

Early Service

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 121)

L: Lift up your eyes, people of God!

P: We look to the hills, we stare into the desert, we gaze at the horizon, where is our help?

L: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

P: We will lift up our eyes, and follow God's way.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMNS** "Blessed Assurance" No. 572 & "The Power of the Cross"

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have created us to be, those who bear the image of God to a broken and hurting world. Amen. (Silent Confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***CONFESSION RESPONSE:** "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

OFFERTORY

***OFFERING RESPONSE:** "Seek Ye First"

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

COMMISSIONING ADULT MISSION TRIP TEAM & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON John 14:1-6

ANTHEM "Give Me Jesus" By: Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Ecclesiastes 1:1-18

SERMON "The Search for Meaning" Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***HYMN** "Be Still My Soul" No. 712

POSTLUDE Debbe Picerno

*Those who are able please stand.

Late Service

***HYMN** "Here I Am to Worship"

***WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER**

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***HYMNS** "Blessed Assurance" No. 572
"Living Hope"

OFFERTORY "Build My Life" By: Susan Randall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ANTHEM "Such an Awesome God" By: Susan Randall

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SERMON "The Search for Meaning" Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***HYMN** "10,000 Reasons"

POSTLUDE Susan Randall

*Those who are able please stand.



Thank you to this morning's volunteers!

Greeters: Autumn Moore & Laura Franklin
Welcome Desk: Pat Lazare & Carolyn Street
Ushers: Elders

Fellowship Hour: Bonnie Fiel
Liturgist: Bonnie Fiel
Childcare: Pam Greb

<i>THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR</i>		
Sunday:	8:45 AM	Early Service
	10 AM	Sunday School
	11 AM	Late Service
	12 PM	Community Lunches @ St. Andrews
	12:15-2:15 PM	Club 35
Monday:	6-8 PM	Youth Group
	6:30 PM	Choir
Tuesday:	1 PM	Quilting
Wednesday:	9 AM	Coffee & Conversation
	7 PM	Ash Wednesday Service

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL- Will begin a new study about the fruits of the spirit today at 10 AM in Parker Hall. We want to encourage everyone to join us.

ADULT MISSION TRIP- Please keep Pastor Mike and all those serving on the mission trip to Yancey, NC, Feb 22nd-27th in your prayers. May God bless their time, strengthen their efforts, and use them to bring hope to those in need.

ASH WEDNESDAY- We invite you to join us on Wednesday, February 18th for our Ash Wednesday Service at 7 PM as we gather for a reflective night of worship.

NURSERY DIRECTOR- This morning we welcome Jordan Longdon to the staff as our new nursery director. Jordan has extensive experience with children as a daycare worker, gymnastics coach, and is currently working on an associates degree in early childhood education. She is certified in child CPR and first aid. Please give her a warm Meridian welcome.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY- Today is the last day for the food pantry donations. Please place donated items in the wooden bin next to the welcome desk. Thank you to all who participated.

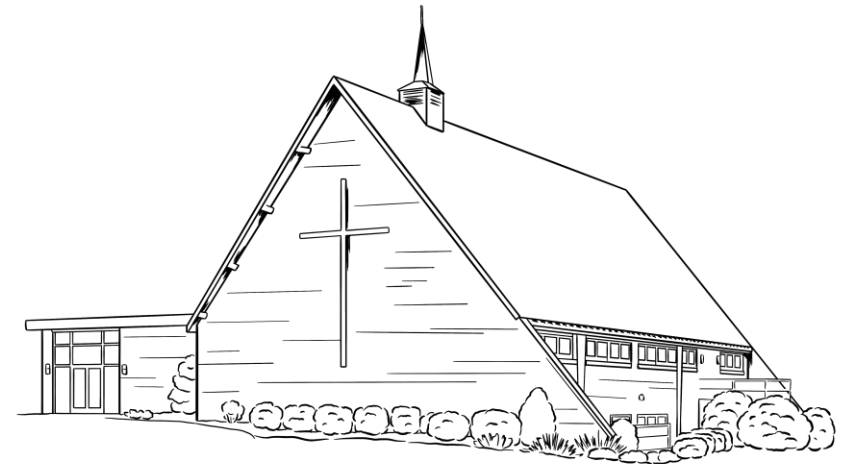
CLOTHED & LOVED- Is collecting adult winter clothing and needs men's coats, gloves, and underwear (new) preferably size medium or bigger. There is more of a need for larger sizes. Please place items in the wooden box by the welcome desk and see Tonya Reynolds with any questions.

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP NIGHTS- Mark your calendars, as we will host Faith & Fellowship Night during Lent, every Wednesday beginning February 25th with dinner served at 5:30 PM and bible study for all ages from 6:15-7 PM. We need volunteers to help with the dinners and the children's program. Sign up sheets are located in the fellowship room.

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“The Search for Meaning”
Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin