

10:00 AM

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

August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

*<sup>4</sup> The word of the Lord came to me, saying, <sup>5</sup> “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”*

Jeremiah 1:4-5

PRELUDE

Debbe Picerno

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 100)

L: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

P: 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.

L: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

P: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMNS

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

No. 63

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear Jesus, You have called us together to be the Church, sisters and brothers united by faith, yet we fall into isolation and disunity. You have given all, so that we might love, follow, learn from, and worship God, yet we choose conflicting priorities. You also send us out to speak the Gospel and share our lives in love for one another and our neighbors, yet we prefer our own interests. Forgive us, Lord Jesus, and remind us again of Your design for the Church, Your body. Embolden us by The Holy Spirit to live with You as our head, Amen. (Silent Confession)

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

\*CONFESSION RESPONSE:

“Seek Ye First”

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Standing on the Promises”

Quartet: Peg Morrison, Susan Mossgrove, Mike Sanderson, Les Freehling

\*OFFERING RESPONSE:

“He is Exalted”

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 65:17-25

ANTHEM

“My Tribute” (In Memory of Roger Rettig)

Quartet: Peg Morrison, Susan Mossgrove, Mike Sanderson, Les Freehling

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 21:1-7

SERMON

“Hope in the New Creation”

Rev. Dr. Bobby Griffith

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*HYMN

“In Christ Alone”

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

\*Those who are able please stand.

Ushers: Cindy Musko

Welcome Desk: Susan Mossgrove

Liturgist: Mike Barton

Greeters: Ed & Ruth Monnie

Fellowship Hour: Nancy Rettig

Childcare: Autumn Moore

<i><b><u>THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR</u></b></i>		
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Men's Bible Study</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>1 PM</b>	<b>Quilting</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>9 AM</b>	<b>Coffee &amp; Conversation</b>
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Choir</b>
	<b>7 PM</b>	<b>College &amp; Career Bible Study</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>College of Elders Meeting</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>11 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>5 PM</b>	<b>Fishbone Dinner</b>

**WELCOME-** We welcome the Rev. Dr. Bobby Griffith to the pulpit today. Bobby was a church planter in Oklahoma City prior to moving to Western PA to serve at Westfield Presbyterian Church. He's currently serving on ECO's standing theological committee as well as teaching at the Flourish Institute of Theology. He's married to Jen and they have two sons, Sammy and Xavier.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF-** Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM after worship. There will be communion class for 2nd grade and up, confirmation class for 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up, as well as classes for all children and teens. Please see Laura Franklin if you would like to help teach!

**HYGIENE KITS-** We will be collecting items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand towels, soap, shampoo, conditioner, combs, & deodorant) for 200 hygiene kits for Convoy of Hope. There is a signup sheet with more info. Please place all items in the bin in the rear narthex by Sept 14<sup>th</sup>.

**CHOIR & HAND BELLS-** Anyone interested in joining the choir or hand bell choir please see Debbe Picerno. Choir practice will resume on Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

**COLLEGE OF ELDERS-** Anyone who has ever served as an elder at Meridian is invited to join our discussion and discernment process on Aug 28th at 6:30 PM in Parker Hall.

**MEALS ON WHEELS-** We will be collecting desserts today. Please have your dessert wrapped, labeled, & freezer ready and drop off in the hallway outside the library in the education wing.

**FISHBONE DINNER-** Reminder, if you signed up to bring supplies for the Fishbone dinner please drop it off in the kitchen by 4 PM on Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.

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