

10:00 AM

9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 10th, 2025

19 If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land; 20 but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword.” For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Isaiah 1:19-20

PRELUDE

Debbe Picerno

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

P: Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

L: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

P: For great is the LORD, and worthy to be praised!

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMNS

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

No. 139

“From Everlasting”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal and gracious God: We confess we are sinners who need a Savior. We are disciples who need Your loving mercy. We are often overwhelmed by fear, anxiety, and worry. Forgive us when we fail to trust in your presence. Forgive us our pride, willfulness, and stubbornness. Set us free from a past we cannot change. Open to us a future in which we will be changed. May we grow more and more in Your likeness. Through Christ 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:

“Gloria Patri”

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

Psalm 56:3-4

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Michael Row the Boat to Shore/Ode to Joy”

Violinist: Molly Tarr Cellist: Sutton Patrick

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 6:25-34

SERMON

“Why Do You Worry?”

Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*HYMN

“It Is Well with My Soul”

No. 705

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

*Those who are able please stand.



Ushers: Trustees

Welcome Desk: BJ McKean

Liturgist: Molly Tarr

Greeters: Cindy Musko

Fellowship Hour: Katie Schultz

Childcare: Katie Schultz

<i><u>THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR</u></i>		
Sunday:	10 AM	Worship
	12 PM	Church Picnic @ Slears
Monday:	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study
Tuesday:	1 PM	Quilting
Wednesday:	7 PM	College & Career Bible Study
Saturday:	10 AM	Grief Fellowship Hour

BLOOD DRIVE- Tuesday, August 19th from 12-5. Please signup at redcrossblood.org if you are able to donate.

LIFEWISE ACADEMY- Will be coming to Butler Area School District and teach bible study during the school day. 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.

GRIEF FELLOWSHIP HOUR- This Saturday, Aug 16th at 10 AM in the Library.

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 Aug 28th at 6:30 PM in Parker Hall.

MEALS ON WHEELS- This month's dessert collection fell short. We will be collecting again on Aug 24th. Please have your dessert wrapped, labeled, & freezer ready. Please see Ruth Monnie with any questions. This helps provide 40 people lunch 5 days a week!

CHURCH PICNIC- Today at 12:00 PM at the Slear's property (107 Connemara Lane Butler).

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 approved by the Session will be welcomed into membership on Sun, Dec 14. Sign up in the Fellowship Room, see Mike Barton for more info.

COMMUNION CLASS- Kids entering 2nd grade and older, who have not yet attended, are invited to signup for our fall Communion class following worship for 4 weeks beginning Sept 7th. See Laura Franklin with any questions.

FISHBONE DINNER- Volunteers and supplies needed for our next Fishbone dinner, Sunday August 31st at 5 PM. There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Room.

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