

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

10:00 AM

<sup>2</sup> Test me, Lord, and try me, examine my heart and my mind; <sup>3</sup> for I have always been mindful of your unfailing love and have lived in reliance on your faithfulness.

*Psalm 26:2-3*

**PRELUDE**

Debbe Picerno

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Today we gather around God's table from near and far

**P: We are the Children of God!**

L: Though we differ in language, custom, and tradition

**P: We are brothers and sisters in Christ!**

L: For there is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism

**P: There is one Church and one Table. Let us worship the Lord of our salvation!**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN**

“Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me”

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of mercy, we confess that we have not loved you with all our being. We have done things which we ought not to have done, and we have left undone things which we ought to have done. We have built walls between neighbors and between countries, and we have ignored the cries of those in need. Forgive us and set us free, that we may live into the hope of your calling, that your reign may come on earth as it is in heaven.

(Silent Confession) Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel

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

**\*CONFESSION RESPONSE:**

“Behold the Lamb”

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*OFFERING RESPONSE:**

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

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

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Psalm 36:5-9**

**ANTHEM**

“God Is Love”

**Choir**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Luke 19:1-10**

**SERMON**

“How Wide”

**Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**\*HYMN**

“What Wondrous Love is This”

**No. 314**

**COMMUNION**

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*HYMN**

“How Deep the Father's Love”

**POSTLUDE**

**Debbe Picerno**

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

*The chancel flowers today are presented by the choir as a welcome back to Pastor Steve.*

**Ushers:** Deacons

**Welcome Desk:** Cathy Woller

**Liturgist:** Autumn Moore

**Greeters:** Cora Murtha

**Fellowship Hour:** Cathy Woller

**Child Care:** Sara Fair

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Communion</b>
	<b>11 AM</b>	<b>Pack Hygiene Kits &amp; Luncheon</b>
	<b>6 PM</b>	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>6-8 PM</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>
	<b>1 PM</b>	<b>Quilting</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Session Meeting</b>
	<b>9 AM</b>	<b>Coffee &amp; Conversation</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Choir</b>
	<b>9 AM-3 PM</b>	<b>Fishbone Work Project</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>5-7 PM</b>	<b>Fishbone Care Project</b>
	<b>9 AM-3 PM</b>	<b>Fishbone Work Project</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>9 AM</b>	<b>Men's Breakfast @ Mac's Cafe</b>

**HYGIENE KITS-** We will be packing hygiene kits today after worship in fellowship hall. Pizza lunch will be provided.

**SAVE THE DATE-** All Church Retreat at Crestfield Camp, November 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, join us as we focus on "Letting Go" Philippians 3:7-14, registration forms are available on the signup table or online on our website.

**CONGRATULATIONS-** We would like to congratulate Jesse and Rebecca Titus on their wedding, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**TRUNK OR TREAT-** We are looking for volunteers for Trunk or Treat on Saturday, Oct 19<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 PM. We need people to help with setup, cleanup, parking, kitchen, and donating cookies. Also, those to bring a decorated car and pass out candy! There is a signup sheet in the Narthex.

**FISHBONE SIGNUP-** We will be hosting a work and care project on Oct 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> for Fishbone Ministries. There is also a dinner on October 20<sup>th</sup>. There are signup sheets in the rear narthex for volunteers and supplies if you are interested in helping see Pastor Mike.

**PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH-** The month of October is "Pastor Appreciation" month. We take for granted the sacrifices our clergy and their families make to serve us. During October there will be boxes in the fellowship room outside of the office to collect cards or notes of thanks for Pastor Steve and Pastor Mike if you would like to express your gratitude.

# Meridian Presbyterian Church

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