Meridian Presbyterian Church

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April 26th, 2026
"The Victor's Crown"
Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

Early Service

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 95)
L: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
P: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.
L: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.
P: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
ALL: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMNS "Come, People of the Risen King" & "From Everlasting"**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
Heavenly Father, You knew us before we were born and created us for purpose and relationship with You, yet we often turn away from Your goodness. You call us higher, but we hide behind excuses and listen to other influences. You offer help, and we rely on our own understanding. Forgive us, Lord. Call us again. Invite us again. Help us again. You promise that those who seek will find and those who knock will see the door opened. In Your mercy, help us step into Your purpose through Your Son, Jesus. Amen. (Silent Confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***CONFESSION RESPONSE: "Gloria Patri"**

OFFERTORY

***OFFERING RESPONSE: "He is Exalted"**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON		**Psalm 34:17-22**
ANTHEM	**"Perfectly Faithful"**	**By: Choir**
SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON		**Revelation 2:8-11**
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***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***HYMN**	**"It Is Well with My Soul"**	**No. 705**
POSTLUDE		**Debbe Picerno**

Late Service

WELCOME

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***HYMNS**	**"Come, People of the Risen King"** **"From Everlasting"**	
***OFFERTORY**	**"Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me"**	
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***Those who are able please stand.**

Thank you to this morning's volunteers!

Greeters: Laura Jordan & Pam Greb
Welcome Desk: Nancy Kummer
Fellowship Hour: BJ McKean
Liturgist: Mark Jordan

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**
	6:30 PM	**Choir**
Thursday:	**5:30 PM**	**55+ Dinner**
	6 PM	**Women's Bible Study**
Friday:	**10 AM**	**Women's Bible Study**

GRADUATION SUNDAY- We will be recognizing graduating seniors during worship on Sunday, May 31st. Please let Pastor Mike or the office know if you have a graduating senior by May 10th.

HEARTS AND HAMMERS MAY PROJECT: May 26th & 27th (Tuesday & Wednesday if needed). We will be working from 9 AM - 3 PM. We have planned two days in case of inclement weather. We will be helping a Meridian neighbor who cannot do several projects around her home. Sign up outside the office or talk to Mike Barton or Kevin Hilliard for more information.

REMINDER- We will return to one service at 10 AM for the summer beginning on Sunday, May 24th.

YOUTH GROUP- Will meet for a lunch outing on May 3rd from 12-2 PM. Please sign up with Pastor Mike or online if you would like to attend this event.

BLOCK PARTY- Our Community Block Party will be on Saturday, June 6th from 4-7 PM. There will be a bounce house, face painting, free food, and more! We are looking for volunteers to help with this event. There is signup sheet outside the office.

EDINBURGH SCOTLAND - Adventure meets mission! We're exploring a trip to Edinburgh to join our partner in ministry Caleb Shocklie and family, grow in faith, and share the love of Christ. Possible Dates: April 18–24 or September 12–19, 2027. Interested? Sign up outside the church office—this is *not* a commitment, just a way to learn more!

COLLEGE & CAREER FELLOWSHIP GROUP- We will be continuing our summer program for ages 18-25 young adults. Please see Pastor Mike for more details or if you are interested in joining this group.

SAVE THE DATE SUMMER PROGRAMS- Vacation Bible School (preschool-5th grade) will be June 14th-18th and our Summerblast (3rd-5th) will be July 6th-10th. Registration forms are available online and in the fellowship room.