

## **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**

*"O Magnify the Lord"*

*Choir*

### **Opening Prayer**

*Sarah Waby*

### **Call to Worship**

*Ken Wagner*

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: The whole creation rejoices; the birds sing from every tree.**

One: Alleluia! Christ is in our midst!

**All: Babies babble with sounds of joy; words cannot express our overflowing hearts.**

One: Alleluia! Christ is our light forever!

**All: Breathing peace on us in these moments; surrounding us with grace and hope.**

### **\*Hymn #688**

*"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

*Congregation*

### **Scripture**

*Psalm 16 (pg. 388)*

*Ken Wagner*

**All: This is the Word of the Lord**

### **Call to Reconciliation**

*Ken Wagner*

One: Afraid that God will find out how faithless we are, we try to lock up our hearts so God cannot see our foolish lives and failures. Let us confess our sins to the One who offers us peace and healing, as we pray together, saying:

**All: Hear the echoes of our locked hearts, Path of Life. We cross the borders into temptation and never seem to find our way back. We**

multiply the sorrows of others by our hurtful words and the harmful deeds we do. We see the ones you would give us to serve, but believe we do not have the ability to care for them.

*(A Moment of Silent Prayer)*

**All: Have mercy on us, God whose Breath gives us life. Walk through the closed doors of our worries and doubts to stand in our midst, offering us that grace which can heal us, that hope which can enliven us, and that faith which enables us to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*Ken Wagner*

One: It is God's great mercy through the resurrection of Jesus which gives us that hope which lives within us.

**All: Thanks be to God for this precious gift by which we are able to believe and rejoice in our inheritance. 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**

*Ken Wagner*

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 #778**

*"Sweet By and By"*

*Congregation*

**Life of the Church This Week**

*Ken Wagner*

**Sharing Joys & Concerns**

*Ken Wagner*

**Pastoral Prayer**

*Rev Dr. Michael Askew*

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

*Congregation*

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**Scripture**            *Matthew 3:1-4 (pg.682)*            *Rev Dr. Michael Askew*

**\*Anthem**            *"Victory Chant"*            Choir

**Sermon**    **"Happy...Even When You're Hurting"**  
*Rev Dr. Michael Askew*

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

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

**Call to Offering**            *Rev Dr. Michael Askew*

**\*Offertory#374**            *"The Lone Wild Bird"*            *Molly 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*

## **Words of Encouragement**

I bring greetings to you from Bethel of DeFuniak Springs Presbyterian Church with this thought for the week. Mercy unto you and peace and love be multiplied. Be encouraged and have a nice day (Jude 1:2-3)

## **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***

**April 12, 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.**