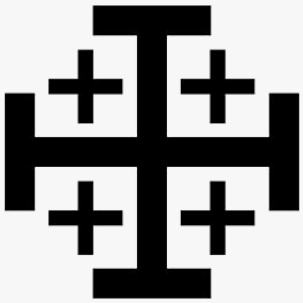
Welcome to Worship

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 17, 2024 | 10:30 A.M.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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.*

Gathering

PRELUDE *Meditation on Passion Chorale*
Fred Bock

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

INTROIT *Behold the Lamb*
Rambo/Clydesdale

The Sanctuary Choir

Behold the Lamb, slain from the foundation of the world, for sinners crucified, O holy sacrifice. Behold the Lamb of God. Crown Him, worthy is the Lamb.
Praises, heaven and earth resound! Behold the Lamb!

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*responsive*)
Why are you here?
I am seeking God with my whole heart,
with my entire mind,
with all my soul and strength.
This is God's house. The door is open to you. Christ himself invites you.
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Let us worship God.
Let us learn from the Spirit. Amen!

✠**HYMN 667** *When Morning Gilds the Skies*
LAUDES DOMINI

✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)
Holy God, We want to learn from you. We long to approach you with curiosity and an open mind. Instead, we are often resistant to learning new things about who you are and who you call us to be. We forget that the disciples called you "Rabbi, Teacher." Forgive us for the times when we fail to be curious. Forgive us for the times when we assume we know best. Forgive us for the moments when we imagine that our learning is done and that we have all the answers. Hear our silent prayers of confession.

(Silence)

Spark a desire in us to learn from Christ daily so that we may follow you into deeper waters. 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.*

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.*

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 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (verse 1)*
NETTLETON

Come thou fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer For Illumination **Mickie Lorge**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 119: 9-16

Children's Sermon **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 18: 15-22

Sermon: "Teach Me" **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 394 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*
WESTMINSTER ABBEY

✠Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

✠Response *Amen!*
Marty Haugen; arr. Nemec

Offering

Offertory *Pie Jesu (Requiem)*
Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber

The Sanctuary Choir; Gabrielle Corlette, *soprano*; Carter Hale Jr., *boy soprano*

Translation: Pious Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world, give them rest.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, give them rest, everlasting rest.

✠Response | Hymn 607 *Doxology*
OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

✠Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Prayer of Intercession And the Lord's Prayer

✠Hymn 702 *Christ Be Beside Me*
BUNESSAN

Sending

✠Benediction **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Postlude *Toccata Giocoso*
Gilbert Martin

Sunday, March 24

Next Sunday, March 24, is Palm Sunday and the sixth Sunday in Lent. The Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar will continue the "Wandering Heart" worship series with a sermon titled "Songs of Loudest Praise" from John 12: 12-16. Music will include Jody Lindh's "Hosanna to the Son," sung by the Children's Choir, and Faure's "The Palms," sung by the Sanctuary Choir.

The "Wandering Heart" Lenten series

The "Young Worshippers Challenge" for our elementary-age worshippers can be found at the front of the sanctuary. Children who have completed the whole challenge will be rewarded on Palm Sunday. "Wandering Heart" Lenten devotionals are available at every entrance, and children's worship bags are available at the entrances.

Please submit Easter Lily Dedications by March 26. The lilies will be on display in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, March 31.

Easter Lily Dedications

The Easter Lilies will be displayed on Easter Sunday, March 31,
and may be collected after the service.
Please turn this form in with the offering, or at the church office, by March 26.
Please make checks payable to GSPC.

Given by: _____

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In Memory of: _____

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In Honor of: _____

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Number of lilies ($13 each) *Total:*



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Sally and John Morrissette
and John Anderson
and in honor of Faye Anderson
by their grandchildren, Elizabeth and Henry Morrissette.

Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 8 a.m. at the home of Ann Adams. The group is studying Romans.
Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Library. Contact: Mary Elizabeth Perry.
Tuesday Lunch and Learn: Come to lunch and learn about what's going on at the port! Our guest speaker will be Alan Sealls, author and newly retired Chief Meterologist at NBC-15. Lunch is served at noon and the presentation begins at 12:30 p.m. Lunch is $12 and includes coffee, tea and dessert. Here is the schedule:
March 19: Alan Sealls, author and former 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, MARCH 20

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.
Young Women's Bible Study: The 20s/30s Women's Bible Study will meet at 6 p.m. in the Guesnard House.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

Two Pastors and a Rabbi: Join us for an Interfaith Bible Study, led by the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar, the Rev. Trey Doyle, and Rabbi Ed Boraz, at 5:30 p.m. at GSPC.

Easter Events and Holy Week services

- Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday service, 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, March 28: Maundy Thursday service, 6 p.m.
- Friday, March 29: Good Friday service, noon.
- Saturday, March 30: Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m. in Washington Square.
- Sunday, March 31: Easter Sunday service, 10:30 a.m.

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.