

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** #746

"He Keeps Me Singing"

Congregation

Opening Prayer

Richard Clubb

Call to Worship

Betsy Balmer

One: In places like Gaza and the Ukraine, where lives are lost and voices are not heard,

All: We call to mind that faith which is passed on to us, that justice which speaks out for all people.

One: In border towns and communities walled in by poverty, where fears destroy families and scatter neighbors,

All: We call to mind that hope which is passed on to us, that peace and reconciliation will rebuild communities.

One: In neighborhoods not known, in places never mentioned, where bitter tears are shed and the lonely walk the streets,

All: We call to mind that love which we can pass on to those forgotten by the world, including us.

Hymn #339

"By His Grace"

Choir

Scripture

Psalm 137 (pg. 445)

Betsy Balmer

One: This is the Word of the Lord

Betsy Balmer

Call to Reconciliation

Betsy Balmer

One: Faith, hope, love have all been passed on to us, not so we can hoard these gifts for ourselves, but so we might share them with others. Let us lift our prayers to the One who is always ready to place forgiveness in our hearts, as we tell how we have not done this in our lives.

All: We think if we turn off the media, we will not need to listen to the voices of our neighbors, God of all the world. We are blessed with family and friends, and so do not know the lonely. We are at ease in a world which is troubled, and so do not notice the bitter tears of others. Because we are people of affluence and privilege, we cannot understand those who are broken by the anger and brutality of the world.

(A Moment of Silent Prayer)

All: Yet, you know, God of the sufferers. You hear the cries of those living in oppression, and call us to listen. Your tears mingle with those whose children lie mangled or dead in war zones, and would have us be peacemakers. Your faithfulness is great, when ours seems so futile, yet you would have us serve the world alongside your Child, Jesus, even as he served us with his life and gifts. Amen..

Assurance of Pardon

Betsy Balmer

One: Call this to mind: God is ever faithful; hope is the gift passed on to us, love is the gift we can share with others; God's mercies never come to an end.

Great is God's faithfulness to all people, in all places. Thanks be to God, who has given us the promise of life in Christ Jesus our Lord! 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

Betsy Balmer

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 #774**

"When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder"

Congregation

Life of the Church This Week

Betsy Balmer

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Betsy Balmer

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

Rev Dr. Michael Askew
Congregation

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Scripture *John 6:35-40 (pg. 755)*

Rev Dr. Michael Askew

***Anthem** *"Rise and Be Healed"*

Congregation/Daniel Wolfe

Sermon: **(Soul Food) Bread for the Soul**

Rev Dr. Michael Askew

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

Congregation

Communion Service

Rev Dr. Michael Askew

A Moment for Stewardship

Dave Balmer

Call to Offering

Rev Dr. Michael Askew

Offertory

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

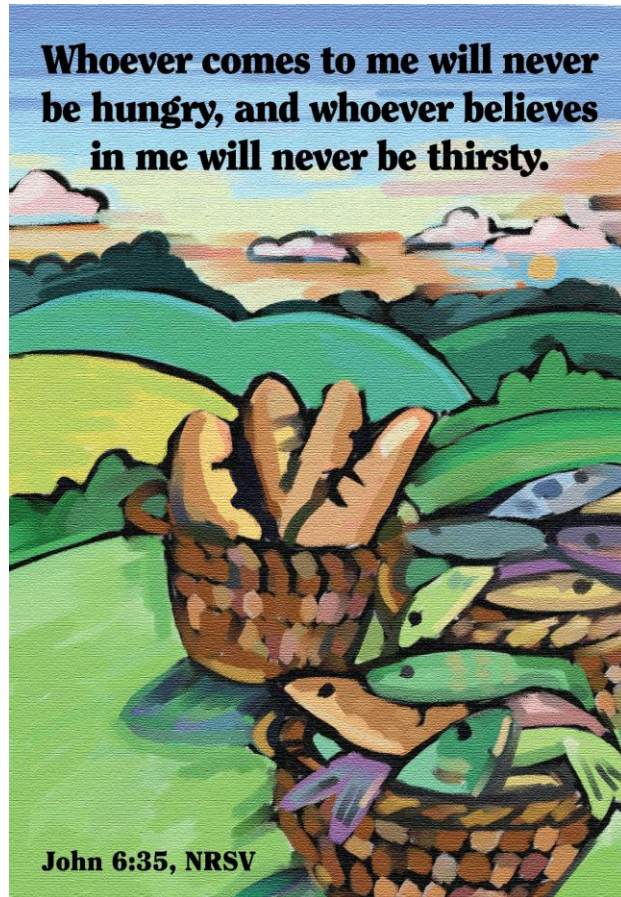
All: May the Lord, Mighty Lord bless and keep you forever.

Grant you peace, perfect peace, and courage in every endeavor.

Lift your eyes and see His face, see His grace forever.

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***Gulf Beach
Presbyterian Church***
October 5, 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.**