

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

10:00 AM

<sup>2</sup> *Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them.*

<sup>3</sup> *Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.*

Psalm 111:2-3

**PRELUDE**

Debbe Picerno

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

**P: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!**

L: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

**P: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*HYMNS**

“How Great Thou Art”

No. 147

“How Deep the Father’s Love”

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God, You raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of All. We confess that we acknowledge Jesus as Lord of our lives, we fail to live it out in our relationships, our vocations, or our decisions. We have gone along with the ways of the world. We have failed to wait for your leading, and to give you all the glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may live as those who are faithful to you, through Christ our Lord, Amen. (Silent Confession)**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel.

**P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**\*CONFESSION RESPONSE:**

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*OFFERING RESPONSE:**

“Seek Ye First”

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Romans 8:18-27**

**ANTHEM**

“In Christ Alone”

Choir

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Job 4:1-8**

**SERMON**

“It’s Not Karma”

**Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin**

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*HYMN**

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

**POSTLUDE**

Debbe Picerno

**\*Those who are able please stand.**

**Ushers:** Cora, Sadie, Molly, Graceyn

**Welcome Desk:** Nancy McCombs

**Liturgist:** Autumn Moore

**Greeters:** Pam Greb

**Fellowship Hour:** Autumn Moore

**Child Care:** Sarah Murtha

<u><i>THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR</i></u>		
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>11 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>1 PM</b>	<b>Quilting</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>7 PM</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Sunday, Feb 4<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Communion</b>
	<b>11 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>6-8 PM</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>

**Ash Wednesday Service-** We invite you to join us on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> for our Ash Wednesday Service at 7 PM as we gather for a reflective night of worship.

**Faith & Fellowship Nights-** Mark your calendars, as we will host Faith & Fellowship Night during Lent, beginning Wednesday, Feb 21<sup>st</sup> with dinner served at 5:30 and bible study for all ages from 6:15-7. **We will need volunteers to help with the dinners and the children's program. Sign up sheets are located in the Library.**

**COFFEE AND CONVERSATION-** Will be cancelled this week and resume on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> as Pastor Steve will be out of town this week.

**Year End Giving Statements-** Are available in the Library for pickup.

**Souper Bowl Food Drive-** Our Youth Group will be collecting the following items for the food pantry from now until February 4<sup>th</sup>; canned soup, canned fruit and vegetables, canned chicken and tuna, pasta, rice, cereal, mac & cheese, pasta sauce, juice, and peanut butter. Please place items on the table in the Library. We are also accepting cash donations for the Youth Group to shop for food.

**Meridian Care Team-** Will meet on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> following worship in Parker Hall.

**Lowri House Stuffed Animal Drive-** We will be collecting new and gently used stuffed animals through Feb 11<sup>th</sup> to help kids in emergency situations. They will be given to advocacy homes, police stations, ambulances, the Red Cross, and other responders who might encounter children in need. There is a box in the Narthex.

# Meridian Presbyterian Church

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