

## 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 #224      *"We Have Come Into His House"*      Congregation

## Opening Prayer

### Call to Worship

*Donna Acton*

One: Today, God comes, to gather us in worship:

**All: to wait in silence for the Word, to sit at the Table of grace.**

One: Tomorrow, the Word of God comes, calling us to go forth to serve:

**All: to bring hope to those who have none, to love all tossed aside by indifference.**

One: The next day, and the next day, the Holy Spirit will come:

**All: so we might discover the gift of peace, and offer it to our broken world.**

Choir # 20      *"Let There Be Glory and Honor and Praises"*      Choir

## Scripture

*Psalm 27 (pg. 393,394)*

### Call to Reconciliation

*Donna Acton*

One: Join me in imitating all who have gone before us, who trusted that if they spoke of their misdeeds and hollow hearts, God would not only hear them, but forgive them. Let us pray together, saying,

**All: Offered a feast at grace's table, God of the covenant, we choose to gorge ourselves on the empty calories of greed. Invited to live in your house, we move into death's fear-infested boarding house. Though you promise to be with us, we toss you aside, chasing after those who will abandon us at the first chance.**

*(A Moment of Silent Prayer)*

**All: But you will not let the foxes of foolishness devour us, Mothering God, but will gather us under the shelter of your love. You do so in order to give us that peace which heals us, that wonder which surprises us, and that faith which enables us to let go of the present to walk into the covenant of grace made possible through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*Donna Acton*

One: God does not abandon us. Like a border collie, God gathers us up, leading us to that shelter of love and life.

**All: Today, tomorrow, and the next day, God's grace rests upon us and gives us hope and mercy. Thanks be to God! We are forgiven. 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. Amen.***

**Sharing the Peace**

*Donna Acton*

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 #746**

*"He Keeps Me Singing"*

*Congregation*

**Life of the Church This Week**

*Donna Acton*

**Sharing Joys & Concerns**

*Donna Acton*

**Pastoral Prayer**

*Rev Dr. Michael Askew*

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

*Congregation*

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**Scripture**

Matthew 4:1-11 (pg. 682,683)

**Choir Anthem** #779

*"I'll Fly Away"*

*Choir*

**Sermon**

**Our Lenten Journey: Fasting from the World: Detoxing the Soul**

*Rev Dr. Michael Askew*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

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

*Congregation*

**Call to Offering**

*Rev Dr. Michael Askew*

**Offertory**

*Jim Dilamarter*

**\*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.

*Rev Dr. Michael Askew*

***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.**

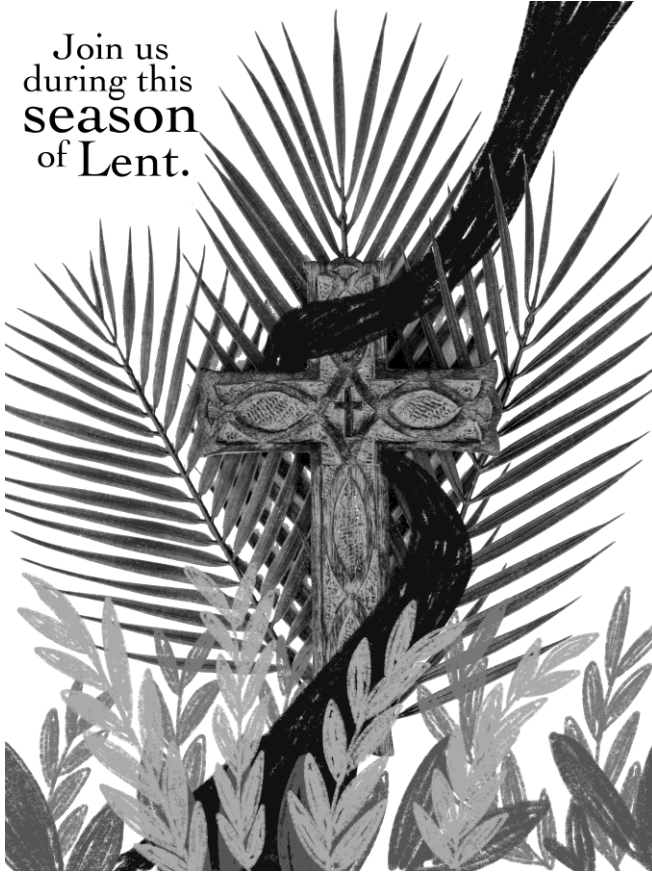
**Lift your eyes and see His face, see His grace forever.**

**May the Lord, Mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever.**

***Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church***

**March 16, 2025 9:15 am**

Join us  
during this  
**season**  
of Lent.



**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.**