

# Meridian Presbyterian Church

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**May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026**  
**“Compromised Truth”**  
**Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin**

## ***Early Service***

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: When Jesus speaks, our hearts burn within us;

**P: Our eyes are opened when he breaks the bread.**

L: Beloved, we are God's children now;

**P: When Christ is revealed, we will be like him.**

L: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain.

**P: Blessing and honor and glory to God!**

### **\*OPENING PRAYER**

#### **\*HYMN**

**"Speak O Lord"**

### **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen. (Silent Confession)**

### **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

#### **\*CONFESSION RESPONSE:**

**"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"**

### **OFFERTORY**

#### **\*OFFERING RESPONSE:**

**"Seek Ye First"**

### **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Psalm 119:1-8**

### **ANTHEM**

**Sheila Grieb**

### **SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Revelation 2:12-17**

### **SERMON**

**"Compromised Truth"**

**Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin**

### **INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE & HYMN**

**"How Deep the Father's Love"**

### **COMMUNION**

### **\*CONFESSION OF FAITH**

### **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

#### **\*HYMN**

**"Blessed Assurance"**

**No. 572**

#### **\*POSTLUDE**

**Sheila Grieb**

## *Late Service*

**\*WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

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**\*HYMN** "Speak O Lord"

**OFFERTORY** "In Christ Alone"

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**HYMN** "How Deep the Father's Love"

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*Thank you to this morning's volunteers!*

**Greeters:**

**Welcome Desk: Pat Lazare**

**Fellowship Hour: Tim & Cherie McNulty**

**Liturgist: Mike Barton**

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

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>8:45 AM</b>	<b>Early Service</b>
	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>11 AM</b>	<b>Late Service</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>1 PM</b>	<b>Quilting</b>
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Deacon &amp; Trustee Meetings</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>Men's Breakfast @ Mac's Café</b>
	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Grief Fellowship Hour</b>

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

**VBS CRAFT DAY-** On Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> join us in the Youth Room at 10 AM to do some craft magic! We will be assembling an igloo, making snowflakes, and otherwise turning our church into a winter wonderland!

**FISHBONE DINNER-** We will be serving dinner at Fishbone Ministries on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 5 PM. There is a signup sheet for volunteers and supplies needed. Please see Andy Tarr or Tim McNulty for more details.

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

**HEARTS AND HAMMERS MAY PROJECT:** May 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday & Wednesday if needed). We will be working from 9 AM - 3 PM. 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.

**BLOCK PARTY-** Our Community Block Party will be on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**EDINBURGH SCOTLAND -** 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-5<sup>th</sup> grade) will be June 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> and our Summerblast (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) will be July 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are available online and in the fellowship room.