Welcome to Worship

GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 30, 2024 | 10:30 A.M.

ORDINARY TIME

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.*

Gathering

PRELUDE *There Is a Balm in Gilead*
arr. Stephen Nielson

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

INTROIT *I Need Thee Every Hour*
arr. Kurt Kaiser

Jasaan Roberts, *baritone*

Text: No. 735 in The Hymnal

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*responsive*)
There was a father fearing for his child's life, begging for Jesus to come and heal her.
Jesus said, "Do not fear. Only believe."
There was a woman who had suffered for 12 years. She came with fear and trembling, reaching for Jesus and hoping to be healed.
Jesus said, "Your faith has made you well. Go in peace and be healed."
There were tears and loud cries for a child presumed dead, but Jesus sent them away and stood by the bedside.
Jesus said, "Little one, get up."
Jesus' presence surrounds us even today. Healing comes in many forms. Faith grows as we see Jesus tending to his flock and caring for those in need.
Let us worship God.

✠**HYMN 626** *As The Deer*
AS THE DEER

The hymn will be sung twice.

✠**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)
Holy God,
You are our rock and our salvation. The psalmist asks, "Whom shall we fear?" But we confess that we are afraid. We look for security in people and places that will not protect us. We confuse comfort with protection. We worry about our own security and fail to notice those around us who are oppressed or struggling for the basic necessities of life. Forgive us, Lord, and hear our silent prayers of confession.

(Silence)

Open our eyes, Lord, to those who are in need. May we find refuge in you alone and work together to bring others into the shelter of your arms. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

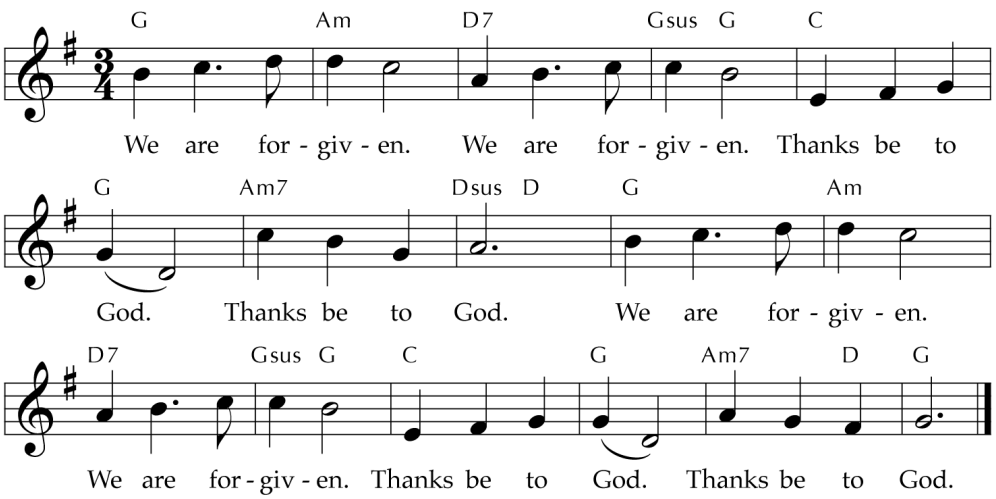
We pass the peace *by greeting one another and saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," to which one replies, "And also with you." The ancient ritual of the church reminds us that Christ offers us peace that passes understanding.*

✠Assurance of Pardon

✠Passing of the Peace

✠Response | Hymn 447 *We Are Forgiven*

WE ARE FORGIVEN



Proclaiming the Word

Prayer For Illumination **Meredith Wilson**

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.*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 133

Children's Sermon **Bradley Daugherty**

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 19:18-24; 25:1

Sermon: "The Story of Samuel: Prophecy and Presence" **Rev. Lamar**

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 630 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

CRUSADER'S HYMN

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

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.

Offering

Offertory *Ride On, King Jesus!*
Spiritual; arr. Hall Johnson

Jasaan Roberts, *baritone*

Ride on, King Jesus! No man can-a hinder me. For He is King of kings, He is Lord of lords, Jesus Christ, de first and last, no man works like him. King Jesus rides a milk-white horse, de river of Jerdin He did cross. King Jesus rides in de middle of de air, Oh! He calls de saints from everywhere, Ah! He is de King, He is de Lord, Ha! Jesus Christ, de first an' last, No man works like Him! Ride on, Jesus!

✠Response | Hymn 609 *Doxology*
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word and Spirit One. Alleluia!

✠Prayer of Thanksgiving
Prayer of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

✠Hymn 693 *Though I May Speak*
GIFT OF LOVE

Sending

✠Benediction **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**
Postlude *Psalm 19 (The Heavens Declare the Glory of God)*
Benedetto Marcello

Sunday, July 7

Join us in worship next week as we worship using scripture and the hymns of our faith. While the Sanctuary Choir is on their summer break, weekly music will be provided from ensembles and soloists both from within and outside GSPC. The full schedule is below.





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Flower Dedications

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.

Calendar of Events

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

Family Promise Benefit Concert: The congregation is invited to a free concert at 8 p.m. tonight at Central Presbyterian Church to benefit Family Promise. The concert will feature recording artist Hanan Browning, and other musicians. There will be a silent auction, and donations are welcome. For details, visit familypromisemobile.org.

TUESDAY, JULY 2

Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 8 a.m. at the home of Ann Adams.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

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.

July Birthdays

July 1: Will Majure
July 2: Dan Dealy, Jim Hood
July 5: Kym Carroll
July 6: Ashley Lamar, Scott Weldon
July 7: Charlotte Crockett
July 9: Eva Curran, Carolyn Jones
July 10: Marilyn Moses
July 14: Tripp Gustin
July 15: Shelley Hood
July 16: Chan Ogburn
July 23: Caroline Newman
July 24: Stella Jackson
July 25: Virginia Guy
July 26: Elizabeth Morrissette
July 27: Margaret Vidmer Hutchison, Cecily Kaffer
July 31: Molly Nordmann

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.