

## **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 #209**

“This Is the Day”

*Choir*

### **Opening Prayer**

Shelia Clark Askew

### **Call to Worship**

*Lenny Zacher*

One: It is good to be here in this sacred space,

**All: In the shelter of God’s love and hope.**

One: It is good to be here with folks we know well, as well as with new friends,

**All: Joining with all of God’s beloved, siblings of Jesus.**

One: It is good to be here, where we can hear God’s voice,

**All: Calling us to be eyewitnesses to the Spirit’s presence.**

**\*Hymn #225**    “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

*Congregation*

**Scripture**        Psalm 2 (*pg. 384*)

*Lenny Zacher*

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

*Lenny Zacher*

### **Call to Reconciliation**

*Lenny Zacher*

One: We wait for God to show up, and while waiting, do not notice the words we might have spoken, the good we could have done. Let us confess to our God, who waits to surround us with grace and hope, as we pray together, saying,

**All: Our judgment often becomes clouded by our foolishness, Sheltering God, and so we make all the wrong choices. We let fancy philosophies draw us away from your grace. The flowery words of politicians can lead us into valleys of worry and despair. Our fears can convince us that those around us are conspiring against us.**

*(A Moment of Silent Prayer)*

**All: You can take all our foolishness, Creative God, and make us wise enough to see you among us. You take the shards of our broken lives to recast us into a faithful people. You speak gently to us, so we can listen to your dreams of our seeing each person as your beloved, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, sees us through such eyes. Amen**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*Lenny Zacher*

**One: On mountaintops and in valleys, in moments when our lives are shrouded and as well as when we reflect Christ's light, God is with us, declaring we are the beloved!**

**All: In this moment, in every moment, may we glimpse the grace of God which comes and transfigures our lives. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! 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 #721**                      *"Jesus Never Fails"*                      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**                      Matthew 14:28-31 (*pg. 692*)                      Rev Dr. Michael Askew

**\*Anthem#138**                      *"Holy Ground"*                      Choir

**Sermon**                      **"People Like Us: When God Uses Ordinary, With Flawed Lives"** Peter A Man of Impulse                      Rev Dr. Michael Askew

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

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

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

**Offertory** *"I am the Vine"/ "At the Sounding of the Trumpet"*                      Bev Talbott

**\*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***

**February 15, 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.**

