

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

10:00 AM

*<sup>1</sup> I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry.<sup>2</sup> He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.*  
Psalm 40:1-2

PRELUDE

Debbe Picerno

**CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 100)**

L: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

P: **Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

L: Know that the Lord is God.

P: **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

“Blessed Assurance”

No. 572

“From Everlasting”

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, like a faithful shepherd, You never stop searching for Your people. Before we recognized our need for mercy, You sent Your Son Jesus, who gave His life for our salvation. We confess that we need Your care, Your guidance, Your forgiveness. You are the Shepherd, and we are Your sheep. Have mercy upon us and forgive us. By Your Holy Spirit, teach us to follow You more closely. Grant us the courage to surrender to Your leading and to live in obedience to Your will. In Jesus’ name, Amen. (Silent Confession)

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

\*CONFESSION RESPONSE:

“Gloria Patri”

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

\*OFFERING RESPONSE:

“He is Exalted”

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 13:1-8

ANTHEM

“Great is Thy Faithfulness (Beginning to End)”

By: Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Malachi 3:6-12

SERMON

“Keep on Loving”

Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*HYMN

“In Christ Alone”

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

\*Those who are able please stand.

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Ushers: Elders

Welcome Desk: Cindy Musko & Sadie Tarr

Liturgist: Bonnie Fiel

Greeters: Autumn Moore

Fellowship Hour: Bonnie Fiel

Childcare: Pam Greb

| <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 PM</b>         | <b>Community Lunch @ St Andrews</b> |
|                                    | <b>12:30-2:30 PM</b> | <b>Club 35</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>Saturday:</b>                   | <b>9 AM</b>          | <b>Session Retreat</b>              |

**BAPTISM-** Today we welcome Skylar Jean Harrison, daughter of Brittany and Zachary Harrison into the church through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. We rejoice with them as Skylar is marked by God and sealed for His purposes today.

**TWO SERVICES-** We will begin two services starting Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, service times will be 8:45 AM and 11 AM with Sunday School from 10-10:45 AM. More information can be found in the newsletter or on our website.

**YEAR END GIVING STATEMENTS-** Are available for pickup on the table in the fellowship room. Please let the office know if you need your statement emailed or mailed to you.

**NURSERY COORDINATOR** - The church is looking for a new nursery coordinator. After more than a decade of service Sarah Murtha has decided to step away from the position. We are so grateful for her dedicated service to our church and our children for all these years. This is a paid position. If you or someone you know is interested please get in touch with Pastor Steve.

**FAITH & FELLOWSHIP NIGHTS-** Mark your calendars, as we will host Faith & Fellowship Night during Lent, every Wednesday beginning February 25<sup>th</sup> with dinner served at 5:30 PM and bible study for all ages from 6:15-7 PM. We will need volunteers to help with the dinners and the children's program. Sign up sheets and more information will be coming soon.

**HOME COMMUNION-** We are looking for any current or former Elders who are interested in helping serve home communion quarterly. Please see Tim Rausch for more details.

**DEACON BOARD MEETING-** Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the library.

# Meridian Presbyterian Church

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