GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 18, 2023 | 10:30 A.M.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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 *How Great Thou Art*

Carl Boberg

WELCOME **REV. REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR**

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all those who seek the Lord!

We come in need of God who created us from nothing and will never forsake us.

Come, all those who seek to worship the Lord!

We come prepared to worship with prayers and songs of praise.

Come, all those who are hungry for God's grace.

We come knowing we are sinners in need of God's mercy.

Come, all those who seek to serve the Lord.

We come ready to answer God's call to serve in Christ's name.

Let us worship God!

✠HYMN 35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

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.*

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all goodness, you seek us when we stray from you. You love us when we fail to obey your instructions. You meet us with mercy when we lose our way. We confess that we do not seek you. We are embarrassed by our sin, addicted to our comfort, complacent in our ways. We do not seek the welfare of our neighbor, ignoring the plight of the poor and the oppressed. Forgive us, Lord, and hear our silent confessions.

(silence)

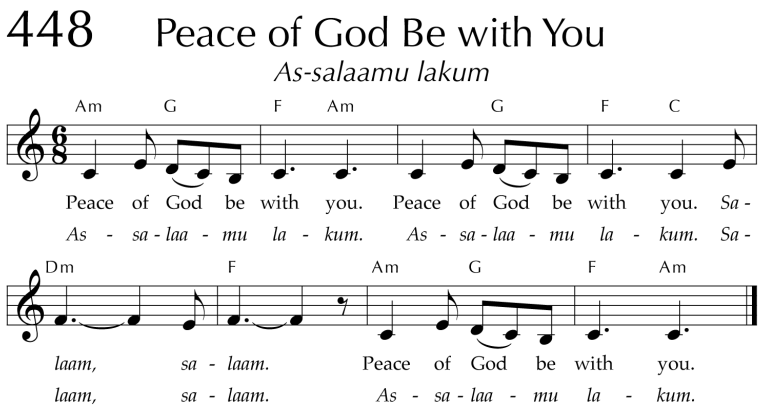
By your grace, show us what is right. Give us the courage to seek you and acknowledge our need of your mercy. Guide us in your way and help us to share your loving kindness. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

✠ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.*

✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

✠Response: Hymn 448 *Peace of God Be with You*
AS-SALAAMU LAKUM



Proclaiming the Word

Prayer For Illumination **Sally Pearsall**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 8

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God!

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

Scripture Reading: Luke 11: 5-13

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God!

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

Thanksgiving

✠Hymn 442 *Just as I Am, without One Plea*
WOODWORTH

✠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.*

***Carrie Haas Adams** is a lifelong member of GSPC and a graduate of St. Paul's Episcopal School and the University of Alabama. Carrie is the daughter of Dan and Barbara Haas. She is married to Strickler Adams and is mother to Ma'on (5), Mary Ann (2), and Haas (8 mos). Carrie was recently enrolled as an Inquirer for Ministry with the Presbytery of South Alabama. She is exploring a call to ministry, and we look forward to being a place for her to learn as she serves the church this summer. Carrie will work about 25 hours per week through Sunday, August 20.*

Offering

Offertory *For the Beauty of the Earth*
Folliott Sandford Pierpont

✠Response | Hymn 607 *Doxology*

✠Prayer of Thanksgiving

Commissioning of Carrie Haas Adams, Summer Intern

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

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

Sending

✠Benediction **Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar**

Postlude *Amazing Grace*
John Newton

Providing music in our service this morning are Jarrett Callaway, *acoustic guitar;* Ashley Lamar, *violin*; and James Tamblyn, *lap steel resonator guitar and banjo*. We appreciate these three sharing their talents in worship.

Sunday, June 25

Next Sunday, June 25, the Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar continues her sermon series "Sailboat Church: Advocate" with scripture from John 14: 15-27 and I John 2:1-17.

We will baptize Elsie Grace Hutson, daughter of the Rev. Alexandra and Jacob Hutson.

While the Sanctuary Choir is on vacation, our guest musician will be harpist Rebekah Atkinson, who will play music of Debussy, Rameau, and an arrangement of "In the Garden."



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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

MONDAY, JUNE 19

Vacation Bible School: 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Interfaith Bible Study: 5:30-7 p.m. at Government Street Baptist Church, 806 Government Street. All are welcome.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

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.

Vacation Bible School: 9:30 a.m. to noon.

20s and 30s Women's Bible Study: 6 p.m. in the Guesnard House.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21
Vacation Bible School: 9:30 a.m. to noon.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22
Vacation Bible School: 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Sweet Home Soiree, a fundraiser for the Presbyterian Home for Children, begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Country Club of Mobile. Tickets are available on phfc.org, under "Events."

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

Vacation Bible School Splash Day: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Baytreat.

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.