GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 6, 2025 | 10:30 A.M.

FIFTH 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 *Come, Sweet Repose*
J.S. Bach; arr. Virgil Fox

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Vacation Bible School **SAGE ARNOLD**

INTROIT *He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word*
Spiritual; arr. William M. Schoenfield

The Sanctuary Choir

They crucified my Lord, and he never said a mumbalin' word. They nailed him to a tree. They pierced him in the side. He bowed his head and died. And he never said a mumbalin' word. Not a word.

✠**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.
We want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection.
With boldness,
with thanksgiving,
with humility,
with perseverance,
with peace,
and with compassion,
let us worship God!

✠**HYMN 630** *Fairest Lord Jesus*
CRUSADER'S HYMN

✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *unison* **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

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.

God of grace,
We pray for peace, but we do not feel peaceful. We confess that we are angry and overwhelmed. We are irritated and confused. We are impatient and afraid. Though we pray for peace, we encourage discord and division in subtle and obvious ways. We speak words that harm rather than help. We ignore the unintended consequences of our actions, We give our attention to that which discourages to the neglect of that which uplifts. Forgive us, Lord, and hear our silent prayers.

(Silence)

Have mercy on us, O God, and help us to find and share the peace of Christ in our daily living. 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 **Richard Tippy**

First Reading Isaiah 25:6-9

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks Be to God!

Children's Sermon **Bradley Daugherty**

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

Sermon: "Peace" **Rev. Lamar**

✠Hymn 448 *Peace of God Be With You*
The hymn will be sung twice. AS-SALAAMU LAKUM

✠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.

Offering
Offertory *O Dearest Lord, Thy Sacred Head*
Geoffrey O'Hara

The Sanctuary Choir; Meredith Wilson, *mezzo soprano soloist*
O dearest Lord, thy sacred head, With thorns was pierced for me; O pour thy blessing on my head, That I may follow thee. O dearest Lord, thy sacred hands, With nails were pierced for me; O shed thy blessing on my hands, That they may work for thee. O dearest Lord, thy sacred feet, With nails were pierced for me; O pour thy blessing on my feet, That they may follow thee. O dearest Lord, thy sacred heart, With spear was pierced for me: O pour the Spirit in my heart, That I may live for thee. Amen.

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

✠Prayer Of Thanksgiving

When we gather for Communion, *the Spirit draws us into Christ's presence and unites us with Christians in every time and space. We join with the baptized faithful in heaven and on earth in offering thanksgiving to the triune God. We affirm the promises of our baptism and recommit ourselves to love and serve God, one another, and our neighbors in the world.*

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.

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.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table — **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Communion Meditation — *Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?*
arr. Chris Nemec

Sending

✠Hymn 623 — *I've Got Peace Like a River*
PEACE LIKE A RIVER

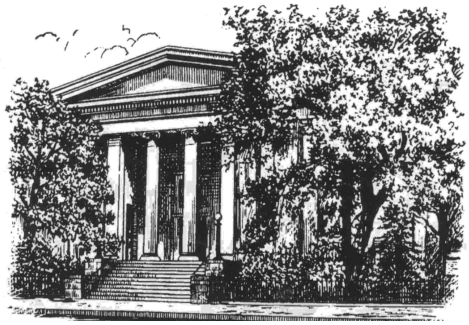
✠Benediction *(from Philippians 4)* — **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar and Congregation**

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 — *Fugue a 3*
G.F. Handel

Palm Sunday, April 13

Join us on Palm Sunday, April 13, when the Rev. Lamar continues the Lenten sermon series, "Marks of a Disciple," with Scripture references from Philippians 4:10-23. Her sermon is titled "Compassion." The children will process with palms. Music includes the Palm Sunday children's anthem, "Hosanna to the Son" by Jody Lindh, and Jean Baptiste Faure's setting of "The Palms."



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Buck and Abbie Tamblyn,
G.B. and Anne Clarke,
and Lee and Erma Catrett
by their family.

Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, APRIL 8
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 9
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.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10
Two Pastors and a Rabbi: 5:30-7 p.m. in the multipurpose room at GSPC. All are welcome to join this interfaith Bible study.

Easter Lily Dedications

The Easter Lilies will be displayed on Easter Sunday, April 20,
and may be collected after the service.
Please turn this form in with the offering, or at the church office, by April 16.
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:*