



# GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 24, 2022 | 10:30 A.M.

SEVENTH 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

*Larghetto*

CH. H RINK

### WELCOME

**REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

### MINUTE FOR MISSION: DIRECTOR OF MUSIC SEARCH COMMITTEE

**DICK OTTS**

### ✠CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 85)

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to those who turn to him in their hearts.

### Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

### Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

The LORD will give what is good. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground.

### Show us your steadfast love, O LORD. And grant us your salvation.

Let us worship God.

### ✠HYMN 611

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

### ✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION *unison*

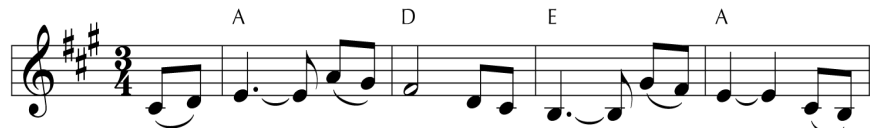
God of grace and mercy, we confess to you our lack of faith, our inability to trust in your power, our fear that keeps us from stepping forward in your name. Forgive us, Lord, for the many ways we fall short of your plan for us and for all humankind. Give us strength and courage to follow our Savior with joyful hearts each day. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

### ✠ASSURANCE OF PARDON

# Proclaiming the Word

Kyrie eleison  
Oré poriajú verekó

Capo 2: (G) A (C) D (D) E (G) A



1 O Lord, have mer - cy; O Lord, have mer - cy; O  
2 O Christ, have mer - cy; O Christ, have mer - cy; O



Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.  
Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

Children ages 3 and older are invited to come forward during the Children's Sermon. Following the time with children, they may return to sit with their parents. Wee Worship is currently on Summer break and will resume once school has started back in the Fall. Children's Bulletins are available at the front of the sanctuary.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

JIM HOOD

## FIRST READING

Luke 11:1-13

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God!

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR

## SECOND READING

I Sam 17: 1-4, 8-11, 24-30

REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR/CARTER HALE

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God!

## SERMON "SUNDAY SCHOOL STORIES: DAVID AND GOLIATH"

REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR

# Thanksgiving

## ✠ HYMN 39

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
FAITHFULNESS

## ✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *unison* Apostles' Creed

REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR

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.

## OFFERING

## MEDITATION

*Andantino*  
A. F. HESSE

## ✠ RESPONSE | HYMN 607

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all bless—ings flow; praise God all crea—tures  
here be— low; Praise God a—bove ye Heav'n—ly host;  
Praise Fa—ther, Son, and Ho—ly Ghost. A— men

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

**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

*Sending*

**✠HYMN 307**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*  
CWM RHONDDA

**✠BENEDICTION**

**REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

**POSTLUDE**

*Allegro*  
D. ZIPOLI

Thank you to Stephen Prager for serving as our guest organist today.

# SCRIPTURE READINGS

## Luke 11:1-13

<sup>1</sup> He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup> So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.  
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup> And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs." <sup>9</sup> "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup> Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

## I Samuel 17: 1-4, 8-11, and 24-50

Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle; they were gathered at Socoh, which belongs to Judah, and encamped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim. <sup>2</sup> Saul and the Israelites gathered and encamped in the valley of Elah and formed ranks against the Philistines. <sup>3</sup> The Philistines stood on the mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side, with a valley between them. <sup>4</sup> And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was four cubits and a span. <sup>8</sup> He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. <sup>9</sup> If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants, but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." <sup>10</sup> And the Philistine said, "Today I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man, that we may fight together." <sup>11</sup> When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

<sup>24</sup> All the Israelites, when they saw the man, fled from him and were very much afraid. <sup>25</sup> The Israelites said, "Have you seen this man who has come up? Surely he has come up to defy Israel. The king will greatly enrich the man who kills him and will give him his daughter and make his family free in Israel." <sup>26</sup> David said to the men who stood by him, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?" <sup>27</sup> The people answered him in the same way, "So shall it be done for the man who kills him." <sup>28</sup> His eldest brother Eliab heard him talking to the men, and Eliab's anger was kindled against David.

He said, "Why have you come down? With whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your presumption and the evil of your heart, for you have come down just to see the battle." <sup>29</sup> David said, "What have I done now? It was only a question." <sup>30</sup> He turned away from him toward another and spoke in the same way, and the people answered him again as before. <sup>31</sup> When the words that David spoke were heard, they repeated them before Saul, and he sent for him. <sup>32</sup> David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." <sup>33</sup> Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." <sup>34</sup> But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father, and whenever a lion or a bear came and took a lamb from the flock, <sup>35</sup> I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth, and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. <sup>36</sup> Your servant has killed both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." <sup>37</sup> David said, "The LORD, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the LORD be with you!" <sup>38</sup> Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. <sup>39</sup> David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these, for I am not used to them." So David removed them. <sup>40</sup> Then he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the wadi and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine. <sup>41</sup> The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. <sup>42</sup> When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. <sup>43</sup> The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. <sup>44</sup> The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." <sup>45</sup> But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup> This very day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head, and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel <sup>47</sup> and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not save by sword and spear, for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hand."

<sup>48</sup> When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. <sup>49</sup> David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

<sup>50</sup> So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, striking down the Philistine and killing him; there was no sword in David's hand. <sup>51</sup> Then David ran and stood over the Philistine; he grasped his sword, drew it out of its sheath, and killed him; then he cut off his head with it.

# GSPC NEWS



**World Mission Project:** More than 600 million people in our world today are forced to drink contaminated water. In fact, water-related illness is the leading cause of death among children throughout the world! On August 6-13, the Presbytery of South Alabama, in partnership with Living Waters for the World (LWW), will install a water purification system in Monjas, Guatemala. Stop by the Jackson Street Foyer before or after worship today to see a display of the system and meet some of the LWW team members.

**Summer of Service:** The GSPC Youth are invited to take part in a service project on Wednesday, July 27, at the Dumas Wesley Community Center. For more information, please contact the Rev. Alexandra Hutson.

**Parents and youth are invited to help plan a kickball tournament** on Saturday, July 30. If you are interested in entering the tournament either as a parent or a youth, please email the Rev. Alexandra Hutson at [Alexandra@gspcmobile.org](mailto:Alexandra@gspcmobile.org).

## GSPC YOUTH

## SUMMER OF FUN, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP

<b>Montreat Middle School</b> July 20-24 <b>Service Project: Dumas Wesley</b> Wednesday, July 27	<b>Parents' Night Out</b> August 5
<b>Kickball Tournament</b> Saturday, July 30	<b>Youth Retreat at Baytreat</b> August 6-7
<b>Ice Cream Date at Old Dutch: Thursday, July 28</b> 2:00-3:00 p.m. with Pastor Alexandra Drop by when you can!	

**Mark your calendars:**

**Parents' Night Out** will be held Friday, August 5 at the church. The event will include dinner, activities and a movie! Details to come.

**Youth Retreat:** GSPC Youth will have a joint retreat with Spring Hill Presbyterian Youth on August 6-7 at Baytreat.

Baytreat  
Mission  
Campers from  
Decatur  
Presbyterian  
Church  
volunteered  
at the Bay  
Area Food  
Bank.





# 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 Morrisette, 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 Morrisette*

## 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

# URBAN MINISTRIES

## JELLY AND SNACKS FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

Our 45 Meals on Wheels recipients get a sandwich bag each day along with their hot meal. The bag has a sandwich and a snack. Peanut butter and jelly is often on the menu and we are in need of donations of creamy peanut butter (no Jif, please, because of the recent recall) and grape jelly and individually packaged snacks (peanut butter or cheese crackers, chips, cookies, Little Debbie's, etc.). There is a donation box in the Jackson Street foyer for these donations.

## BLANKET MINISTRY

All are invited to donate items to be delivered to USA Children's & Women's Mother/Baby/At Risk department for full term babies of needy families (not the NICU) and to the Mostellar Clinic. Here are suggested items and sizes:

- Baby blankets (greatest need) approx. 28-36" square/rectangles 30-34"x40-46"
- A few hats and booties
- (USACW only): No-scratch mittens (must be fabric, not yarn)

Inexpensive items of any baby-appropriate washable fabric or yarn are appreciated. No large items, please: The babies we serve usually average 3-5 lbs. Store-bought or handmade items are welcomed. (Please do not donate unmade fabric.)

Donations may be left in the "Baby Box" at the Jackson Street entrance, or you may order from Amazon and request delivery to the church, marked "Blanket Ministry."



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*Sextons*

## The Sanctuary Flowers

are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Mrs. Allen C. Denby and Mrs. William Brevard Hand  
by Allison and John Peebles.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 8 a.m. at the home of Ann Adams  
Tuesdays at 10 a.m. via Zoom. Contact: Mary Elizabeth Perry.

### SUNDAY BOOK STUDY GROUP

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the library.

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

P.W. Circle & Bible Study. Contact: Bligh Jones or Mary Elizabeth Perry.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

### WEE WORSHIP

This ministry is on hiatus during the summer months.

*If you have news items to share in the e-newsletter or the bulletin, please email the information to Heather Hamilton ([heather@gspcmobile.org](mailto:heather@gspcmobile.org)) and Sally Ericson ([sallyericson23@gmail.com](mailto:sallyericson23@gmail.com)).*

*If you would like to have flowers placed in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of loved ones, please consider placing them during the summer months. We have plenty of open Sundays, and would love to have beautiful floral offerings throughout the summer. To place flowers, please contact Ann Adams at [Adams-marion@att.net](mailto: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.