabbatical. She will preach a sermon titled "This Grace on Which We Stand" from Romans 5:1-15. Music will include a setting of the hymn "On Eagle's Wings" by Douglas Wagner, and Carter Hale, Jr., will sing Hall Johnson's arrangement of the Spiritual "Ride On, King Jesus."



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Marilyn and Stova McFadden
by their children: Beth McFadden Rouse, Marcia McFadden Wyatt,
and William Stova McFadden.

Calendar of Events

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Second Sunday Luncheon: The congregation is invited to meet the Rev. Anne H.K. Apple during the Second Sunday Luncheon after worship today. In addition, there will be a Congregational Meeting at the conclusion of worship for the purpose of selecting the Nominating Committee.

MONDAY, JUNE 9

Vacation Bible School: 5 to 7 p.m. GSPC families and their friends are invited to Vacation Bible School, which will continue nightly through June 12. This evening format will give our parents and volunteers more flexibility to participate. In addition to the VBS program, each evening will include dinner; programs for adults; and a nursery for our little ones. Please register by visiting gspcmobile.org/vbs.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

Choir Rehearsal: 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the choir room.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

LoDa ArtWalk: Affirming Spiritual Communities Fellowship Event: 5-6 p.m. in the Guesnard House. Members of Mobile area faith communities participating in LoDa ArtWalk Pride Parade and GSPC members are invited to join this fellowship event and / or the parade, which begins at 7:30 p.m. If you would like to bring food or drinks, please contact Nicole Riis.

ADDITIONAL NEWS AND NOTES

GSPC During World War II: In honor of the 80th anniversary of World War II, Meredith Johnston is creating a display about GSPC's congregational life during wartime. She hopes to collect copies of photos of GSPC from that time, or photos of downtown Mobile during the war years. Please email photos and information to Meredith at mwjohnston@crimson.ua.edu, or text them to 251-323-5954.

McKemie Place Lunches: Volunteers are needed to help provide a light summer lunch for about 20-24 homeless ladies at McKemie Place. If you can help on June 13th, July 11th or August 8th, please call Lisa deShazo at 251-591-1077 or Mary DeWitt Dukes at 504-920-1918.

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

Missing Children's Worship Totes: We are missing several of the small bags that we use for Children's Worship materials. Parents, please check to see if you have any of these bags at home or in your car. Thank you!

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.