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Welcome

Call to Worship *(based on Philippians 4:8)*

Leader:

Brothers and sisters, let us set our minds on what is true and good.

People: We will think on what is honorable, just, and pure.

Leader: Let us fill our hearts with what is lovely and worthy of praise.

People: We will dwell on the things of God, who is our peace.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord, who fills our minds with truth and our hearts with joy.

All: We come with thankful hearts to worship God!

Hymn

Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

2 We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly
3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and
steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers and sisters beloved
by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our message of the gospel came to you not in
word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you
know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. 6 And you became
imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy
from the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and
in Achaia. 8 For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and
Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to
speak about it. 9 For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and
how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God 10 and to wait for his Son
from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming
wrath.

Hymn

Sermon “To the Church Gathered...” Rev. Jim Coyl

Pastoral Payer

Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Benediction

The Blessing of an Excellent Small Church

1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

*We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember
before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and
your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

— 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 (NIV)

Paul's words to the Thessalonians could just as easily be written to a faithful small church today. He doesn't measure excellence by size, budget, or influence—but by faith, love, and hope. In their quiet perseverance and steadfast devotion, the Thessalonians embodied what it means to live as God's people in community.

Eugene Peterson, in, A Long Obedience in the Same Direction, writes, “There is a great market for religious experience in our world; there is little enthusiasm for the patient acquisition of virtue.” The beauty of a small church is that it calls us away from the market-driven rush for quick results and toward that patient, steady obedience. Week after week, we worship, pray, and serve together—not because it’s flashy or grand, but because Christ is forming something eternal in us.

An excellent small church is not defined by what it has, but by Whose it is. Our faithfulness, like that of the Thessalonians, becomes a living testimony—“the message of the Lord rang out from you... your faith in God has become known everywhere” (v.8).

May we continue in that same long obedience, trusting that our quiet faithfulness is a blessing both to God and to the world.

What Is the Revised Common Lectionary?

The Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) is a three-year cycle of Bible readings used by many Christian churches around the world. It was created to help congregations hear a broad and balanced portion of Scripture throughout the church year, following the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost.

Engaging with the RCL’s daily readings invites believers into a shared rhythm of Scripture, connecting personal devotion with the wider church community. By following the daily passages, individuals can deepen their understanding of God’s Word, prepare for Sunday worship, and grow spiritually through regular reflection and prayer.

Monday, October 20, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 129; Jeremiah 38:14-28; 1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Tuesday, October 21, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 129; Jeremiah 39:1-18; James 5:7-12

Wednesday, October 22, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 129; Jeremiah 50:1-7, 17-20; Luke 22:39-46

Thursday, October 23, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 65; Joel 1:1-20; 2 Timothy 3:1-9

Friday, October 24, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 65; Joel 2:1-11; 2 Timothy 3:10-15;

Saturday, October 25, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 65; Joel 2:12-22; Luke 1:46-55

A Spirit of Generosity!

As faithful stewards of God's blessings, we are called to give joyfully and generously.

Your gifts help support the mission, ministries, and outreach of our church.

Here are some convenient ways you can give:

1. In-Person Giving - Please make checks payable to: "The Beach Church"
2. Online Giving - Visit our church website: thebeachchurch.com and click on the "Give" button. You can set up one-time or recurring donations
3. Text-to-Give - Simply text the word "GIVE" to 850.787.9273 - Complete giving information and credit/debit card details. Once complete, the information is securely saved for future gifts.
4. Automatic Bank Transfers - Set up a recurring donation through your bank's bill-pay service.
5. Legacy and Planned Giving - Consider leaving a lasting legacy by including the church in your estate planning.

Are you older than 70 1/2? Make Qualified Charitable Distributions from your IRA for possible tax benefits. Age 73? Use QCDs to satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) (again, with possible tax benefits).

6. Zelle - Zelle users can send funds to Pensacola Beach Community United.

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