

Welcome

Thank you for joining us today. We are a welcoming congregation and if you are new to our church and would like to make this your home for worship, please see Pastor Michael Askew or an Elder after the service.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

(* = please stand)

Prelude

"My Life Is in You, Lord"

Terry Hagler

Opening Prayer

Molly Allen

Call to Worship

Ken Wagner

One: Each morning, God's grace awakens us, each evening, God's peace cradles us.

All: Compassion is our constant companion, as we go through work, school, the day.

One: In every moment, God is present with us; God whispers words which can change our lives.

All: Justice is our faithful teacher, pointing to where we can carry out fairness.

One: When we find ourselves groping in the shadows, God's light will provide a way home.

All: We turn the corner, and hope is waiting for us; we return home, and find a feast prepared.

***Hymn #549**

"Higher Ground"

Congregation

Scripture

Psalms 96:1-9 (pg. 426)

Ken Wagner

One: This is the Word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God.**

Call to Reconciliation

Ken Wagner

One: We know, despite our sincere efforts to live in God's way, that all too easily we slip off the path to the kingdom. Trusting that God will answer our prayers and forgive us, let us confess our sins, as we pray together,

All: Great Lover of Justice, hear our prayers: called to treat all people equally, we take sides and pick favorites; chosen to be your

children, we arrogantly assume others are not so honored; challenged to be examples of faith, we reveal our worst natures to our families and friends.

(A Moment of Silent Prayer)

All: Forgive us, Giver of Rest. Enable us to stop putting you to the test, so we can open our hypocritical hearts to your healing touch of compassion and hope. As Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, has given all for us, may we give ourselves to you - confidently, completely, faithfully.

Assurance of Pardon

Ken Wagner

One: Hear the good news: the One who created goodness and beauty is also the One who shows no partiality, but offers grace and peace to all.

All: God has heard our prayers and done the very we asked - forgiven us, healed us, restored us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Congregation

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Sharing the Peace

Ken Wagner

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also, with you.

Congregation

(Please pass signs of peace and forgiveness with those seated around you)

***Hymn #571**

"Trust and Obey"

Congregation

Life of the Church This Week

Ken Wagner

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Ken Wagner

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Dr. Michael Askew

The Lord's Prayer, *(Inside cover Red Book)*

Congregation

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

<u>Scripture</u>	Matthew 22:15-22 (pg. 699)	Rev Dr. Michael Askew
<u>Anthem#</u>	"Seek Ye First"	Choir
<u>Sermon</u>	"What Belongs to God?"	Rev Dr. Michael Askew

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

<u>*The Apostles' Creed</u>	(Inside cover Red Book)	Congregation
<u>Moment for Stewardship</u>		David Balmer
<u>Call to Offering</u>		Rev Dr. Michael Askew
<i>(Take the offering plate into your hands; a reminder that we give our whole life as an offering to God every day.)</i>		
<u>*Offertory#</u>	"You Are My All in All"	Terry Hagler

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

***Prayer of Dedication** Rev Dr. Michael Askew

Words of Encouragement

I bring greetings to you from Wewahitchka Presbyterian Church with this thought for the week. Oh Lord hear my prayer, oh Lord hear my prayer when I call, answer me. Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble because you are my strength. Be blessed and have a nice day. (Psalm 102: 1-2)

Final Word

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Charge and Blessing** Rev Dr. Michael Askew
We leave now in order to follow God into the world.

All: We will go to bring the healing and peace of Jesus to all.

***Sung Benediction** (Please face the center) Congregation

**All: May the Lord, Mighty Lord bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace, and courage in every endeavor.
Lift your eyes and see His face, see His grace forever.
May the Lord, Mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever.**

Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church
October 18 , 2026 9:00 am

"GIVE TO **CAESAR**
WHAT IS **CAESAR'S**,
AND TO **GOD**
WHAT IS **GOD'S**."

MATTHEW 22:21, NIV



**Our Vision: Transforming lives by the love of
Christ Jesus through witness, mission, and evangelism.**

**Our Mission: To be a place where the community can
come together in Christ and provide, through God and
his Word, love, comfort and joy to all.**