

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 #167 *"It Is a Good Thing to Give Thanks"* *Choir*

OPENNING PRAYER *Sarah Waby*

CALL TO WORSHIP *Betsy Balmer*

One: We are God's household, crafted by the Architect of creation:

All: Our hearts a shelter for the outcast; our hands open to the stranger.

One: We are God's people, created in the divine image:

All: To tell others of God's love, to offer mercy as freely as we have received it.

One: We are God's children, called to give of ourselves:

All: Chosen to serve the lost and lonely, gifted to minister to a hurting world.

***Hymn #323** *"At the Cross"* *Congregation*

SCRIPTURE *Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (pg. 395)* *Betsy Balmer*

All: This is the Word of the Lord

CALL TO RECONCILLATION *Betsy Balmer*

One: Considered too rough for their smooth plans, the builders cast out the Stone they needed. But God builds salvation on the One who is the foundation of all hope. Let us confess our sins to God and one another, trusting we will not be put to shame,

All: Hear the brokenness of our lives, Precious God. We cover our ears so we cannot hear the cries of those in need, or you urging us to

respond. We rush together to defend every issue that matters to us, but quickly disperse when you would call us to be your holy people. We shout as loud as we can to cheer on our sports teams, but can manage only whispers when it comes to sharing the good news.

(A Moment of Silent Prayer)

All: Forgive us, our Eternal Guide, and do not hold our sins against us. We lay the garments of our foolishness at your feet, so you might clothe us in grace and hope. We would feed on the spiritual food which flows from your heart so we might be strong enough to follow Jesus as he leads us in the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Betsy Balmer

One: You are no longer alone - you are God's Beloved. You are not of this world, but residents of God's Kingdom. You, who once had no hope, have been filled with forgiveness.

All: We will live as God's people: forgiven to serve, blessed to share, loved so we might care. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRIA**

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 OF THE PEACE

Betsy Balmer

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 #780**

"Until Then"

Betsy Balmer

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Betsy Balmer

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev Dr. Michael Askew

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

Congregation

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Scripture *Genesis 37:5-8 (pg. 28)* *Rev Dr. Michael Askew*

***Anthem #548** *"As the Deer"* Choir
Sermon **"When the Dream Begins"** *Rev Dr. Michael Askew*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

Communion *Rev Dr. Michael Askew*

CALL TO OFFERING *Rev Dr. Michael Askew*

***Offertory** *"Oh What a Sunrise"* *Juredini Green*

***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 First DeFuniak Presbyterian Church with this thought for the week. Even though each day may be a challenge, turn your frown upside down, because this is the day which the Lord hath made; and we will rejoice and be glad in it so smile and make it a great day! (Ps 118:24)

FINAL WORDS *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 5, 2026 9:00 am

THE STORY OF



JOSEPH

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.