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 #122 "Glorious Is Thy Name" Congregation

Opening Prayer Shelia Clark-Askew

<u>Call to Worship</u>
Lenny Zacher

One: Here, those who wander find a home, those who wonder discover words of hope.

All: We gather because we have heard God's whispers of grace.

One: Here, we discover promises are kept, that shattered hearts are made whole.

All: We gather because we are invited by Jesus to come and receive a welcome.

One: Here, those who are afraid to step into living waters are filled with the courage to jump in feet first.

All: We gather because the Spirit pulls us to our feet, meeting us in words, at the table, in community.

<u>Choir #124</u> "O Magnify the Lord" Choir

Scripture *Psalm 109:21-31 (pg. 433-34)*

Call to Reconciliation

Lenny Zacher

One: We need God's mercy but are hesitant to ask, we often ignore God's words of healing, we often feel stuck at the edge of grace. Yet God comes to ask, simply asking if we want to be made whole. Let us bring our foolish lives to God in these moments, that we might step into the waters of life

All: You invite us to get up, Holy God, but too often we stay where we have always been. We seem to want clearer signs but then ignore them, stronger voices but then do not listen, for someone (anyone) to act, but then turn

away. Grace is offered to us without reservation, but we cannot bring ourselves to believe it is meant for us..

(A Moment of Silent Prayer)

All: Forgive us, Gracious Heart. Keep calling to us until we listen and in listening, get to our feet to walk into your promised community, and to speak of love and grace and justice, just as Jesus gives us the words to offer to others.

Assurance of Pardon

Lenny Zacher

One: Listen, friends. The One who gathered Moses to grace, the One who invited others to be whole, the One who opened hearts in unexpected places is the One who pours mercy out upon you this day.

God's grace stirs still waters, God's hope swaddles the suffering, God's love calls us to walk into the world. Thanks be to God! We are made whole! Amen.

*Gloria Patri #813

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.

Sharing the Peace

Lenny Zacher

The peace of Christ be with you. *All: And also, with you.* (*Please pass signs of peace and forgiveness with those seated around you*)

*Hymn # 497

"I Will Praise Him"

Congregation

Life of the Church This Week

Lenny Zacher

Sharing Jovs & Concerns

Lenny Zacher

<u>Pastoral Prayer</u> <u>The Lord's Prayer</u>, (Inside cover Red Book) Rev Dr. Michael Askew Congregation PROCLAIMING THE WORD

<u>Scripture</u> *Hebrews 13:7-8 (pg. 853)*

Choir Anthem #217 "Holy Ground" Choir

Sermon Living a Life worth Remembering *Rev Dr. Michael Askew*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*The Apostles' Creed (Inside cover Red Book) Congregation

Call to Offering Rev Dr. Michael Askew

<u>Offertory</u> Chris Allen

*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

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 May 23, 2025 9:00 am



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.