

10:00 AM

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 10<sup>th</sup> , 2024

*<sup>21</sup> Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind. <sup>22</sup> Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy.*  
**Psalm 107:21-22**

PRELUDE

Debbe Picerno

**CALL TO WORSHIP**  
L: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.  
**P: He remembers his covenant forever; the word he commanded, for a thousand generations.**  
L: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.  
**P: That they might keep his precepts and observe his laws. Praise the Lord.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

\*HYMNS

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

No. 21

“Speak, O Lord”

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
Heavenly Father, The Gospel of Jesus Christ is life to those who call upon His name. Yet, there are still so many who do not believe and even more who have not truly heard. Your Great Commission calls us to share Jesus with our hurting world. Yet, we confess that we miss countless opportunities to bring God's loving message of salvation to others. Forgive us for shying away from the joy of this privilege. Renew in us a heart for the lost. Fill us with Your Spirit, Lord. Open our eyes to creative ways of taking that next step to bless others with the hope of Christ. We pray this in Jesus' name. 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:

“Doxology”

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

ANTHEM

“Covenant”

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 17:12-21

SERMON

“The Sign of the Covenant”

Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*HYMN

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

No. 435

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

\*Those who are able please stand.

Ushers: Trustees

Greeters: Ed & Ruth Monnie

Welcome Desk: Nancy McCombs

Fellowship Hour: Autumn Moore

Liturgist: Molly Tarr

Childcare: Haley Holtgraver

<i><u>THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR</u></i>		
Sunday:	10 AM	Worship
	11 AM	Sunday School
Monday:	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study
Tuesday:	1 PM	Quilting
	6:30 PM	Session Meeting
Wednesday:	9 AM	Coffee & Conversation
	5:30-7 PM	Faith & Fellowship
Sunday, March 17 <sup>th</sup> :	7 PM	Choir
	10 AM	Worship
	11 AM	Sunday School

**Faith & Fellowship Nights-** Join us, there are only two Wednesdays remaining! Dinner is served at 5:30 PM and bible study for all ages from 6:15-7 PM.

**Easter Egg Hunt-** Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> following worship, bring your Easter basket.

**Good Friday Breakfast-** Join us Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 AM for breakfast, followed by guest speaker Tammy Summers as she tell her “Story of Hope Out of Heartbreak.” **We are looking for volunteers to help serve breakfast. There is a signup sheet in the Library if you are available.**

**Blood Drive-** We will host our next blood drive on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 12-5 PM at the Meridian Firehall. Please sign up at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) if you are able to donate.

**Conno Meals on Wheels-** Is in need of volunteers to assist in the delivery of meals to our residents in the Meridian and Conno areas. They would need transportation and be available from about 11 AM-1 PM on the determined day. If you are interested in helping, please contact Karen at 724-256-8158 or 724-789-7868.

**Mission Trip Fundraiser-** This year’s youth group mission trip will be to Cleveland, OH to help serve those in need. 100% of your donations will go towards funding their trip. Thank you for your support!

**Save the Dates-** This year’s Vacation Bible School with be July 28<sup>th</sup>-August 1<sup>st</sup> and Summer Blast for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade will be July 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. More information coming soon.

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