

10:00 AM

8th Sunday after Pentecost

August 3rd, 2025

3 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

Colossians 3:1-2

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Debbe Picerno

L: Come, all who feel the pull of the world’s empty promises.

P: We come to follow the One who offers life eternal.

L: Christ calls us to follow Him, even when the road is hard.

P: We come to lay down our lives and follow Him.

L: Let us turn from comfort to calling, from self to Savior.

P: We will worship the Lord with all our heart, soul, and strength.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN

“I’d Rather Have Jesus”

No. 506

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, You told us that whoever wants to be Your disciple must deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow You. But we confess that we are far too easily pleased. We chase after comfort, success, and praise. We trade the eternal for the temporary, the soul for the world. We forget that nothing in this world can compare to knowing you. Forgive us for attempting to fill our emptiness with anything but you. Have mercy on us and restore to us the joy of Your salvation. Renew our desire to live for You above all else. Amen. (Silent Confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel!

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*CONFESSION RESPONSE:

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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 103:1-5

ANTHEM

“10,000 Reasons”

Solo By: Graceyn McKain

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 16:24-27

SERMON

“What Good Will It Be?”

Michael Barton, CLP

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

*HYMN

“Behold the Lamb (Around the Table of the King)”

COMMUNION

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*HYMN

“Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated”

No. 597

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able please stand.

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Ushers: Deacons

Welcome Desk: Cindy Musko

Liturgist: Bonnie Fiel

Greeters: Barton Family

Fellowship Hour:

Child Care: Sarah Murtha

| <i><u>THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR</u></i> | | |
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| Sunday: | 10 AM | Worship & Communion |
| Tuesday: | 1 PM | Quilting |
| Wednesday: | 9 AM | Coffee & Conversation |
| Saturday: | 9 AM | Men's Breakfast @ Mac's Cafe |
| Sunday: | 10 AM | Worship |
| | 12 PM | Church Picnic @ Slear's |

LIFEWISE ACADEMY- Will be coming to Butler Area School District and teach bible study during the school day. They must meet three criteria: taught off school property, private funding, & parental permission. They are starting a fund drive to hire and train a program manager, teachers, & volunteers. LifeWise will match the first \$1500 raised between now and Aug 25. Go to www.lifewise.org/butlerareasdpa to donate or send a check to LIFEWISE Lockbox 4327 Columbus, OH 43260-4327 with Butler Area SD PA in the memo line. For more information, please see Kevin Hillard. Thank you for your support!

DISCERNMENT TEAM UPDATE - Our discernment team is calling for a meeting of the College of Elders. Anyone who has ever served as an elder at Meridian Presbyterian Church is invited to join our discussion and discernment process on August 28th at 6:30 PM in Parker Hall. We hope you will join us to hear from the team, ask questions, and offer feedback.

MEALS ON WHEELS- Our Church will be providing desserts for Connoquenessing Meals on Wheels. There is a signup sheet on the table. Please have your dessert wrapped, labeled, & freezer ready and dropped off in the hallway outside of the Library today.

CHURCH PICNIC- will be Sunday, August 10th at 12:00 PM at the Slear's property (107 Connemara Lane Butler). The deacons will be providing the meat. Please bring a salad, side, or dessert to share. There is a signup sheet on the table for an estimated count.

CONFIRMATION CLASS- We're excited to offer a Confirmation Class this fall during the Sunday School hour for all 5th graders and older who are ready to take the next step in their faith journey. This class is a chance to explore what it means to follow Jesus, confirm your baptism, and become a full member of the church. Those who complete the class and are approved by the Session will be welcomed into membership on Sunday, December 14. Sign up in the Fellowship Room, see Mike Barton for more details.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION- Will not meet for bible study until Wed Aug 27th at 9 AM.

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