

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 #249

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Choir

Opening Prayer

Sarah Waby

Call to Worship

Lenny Zacher

One: In snow-capped churches, and on sand-strewn beaches,

All: God's people gather in joy to celebrate a birth.

One: With hopes littering our hearts like wrapping paper under a tree,

All: We offer our thanks and praise for the gift of grace swaddled in love.

One: With eyes wide open like little children, with hearts full of wonder and laughter,

All: We join our lives with Mary and Joseph, with the shepherds who ran to tell the good news.

***Hymn #259**

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

Congregation

Scripture

Psalm 148 (pg. 448)

Lenny Zacher

All: This is the Word of the Lord

Lenny Zacher

Call to Reconciliation

Lenny Zacher

One: As we remember Christmas morning, of laughter and families, we must remember and confess how we dampen the spirits of others, speak hurtful words to those we love, turn our backs on those in need. Join me, as we pray together saying,

All: Manger-dwelling God, we heard the songs of the angels, yet we easily tune-out the cries of the needy; we feel the breath of our children on our faces, yet remain untouched by your Spirit of peace; we are surrounded by

gifts as precious as those brought by the Wise Ones, yet have trouble sharing with those who are from other countries, other faiths.

(A Moment of Silent Prayer)

All: Forgive us, Grace swaddled in mystery. We believe in Christmas, help us to believe in you even more; we hunger for happiness, feed us on your peace; we long for community and acceptance, surround us with our siblings we find in all those, of every age and every place, who follow and serve alongside our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrated Christmas Day. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Lenny Zacher

One: Born that day was grace – for the broken and bereft; born that day was hope – for the vulnerable and forgotten; born that day was love – for all of us!

All: Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! We will go to tell others of all we have seen, heard, experienced, and know. 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.

Sharing the Peace

Lenny Zacher

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 #270**

"Joy to the World"

Congregation

Life of the Church This Week

Lenny Zacher

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Lenny Zacher

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Dr. Michael Askew

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

Congregation

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Scripture

Revelation 21:1-5 (*pg. 878*)

Rev Dr. Michael Askew

***Anthem**

Martha Wimberly

Sermon

When God Holds the Last Word

Rev Dr. Michael Askew

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

Congregation

Call to Offering

Rev Dr. Michael Askew

Offertory

Martha Wimberly

***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

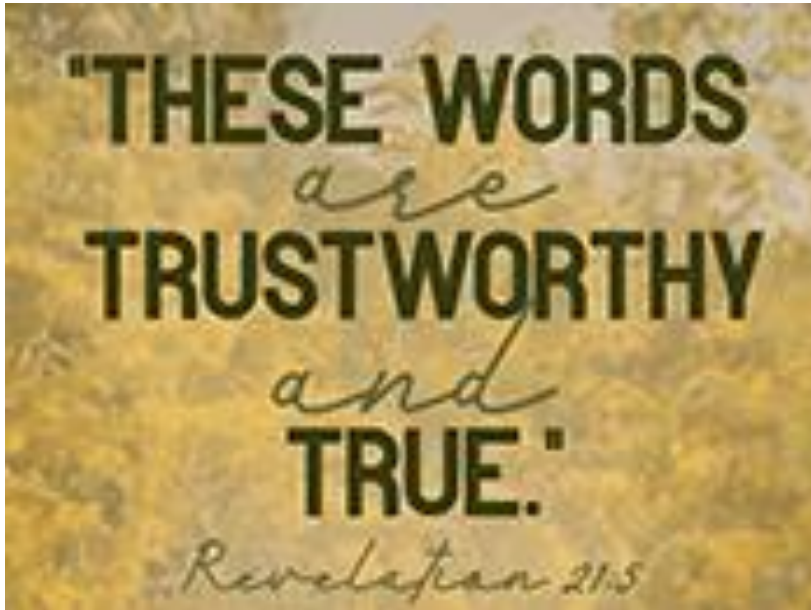
All: May the Lord, Mighty Lord bless and keep you forever.

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
December 28, 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.**