

Concerns of the Church

Welcome to GOVERNMENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Visitors are invited to fill in the cards located in the pew racks.

Please return this card with the offering.

Childcare is available for infants to three years old in the nursery.

New Members are welcomed by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or transfer of membership.

We invite you to speak with our minister for further information.



Looking Ahead

DATES OF IMPORTANCE

LENTEN COMMUNION 
Wednesdays at noon, March 13–April 17
Organ Recitals at 11:30AM

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14 | 10:45AM
Palm Procession and Service of Scripture & Anthems

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 18 | 6PM
Communion & Stripping of the Church

GOOD FRIDAY | 6PM
Passion Narrative

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD | 11AM
Easter Sunday

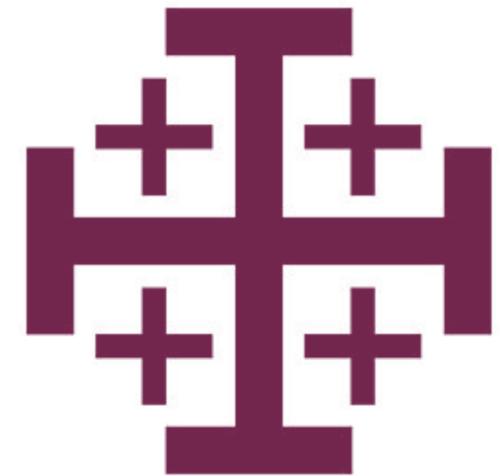
What we believe about Communion

In this meal, the Church celebrates and anticipates the banquet of the Kingdom of God. The invitation to the Lord's Supper is extended to all who are baptized. Access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. Baptized children who are being nurtured and instructed in the significance of the Table are invited to receive the Lord's Supper, recognizing that their understanding will vary according to their maturity.

To receive Christ in this Sacrament, believers should confess sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbors, trusting Jesus Christ for forgiveness and renewal. Even those who doubt or waver in faith may come to the Table for reassurance of God's love and grace in Christ Jesus. Nourished by this hope, the Church rises from the Table and is sent by the Holy Spirit to participate in God's mission in the world, proclaiming the gospel, showing compassion, and working for justice and peace until Christ's kingdom shall come at last.

ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 6, 2019 | 12PM



For the latest calendar and announcements,

please visit gspcmobile.org.

Known as the mother of Presbyterianism in southern Alabama, GSPC was founded in 1831. Worship has continued on this site since 1836 when the sanctuary, a National Historic Landmark, was completed. Member PC (USA).



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Monday–Thursday
8AM-2PM

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8AM-12PM

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CALLED TO SERVE

**WE ARE CALLED BY THE SPIRIT TO GLORIFY GOD,
SO THAT ALL MAY BECOME JOYFUL DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST.**

ORGAN PRELUDE | 11:30AM

Prelude and Fugue on St. Anne

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Balm in Gilead

arr. Roger Wilson

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

arr. Diane Bish

Nimrod from the Enigma Variations

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Gathering

CHIMING OF THE HOUR | 12PM

PRAYER OF THE DAY *SILENT*

Almighty God, through love you have made us, and for love you call us to repentance. Grant that we who seek to mend our sinful ways may find strength in your compassion and forgiveness. Restore to us the joy of your salvation; give us your Holy Spirit that we may serve you with willing hearts, bearing witness to your abundant mercy in all the world; through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

THE PEOPLE’S RESPONSES ARE IN BOLD.

Grace and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places.

Thanks be to God.

✠ **HYMN 223**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

INVITATION TO OBSERVE A HOLY LENT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *UNISON*

Merciful God, whose ways are good and true, we confess that we have not lived as Christ has called us to live. We have shut our eyes to evils our world allows. We have sealed our ears from the cries of the suffering whose pain we abide. We have clung to the hostility we harbor against one another and hardened our hearts to the creative power of love. Open our eyes to see injustice in our world. Give us courage to resist the powers that oppress the poor. Open our ears to hear the cry of the needy. Teach us generosity for sharing the abundance of your creation. Open our minds to imagine an end to human strife.

Grant us wisdom to pursue the ways of peace.

Open our hearts to love our neighbors and our enemies near and far.

Give us desire to embody the compassion of Christ.

For the sake of the world, in the name of Christ we pray.

Amen.

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

CHORAL RESPONSE

O God, Have Mercy

Purcell/arr. Hopson

Proclaiming the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-12

Old Testament p. 40

CHORAL ANTHEM

Restore My Joy (based on Psalm 51)

Cindy Berry

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy love, according to Thy love.

Wash me from my iniquity; cleanse me from my sin and make me whole again.

Accept the sacrifices that I bring, a broken spirit, a contrite heart.

Cleanse me with hyssop and I will be clean.

Wash me and I will be whiter than snow.

Hide Thy face from my sin, let me once again hear joy.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation, restore my joy.

Then will I sing of Thy mercy. Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways,

I will sing of Thy righteousness, and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise—

O Lord, have mercy. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and restore my joy.

SECOND READING

Luke 23:32-38

New Testament p. 33

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

LITURGY FOR THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Those desiring to be imposed may do so during the receiving of communion.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .

. . .therefore we praise you. . .who forever sing to the glory of your name:

SANCTUS

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER *UNISON*

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MEDITATION

✠ **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *UNISON*

God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sending

✠ **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

✠ **HYMN 840**

It Is Well with My Soul

VILLE DU HAVRE

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 557

Bach

✠ INDICATES AN INVITATION TO STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE. PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES FOR THE DURATION OF THE SERVICE.