GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 30, 2025 | 10:30 A.M.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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 *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** *(from Philippians 3)* **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

In the season of Lent, we deepen our commitment to Christ.

We want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection.

We remember that our righteousness comes through Christ alone and seek to live a life worthy of this calling.

We want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection.

We gather to worship in Christ's name as we press on toward this goal.

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With boldness,

with thanksgiving,

with humility,

with perseverance,

with peace,

and with compassion,

let us worship God!

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

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* **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

Holy God,
The life of faith is not easy, but you have given us what we need to follow you. We confess that we give up too often. We allow discouragement or difficult circumstances to keep us from living as you intend. You call us to live lives worthy of the gospel, but we become distracted and overwhelmed. Forgive us, Lord, and hear our silent prayers.

(Silence)

Have mercy on us, Lord, and give us the strength we need to live as your disciples. Give us the courage to follow you in faith, sharing your love with our words and deeds. 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.*

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.*

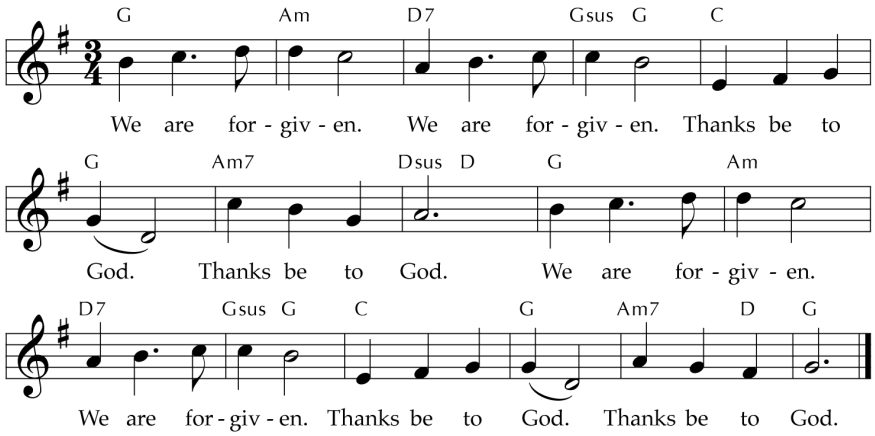
Children's worship totes *are available for children in the sanctuary. These totes include children's bulletins and other items to help children engage in the worship service.*

✠Assurance of Pardon

✠Passing of the Peace

✠Response | Hymn 447 *We Are Forgiven*

WE ARE FORGIVEN



Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination **Sandy Thomason**

First Reading Isaiah 43:16-19

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks Be to God!

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

Second Reading: Philippians 3:1b-16

Sermon: "Perseverance" **Rev. Lamar**

✠Hymn 221 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

PASSION CHORALE

✠Affirmation Of Faith *(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.

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.

Response *Threefold Amen*
Danish Amen

Offering

Offertory *I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked*
Geoffrey O'Hara

The Sanctuary Choir

I walked today where Jesus walked, in days of long ago; I wandered down each path He knew, with rev'rent step and slow. These little lanes, they have not changed, a sweet peace fills the air. I walked today where Jesus walked, and felt His presence there. My pathway led through Bethlehem, Ah, mem'ries ever sweet. The little hills of Galilee, that knew those childish feet; the Mount of Olives: hallowed scenes that Jesus knew before; I saw the mighty Jordan roll as in the days of yore. I knelt today where Jesus knelt, where all alone He prayed. The Garden of Gethsemane – my heart felt unafraid. I picked my heavy burden up, and with Him by my side, I climbed the Hill of Calvary, where on the cross He died!
I walked today where Jesus walked, and felt Him close to me!

✠**Doxology | Hymn 606** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
OLD HUNDREDTH

✠**Prayer Of Thanksgiving**

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Sending

✠**Hymn 216** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*
ST. CHRISTOPHER

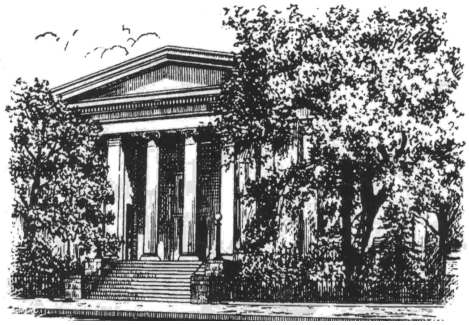
✠**Benediction** *(from Philippians 4)* **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar and Congregation**

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I say: Rejoice!
Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Finally, whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure,
whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable,
if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.

Postlude *Chaconne*
Auguste Durand

Sunday, April 6

Join us next Sunday, April 6, when the Rev. Lamar continues the Lenten sermon series "Marks of a Disciple" with a sermon titled "Peace" and Scripture references from Philippians 4:4-9. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Music includes a setting of the crucifixion Spiritual "And He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word" by William Shoenfield, and David Johnson's arrangement of the Lenten hymn "O Dearest Lord, Thy Sacred Head" with Meredith Wilson as mezzo-soprano soloist.



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Sanctuary Flowers

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

Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, APRIL 1
Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 9 a.m. at the home of Ann Adams. The group is studying the Gospel of Matthew with the Rev. George Sinclair. Everyone is welcome.
Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Library. Contact: Mary Elizabeth Perry.
Youth Bible Study: Tuesdays at 3 p.m. at Carpe Diem. The group is studying "The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss." All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2
Choir Rehearsals: Handbells, 5:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary; Choir, 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the choir room.
Men's Bible Study: 6 p.m. in the Library and via Zoom. Contact: Bo Perry.

OTHER NEWS AND NOTES
Eggs for Easter Egg Hunt: We are now accepting filled Easter eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt that will be held on April 19. Suggestions for filling the eggs include non-choking hazard candies, stickers, and small toys. Eggs may be left in the labeled basket in the foyer. Please contact Bradley with any questions.

Helping local schools: GSPC is collecting donations for outerwear and uniforms for students at Calloway-Smith Middle and Florence Howard Elementary Schools.

Sanctuary flowers: 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.

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.