

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)

***Please stand for presentation of American and Christian flags as we sing:**

Prelude#804

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Choir

Opening Prayer

Sarah Waby

Call to Worship

Molly Allen

One: Come to our God, all who hunger for life:

All: For it is God who nourishes us at the Table of Grace

One: Come to our God, all who are worn out by life:

All: For it is God who provides the rest we need.

One: Come to our God, all who are weighed down:

All: For it is our God who carries our burdens with us.

***Hymn #809**

"God of Our Fathers"

Congregation

Scripture

Psalm 66:1-9 (pg. 411)

Molly Allen

All: This is the Word of the Lord

Call to Reconciliation

Molly Allen

One: Fretful, agitated, longing for more and more of this and that, we spend our lives in a never-ending, never-fulfilled search for that which satisfies.

But Christ knows that we will only find the end of our journey in God, and so invites us to that peaceful place known as God's heart. May we let go of our burdens of anger, hurt and sin so we can find our rest.

All: We are so skilled at being in control, at taking charge, Sabbath-Taking God, that we are not very good at resting. We think we have to

be constantly busy, so we have no time for you. We are trained to be extremely productive, and so create our harried, stress-filled lives.

(A Moment of Silent Prayer)

All: Forgive us, Shalom Giving God. Help us to let go of our distractions, so you can act in us; calm our creaturely activity, so you can re-create us; help us to follow Jesus, not only into discipleship, but into our rest with you.

Assurance of Pardon

Molly Allen

One: It sounds so simple, we think it is too simple. But which is the burden you would choose: hate or love; anger or forgiveness; pain or peace? God invites us to receive the gifts which make it possible to have lives of faithful obedience.

All: This is the good news: God forgives us and takes our burdens from us. We would let go of them and welcome hope, joy, grace into our lives. 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

Molly Allen

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 #709** *“America, the Beautiful”*

Congregation

Life of the Church This Week

Molly Allen

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Molly Allen

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Dr. Michael Askew

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

Congregation

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Scripture *Luke 14:15-24 (pg. 739)* *Rev Dr. Michael Askew*
Anthem *"God Bless America"* *Choir*
Sermon **"There's Room at the Table"** *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*

*(Take the offering plate into your hands; a reminder that
we give our whole life as an offering to God every day.)*

***Offertory#** *"The Old Gospel Ship"* *Paisleigh, LuAnn & Michael G*

***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 Monticello Presbyterian Church with this thought for the week. Some days are difficult; filled with obstacles that wear us down. It seems sometimes like the world is more than we can bear. In those low places, remember that we place our hope in our God, who never abandons us. God will provide the strength to go on in faith and hope. (Isa 40: 31)

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

July 5, 2026 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.