

10:00 AM

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

September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025

*<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, my soul. <sup>2</sup> I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.*

Psalm 146:1-2

PRELUDE

Debbe Picerno

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

P: Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

L: Let us come before him with thanksgiving

P: And extol him with music and song.

L: For the Lord is the great God,

P: The great King above all gods.

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMNS

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

No. 21

“From Everlasting”

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear God, we gather today and admit our need for You and confess that we all fall short of Your glorious standard. We admit that while living in a broken world, we stumble and lose sight of You. We are sorry for sinning against You and one another. Please forgive us. Help us trust in You, especially when we do not have control over what goes on around us. Thank You for Your unconditional love, mercy, and grace. In Jesus’ Name, Amen. (Silent Confession)

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

\*CONFESSION RESPONSE:

“He is Exalted”

CALL TO 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 95:6-11

ANTHEM

“Fix Your Eyes on Christ”

By: Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 3:1-19

SERMON

“Hold On”

Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*HYMN

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

No. 321

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

\*Those who are able please stand.

*The chancel flowers today are in loving memory of Dan Musko, presented by Cindy Musko.*



Ushers: Cindy Musko & Pat Lazare

Welcome Desk: Cindy Musko & Emily Tarr

Liturgist: Molly Tarr

Greeters: Autumn Moore

Fellowship Hour: Julie & Kay Freehling

Childcare: Katie Schultz

<b><u>THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR</u></b>		
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>11 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>12-2 PM</b>	<b>Club 35</b>
	<b>6-8 PM</b>	<b>Youth Group @ The Hilliard's</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>Thursday:</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Discovery Night</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Communion</b>
	<b>11 AM</b>	<b>Pack Hygiene Kits</b>
	<b>6-8 PM</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>

**DISCOVERY NIGHT-**The elders will be hosting a discovery night for anyone who may be interested in joining the church or learning more about Meridian on Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM. Dinner will be provided, please sign up in the fellowship room.

**COMMUNION-** Join us next Sunday, October 5th as we celebrate World Communion Sunday. We now have gluten-free communion bread available in a container at the doors leading to the sanctuary for those that need it.

**HYGIENE KITS-** Please signup if you are able to pack kits on Sunday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup> following worship. Lunch we be a soup cook off. There is a signup sheet if you would like to participate.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL INTEREST-** Following worship on October 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:20, we will meet in the sanctuary to discuss the possibility of an adult Sunday school class. If you have ideas, questions, or are simply interested in participating, please plan to attend. We'd love your input!

**TRUNK OR TREAT-** We need volunteers for Trunk or Treat on Saturday, Oct 18<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 PM. We need people to help with setup, cleanup, parking, kitchen, and donating cookies. Also, those who would like to bring a decorated car and pass out candy! Sign up in the fellowship room.

**PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH-** During the month of October, we take time to recognize and honor the dedication and sacrifices our pastors and their families make in service to our church community. Boxes will be placed in the fellowship room outside the office to collect cards or notes of thanks for Pastor Steve and Pastor Mike if you would like to express your gratitude.

**ADULT MISSION TRIP-** We have a sign up sheet in the fellowship room for anyone would like more information on our adult mission trip on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

# Meridian Presbyterian Church

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