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)

<u>*Prelude</u> "So Glad" Choir

Opening Prayer Sarah Waby

<u>Call to Worship</u> Sarah Waby

One: The God who is greater than we will ever understand,

All: Is humbled to become one of us.

One: The God who is more loving that our hearts dare imagine,

All: Gives us more grace than we ever realize.

One: The God who is wiser than we will ever know,

All: Teaches us all we need to become God's children.

*Hymn #762 "What a Day That Will Be" Congregation

Scripture Psalms 34:18-22 (Pg. 397) Sarah Waby **All: This is the Word of the Lord** Sarah Waby

<u>Call to Reconciliation</u> Sarah Waby

One: We often think God is 'out there' somewhere, distant and uncaring. But God hears our hearts, God shares our struggles, God walks with us as we try to be faithful disciples. Let us come to the One who is as close as the very breath we take in this moment to confess the brokenness of our lives. Please join me as we pray,

All: We are so easily confused by what the world tells us, Watching God, that we forget the stories of faith we heard as children. We are so fearful of tomorrow, we are not aware of your Spirit with us today. We are so busy wondering 'what if?' or 'suppose?' - we cannot hear the promises you whisper to us.

(A Moment of Silent Prayer)

All: So once again, Gracious God, have mercy on us. You know our hearts so well - touch them with your grace. You see our deepest fears - heal them with your peace. You hear our secret longings - speak to them of your hope. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Assurance of Pardon

Sarah Waby

One: The One who searches our broken hearts has found the way to mend them and make us new people. The good news is that everything God has done in Christ is for us, that we might be made whole.

All: With kindness and with justice, God makes us new people. We will sing our thanks through all eternity. Great is God and greatly to be praised! 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

Sarah Waby

The peace of Christ be with you. *All: And also, with you.* (*Please pass signs of peace and forgiveness with those seated around you*)

<u>*Hymn #740</u> "Joy Unspeakable"

Congregation

<u>Life of the Church This Week</u> <u>Sharing Joys & Concerns</u>

Sarah Waby Sarah Waby

Pastoral Prayer

Michael Greer

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

<u>*Anthem</u> "He's God"

Choir

Sermon: Facing Your Future Without Fear

1John 4:15-21 Michael Greer

Congregation

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

<u>Offertory</u> "Swing Down Sweet Chariot" LuAnn Dearing/ 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 Michael Greer

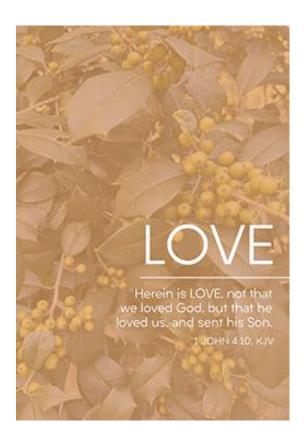
*Benediction Hymn #232

God be with you till we meet again.
By his counsel's guide uphold you
With his sheep securely fold you

God be with you till meet again

God be with you till we meet again neath his wings protecting, hide you daily manna still provide you God be with you till we meet again

Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church November 9, 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.

Facing Your Future Without Fear

1John 4:15-21

Michael Greer

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- **B.) Attitude of assurance**

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