

Meridian Presbyterian Church

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March 22nd, 2026
“A Common Destiny”
Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

Early Service

CALL TO WORSHIP (Romans 11:33-36)

L: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

P: How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

L: "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?"

P: "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?"

L: For from him and through him and to him are all things.

P: To him be glory forever. Amen.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMNS**

"Holy, Holy, Holy!" No. 3 & "Come Thou Fount" No. 11

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, You love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, keeping our light hidden and abiding only in ourselves. We condone evil, prejudice, violence, and greed. God of grace, Help us to admit our sin, So that as you come to us in mercy, We may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen. (Silent Confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***CONFESSION RESPONSE:**

"Sanctuary"

No. 655

OFFERTORY

***OFFERING RESPONSE:**

"Doxology"

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 6:20-23

ANTHEM

"Alive in Christ"

By: Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ecclesiastes 9:1-12

SERMON

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***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***HYMN**

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

Late Service

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

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***HYMNS**

“Come Thou Fount”

No. 11

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

No. 3

OFFERTORY

“In Christ Alone”

Cellist: Tyler Belak

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“It Is Well with My Soul”

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POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

*Those who are able please stand.

*The chancel flowers this week are given in honor of Debbe Picerno and Kala Siefker,
in appreciation for all they do for our church.*

Thank you to this morning’s volunteers!

Greeters: Jim & Cathy Woller

Welcome Desk: Pam Greb & Carolyn Street

Fellowship Hour: Jim & Cathy Woller

Liturgist: Mike Barton

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday:	8:45 AM	Early Service
	10 AM	Sunday School
	11 AM	Late Service
Monday:	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study
Tuesday:	1 PM	Quilting
Wednesday:	9 AM	Coffee & Conversation
	5:30-7 PM	Faith & Fellowship
	7 PM	Choir
Saturday:	10 AM	Unraveling Grief Group

MEALS ON WHEELS- We will be collecting desserts for Meals on Wheels today. Please have your desserts wrapped and freezer ready.

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP NIGHTS- Our last Faith & Fellowship night will be this Wednesday, March 25th with dinner served at 5:30 PM and bible study for all ages from 6:15-7 PM.

PALM SUNDAY- On Sunday, March 29th we will have our Palm Sunday services at 8:45 & 11 AM with an All Church brunch and Little Jesus Scavenger Hunt during the fellowship hour in between. (10 AM)

CHURCH MERCH STORE- We have opened an online clothing store for Meridian ministries. A portion of each sale will benefit Hearts & Hammers. The store is open until April 5th and pickup will be after April 25th at the church.

GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST- The Mission Committee will begin serving breakfast at 7 AM on Friday, April 3rd followed by a live speed painting performance by George Williams at 8 AM. This is a community outreach event, so please invite your friends and neighbors.

YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER- Stop by the fundraiser table, choose an envelope, fill it with the amount on the front, & return it to the box. Thank you for being part of the mission!

HOME COMMUNION CLASS- Tim Rausch will be holding an informational meeting for anyone interested in helping with home communion at 12 PM on Sunday, April 12th. Please see Tim for more information.

HEARTS & HAMMERS- Will have a spring work day at Fishbone will be Saturday, April 18th at 9 AM. There is a signup sheet if you are available to help.

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, April 23rd at 6 PM. Dinner will be provided, please sign up in the fellowship room.

55+ DINNER- Our Deacons will be hosting a 55+ dinner on Thursday, April 30th at 6 PM in fellowship hall. There is a signup sheet for an approximate count.