GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 11, 2023 | 10:30 A.M.

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 *Cantilena (Suite for Organ)*
Everett Titcomb; arr. Nemec

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

INTROIT *Kyrie (Mass in G, D. 167)*
Franz Schubert
The Sanctuary Choir; Gabrielle Corlette, *Soloist*; and *Strings*
Translation*: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.*

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

When the world was created, the Spirit moved over the watery chaos.

When Abraham left his home to follow God, the Spirit walked with him.

When the prophets spoke, the Spirit gave the words God's people needed to hear.

When Jesus taught, the Spirit gave him strength for his calling.

At Pentecost, the Spirit breathed fiery courage into Jesus' followers.

Even now, the Spirit guides believers in the ways of justice, mercy, peace, and compassion.

With grateful hearts, let us worship God!

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.*

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.*

✠HYMN 265 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*
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✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, your love lowered you to wear flesh and walk this earth; our fear and sin caused your crucifixion; your power defeated death when you rose from the grave. And yet, we confess that we do not trust your promises or your power. We continue to rely on our own understanding instead of following your paths. We value comfort over compassion, reason over risk, and merit over mercy. Forgive us, Lord, and hear our silent prayers of confession.

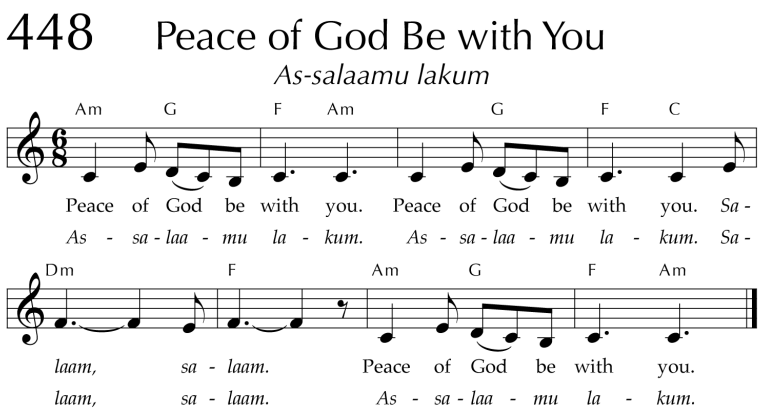
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Make us brave enough to trust you and to call on your powerful name. Give us courage to work for your kingdom each day. Through Christ ,we pray. Amen.

✠ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

✠**Response: Hymn 448** *Peace of God Be with You*



Proclaiming the Word

Prayer For Illumination **Corinne Lorge**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 33: 1-12

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God!

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

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3: 14-21

The Word of the Lord.

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Sermon: "Sailboat Church: Possibility" **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Thanksgiving

✠**Hymn 630** *Fairest Lord Jesus*

CRUSADERS' HYMN

✠**Affirmation of Faith** (From A Brief Statement of Faith): We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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***Children ages three** and older are invited to the front for the Children's Sermon.*

The nursery is available for ages infant through kindergarten.

***Children's worship packets** are available at the front of the sanctuary.*

***The Brief Statement of Faith** was written in the 1980s when the Presbyterian Church (USA) was formed by the reunion of the northern and southern strands of Presbyterianism that divided before the Civil War. The statement offers one of the fullest descriptions of the Holy Spirit found in our denomination's Book of Confessions, emphasizing the Spirit's work in our present-day world.*

✠Response *Three-fold Amen*
Eugene Butler

Offering

Offertory *Benedictus (Mass in G, D. 167)*
Franz Schubert

Gabrielle Corlette, *Soprano*; Jacob Mohr, *Tenor*; Jasaan Roberts, *Baritone; Strings*

Translation: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

✠Response | Hymn 607 *Doxology*

✠Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer **Rev. Alexandra Hutson**

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.

✠Hymn 318 *In Christ There Is No East or West*
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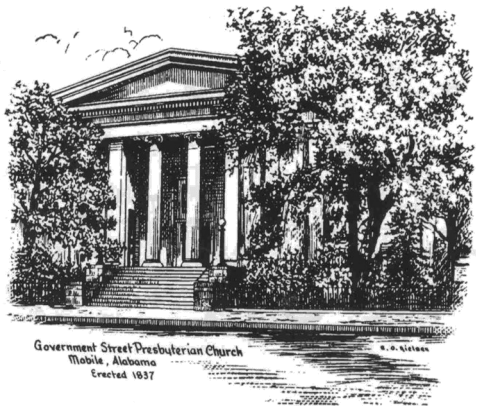
✠Benediction **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Postlude *Sonata No. 13 (Church Sonata, K. 274)*
W.A. Mozart

We welcome violinists Andrés Aleán and Dr. Silvia Suárez to worship. They are members of the Mobile Symphony, and also part of the education staff of the MSO. We appreciate their enriching our service this morning.
Today is also our last Sunday with the Sanctuary Choir before their well-deserved summer break. In their absence, various ensembles, groups and soloists will provide music each Sunday.

Sunday, June 18

Next Sunday, June 18, Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar continues her summer sermon series, "Sailboat Church: Seeking" and referencing Luke 11:5-13. While the Sanctuary Choir is on break, musical guests will be Jarrett Callaway, Ashley Lamar and James Tamblyn.



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Sanctuary Flowers

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

Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

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, JUNE 14

No choir Rehearsal.

GSPC News

Sign up for Vacation Bible School: VBS will take place during the week of June 19 at GSPC. Please register your children using the registration portal on the website, gspcmobile.org, under the "Ministries / Children's Ministry" tab.

Your favorite hymns

We want to include your favorite hymns in our music-based service on **Sunday, July 2.** Please list your favorites below and put your list in the offering plate, or reach out to Heather Hamilton (heather@gspcmobile.org) to share your favorites.

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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.