

Meridian Presbyterian Church will soon have two services on Sunday morning. Below are Frequently Asked Questions on this subject.

FAQ Document:

1. Why are we adding a second Service on Sunday?
 - a. We are growing, and this is a blessing!
 - b. We currently have a parking problem...we have no more spaces. And, we are also nearing capacity in our sanctuary. Both problems need to be solved.
2. Who made the decision to change?
 - a. The Elders, in their annual retreat, recognized the need to address the capacity issues in January of 2025. They commissioned a discernment team to look at the issues and report back with potential solutions.
 - b. In our October Session Meeting, The Discernment Team presented options, and made the recommendation to add a second Sunday Service.
 - c. Session approved that a second service be added on Sunday morning.
3. When will we begin having two services?
 - a. The two service model will begin on February 15, 2026
4. What will change?
 - a. The start time of the current service will be 8:45, and will be referred to as the Early Service.
5. What stays the same?
 - a. Our current traditional service will stay the same. The choir will sing and the flow of the service will stay exactly as it is today, starting at 8:45.
6. What will the new service times be?
 - a. The Early Service will begin at 8:45.
 - b. The second service on Sunday will begin at 11:00, and will be referred to as the Late Service.
7. Will we be having a rock concert on Sunday?
 - a. No.
8. What will each service look like?
 - a. The Early Service will be exactly the same as the service we have today.
 - b. The Late Service will not have a choir. We plan to have an acoustic guitar accompany Debbe on the piano, as well as guest musicians.
 - c. The flow of the Late Service will have minor changes.
 - d. Pastor Steve will preach the same sermon at both services.
 - e. Communion will continue on the first Sunday of each month. It will be served at both services in the same manner as it is today.
 - f. Both services will have a Children's Sermon.
9. How will this affect the children's ministry and Sunday School?
 - a. Junior Church will continue with the Early Service, but not be in the Late Service initially. We will monitor and adjust as necessary.
 - b. Sunday School will occur in between the two services. From 10-10:45

10. What happens to fellowship/coffee hour?
 - a. We will continue to use our new Gathering Space for coffee and fellowship in between the two services, and before the Early Service.
 - b. We will have a Brunch during the months with five Sundays (March, May, August and November). The first Brunch (March 29, 2026) will be in Fellowship Hall, in between the two services.
11. Will I be asked to attend a specific service?
 - a. No. Choose whichever service you wish to attend. Feel free to vary from week to week.
12. How does this impact our volunteers?
 - a. Our biggest challenge for volunteers is in the Nursery and Jr. Church.
 - b. We encourage anyone interested in volunteering to please reach out to any of the church leaders.
13. Will the parking flow or building entrance change?
 - a. There will be no changes for where you enter or exit the building.
 - b. To ensure public safety, we are asking that you enter on the Highland/Woodlawn side of the parking lot, and exit onto Miller Street.
14. How will this help us with our mission?
 - a. The Mission for Meridian Church doesn't change.
 - b. We continue to love God and love others.
 - c. We have a vision to Love Jesus, Love each other, and Love our community.
 - d. This Love calls us to open our doors to anyone in need. We invite the community to experience the fellowship of the Spirit that they may know the love of Jesus.
15. Will the new model be in place for the entire year?
 - a. History shows that attendance figures are less during the summer/vacation months.
 - b. We envision returning to the one-service (Traditional Service) in the summer months.
16. Who can I talk to if I have questions?
 - a. Feel free to talk to Pastor Steve or any member of our Strategy Team: Dave Freund, Roger Wolfe, Chris McKain, or Debbe Picerno.