GOVERNMENT STREET
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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.*

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.*

Welcome to Worship

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Sunday, July 14, 2024 | 10:30 A.M.

ORDINARY TIME

Gathering

PRELUDE *This Is My Father's World/Fairest Lord Jesus*
arr. Jill Justice
Great Is Thy Faithfulness
arr. Erin Hansen Janke

Rebekah Atkinson, *harp*

WELCOME **BO PERRY**

INTROIT *Three Spirituals*
arr. McDonald/Wood

Ms. Atkinson

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Ephesians 1: 3-6*)
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,
Just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.
He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ,
according to the good pleasure of his will,
to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.
With grateful hearts, let us worship God!

✠**HYMN 41** *O Worship the King*
LYONS

✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)
Almighty God,
We have every reason to praise your holy name, but we confess that we hold back. We do not worship you with our full heart. We do not make a joyful noise. We are quiet when we should shout with gladness, and we are still when we should dance with joy. Forgive us, Lord, and hear our silent prayers of confession.

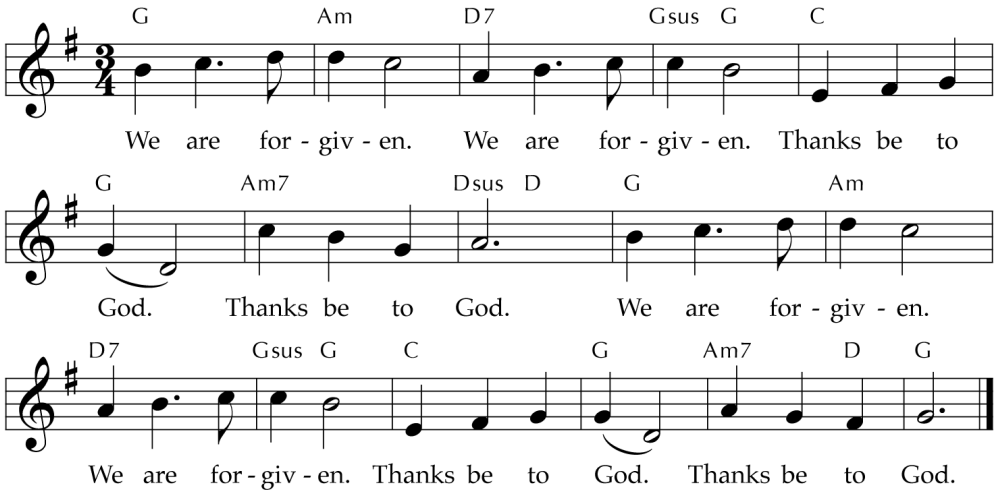
(silence)

Have mercy on us, Lord. Give us the courage to worship you fully today and every day. May our joy be complete as we praise your name. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

✠**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

✠**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

✠Hymn 447 *We Are Forgiven*
WE ARE FORGIVEN



Proclaiming the Word

Prayer For Illumination

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 100

***Children ages three** and older are invited to the front for the Children's Sermon. Children under 3 are welcome in the nursery. Older children may return to sit with their parents.*

Children's Sermon **Bradley Daugherty**

Second Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Sermon: "Two-Steps and Tambourines" **Rev. Dr. Joseph Johnson**

Thanksgiving

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

***For more than 1,000 years,** the church has used the Apostles' Creed to affirm its faith in Jesus Christ. When we say this creed together, we are joined with generations of Christians who have come before us in declaring foundational doctrines of our faith in Christ.*

✠Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed **Sally Pearsall**

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.*

Offering

Offertory *Pavane*
Maurice Ravel

Ms. Atkinson and Chris Nemec, *organ*

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✠Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer of Intercession and 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.

✠Hymn 408 *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*
SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

Sending

✠Benediction **Dr. Johnson**

Postlude *The Church's One Foundation*
arr. Chris Nemec

About our Guest Preacher: *The Rev. Dr. Joseph Johnson retired as Pastor of Evergreen Presbyterian Church in Dothan, Ala., in July 2023 after serving that congregation for 33 years. He previously served as an associate pastor in Summerville, S.C. He holds Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Columbia Theological Seminary. He has served in numerous leadership roles within the PC(USA) on both a local and national level. Joe and his wife, Pam, live in Dothan, where Joe now serves as the Executive Director of Southeast Intervention Group Inc., a residential therapeutic treatment center for men and women seeking recovery from substance use disorders. Joe has been a leader in the Presbytery of South Alabama and presently serves on the Presbytery Cabinet and as the chair of the Constitutional and Connectional Life Committee. We are thrilled to welcome Joe and Pam to GSPC this morning!*

Sunday, July 21

Next Sunday, July 21, our guest preacher will be the Rev. Eugenia Gamble, a retired pastor who has served in Alabama, Colorado, and California. Rev. Gamble is also an author and inspirational speaker.



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the pulpit are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Gill by Linda and Ted Burke.

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, July 16: GSPC Youth are invited to a service opportunity at Dumas Wesley Community Center on July 16 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The Youth will help the Dumas Wesley senior program participants with an arts and crafts project and serve them lunch. After the service project, the Youth will have lunch together at Taco Mama. Youth should bring money for their own lunch at Taco Mama. Parents are also welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Bradley Daugherty, Director of Christian Education.

Tuesday, July 30: The GSPC Book Club meets at 5:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of each month in the church library and via Zoom. The reading is from The Journal of Presbyterian History, Vol. 92, No. 2 (Fall/Winter 2014), "Westminster in Watts," 73-79 (7 pages). For assistance in accessing the article, please contact Meredith Johnston. The Zoom link is posted prior to the meeting on the church calendar.

Volunteers Needed: The church office would welcome volunteers during the week, especially between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Volunteers assist with monitoring the Jackson Street entrance and answering the phone. They may also assist with special projects. If you are able to volunteer, contact Meredith Johnston at the church office.

Baytreat Memories: The congregation is invited to share their favorite memories of Baytreat. The enewsletter includes a link where these memories may be sent to the church office. If you have questions, please contact Meredith Johnston.

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.

Summer Worship Music: While the Sanctuary Choir is on summer break, music will be provided by soloists and ensembles both from inside and outside GSPC. The schedule is below.

SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE at GSPC

July 21: 12-year-old violinist Stephan Lazarevic
July 28: Jarrett Callaway, Ashley Lamar & Jim Tamblyn (guitar, fiddle/violin)
August 4: Tenor Jacob Mohr and guest organist Nancy Graham
August 11: Voices Unlimited

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.