

10:00 AM

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 27th, 2025

⁸ I will listen to what God the Lord says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—but let them not turn to folly.

Psalm 85:8

PRELUDE

Timmi Longdon

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 100 in unison)
Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMNS

“My Savior’s Love”
“O How I Love Jesus”

No. 348
No. 92

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Merciful God, we confess that we neglect to build our lives upon Your Word. We aspire to lesser dreams and unsatisfying goals. We worship success, renown, wealth, and achievement. We bow before leisure, comfort, and physical pleasures. We trade Your Word for broken foundations, and then we wonder at our unhappiness, forgive us, and fill us with Your Spirit that we may build our lives on You and know fullness of life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. (Silent Confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON
L: Believe the good news of the Gospel.
P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*CONFESSION RESPONSE:

“Sanctuary”

No. 655

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Truth be Told”

Duet: Timmi Longdon & Lori McCann

*OFFERING RESPONSE:

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S SERMON & VBS RECAP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 6:5-9

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Commission”

Duet: Timmi Longdon & Lori McCann

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:43-48

SERMON

“What Reward Will You Get?”

Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*HYMN

“Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me”

POSTLUDE

Shelia Grieb

*Those who are able please stand.



Ushers: Franklins
Welcome Desk: BJ McKean
Liturgist: Cora Murtha

Greeters: Peg Morrison
Fellowship Hour: Autumn Moore
Childcare: Autumn Moore

<u>THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR</u>		
Sunday:	10 AM	Worship
Monday:	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study
Tuesday:	1 PM	Quilting
Wednesday:	7 PM	College & Career Bible Study
Thursday:	9:30-3	Youth Group Lake Day
Sunday:	10 AM	Worship & Communion

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- A big thank you to all of our VBS volunteers, we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for a wonderful week. We had over 50 kids in attendance!

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 on Sunday, August 3rd.

YOUTH GROUP LAKE DAY- Our Youth Group will be having their annual Lake Day at Moraine on Thursday, July 31st. Please see Pastor Mike to sign up and for more details.

CHURCH PICNIC- will be Sunday, August 10th at 12:00 PM at the Slear's property. 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 Wednesday, August 27th at 9 AM.

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