

Meridian Presbyterian Church

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April 5th, 2026
“The Proof of Wounds”
Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

Early Service

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Christ is risen!

P: Christ is risen indeed!

L: Light out of darkness!

P: Life out of death!

L: Hope out of despair!

P: Power out of surrender!

L: You raise us up with Christ, and are worthy of our praise.

P: You create us anew, and we worship you. Alleluia!

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN**

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

No. 367

Shelley Patrick & Susan Mossgrove on Trumpet

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord God, today we celebrate the greatest day in all of human history. Yet, we confess that sometimes we do not see all that You want us to see. In fact, at times, we are not looking for any answers at all. Sometimes we even are walking in the wrong direction. But You, O Lord, are a God of great faithfulness. We confess our sins of indifference and confusion. Have mercy upon us. Forgive our sin, O God. Today we come to You confidently, with eyes wide open, ready to be filled with understanding and wisdom. May our hearts be filled as You encourage us with Your truth and grace, by the power of the Holy Spirit. We ask this in Jesus' Holy Name. (Silent Confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***CONFESSION RESPONSE:**

“He is Exalted”

No. 36

OFFERTORY

***OFFERING RESPONSE:**

“Doxology”

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Job 19:25-27

ANTHEM

“He Is Risen”

By: Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19-29

SERMON

“The Proof of Wounds”

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INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE & HYMN

“Because He Lives”

No. 358

COMMUNION

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***HYMN**

“Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed”

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

***Those who are able please stand.**

Late Service

***WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Christ is risen!

P: He is risen indeed!

All: When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

***HYMN**

“This is Amazing Grace”

OFFERTORY

“Doxology (God Be Praised)”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Job 19:25-27

ANTHEM

“Man of Sorrows”

By: Susan Randall

SERMON

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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19-29

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

HYMN

“O Praise the Name”

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***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***HYMN**

“How Deep the Father’s Love”

POSTLUDE

Susan Randall

Thank you to this morning's volunteers!

Greeters: Barton Family
Welcome Desk: Pat Lazare

Fellowship Hour: Shelley Patrick
Liturgist: Mike Barton

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday:	8:45 AM	Early Service
	11 AM	Late Service
Tuesday:	1 PM	Quilting
	6:30 PM	Deacon & Trustee Meetings
Wednesday:	9 AM	Coffee & Conversation
	6:30 PM	Choir
Saturday:	9 AM	Men's Breakfast @ Mac's Café
	10 AM	Grief Fellowship Hour

WOMEN'S MINISTRY- Will start a new study on April 16th & 17th. The books are now available for pickup in the fellowship room. It's not too late to sign up, see Laura Franklin if you would like to be added to the study.

CLUB 35- Join us for Club 35 Adventure Day on April 12th from 12:30-2 PM. Bring a brown bag lunch and join us for a picnic, games, and nature walk in the woods with a bible lesson from Matthew 4. See Pastor Mike or Laura for more details.

BLOOD DRIVE- We will host our next blood drive on Monday, April 13th from 12-5 PM at Meridian Firehall. Please signup at redcrossblood.org if you are able to donate.

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.

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