# Meridian
# Presbyterian Church

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**May 10th, 2026**
**"Spiritual Decay"**
**Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin**

## *Early Service*

**CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 145)**
L: I will exalt you, my God the King;
**P: I will praise your name for ever and ever.**
L: Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.
**P: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.**
**All: Let us worship the Lord together!**

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMNS "Holy, Holy, Holy" No. 3 & "How Great Thou Art" No. 147**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
**Glorious God, before Whom we confess today: We allow doubt and fear to override grace and hope. We look to the world to deliver what it cannot give. We ignore the truth, goodness, and beauty of Your good news. Help us to remember Your promise of new life here and now, not just the reality of resurrection in the future, and to place our trust solely in Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. By Your Holy Spirit, continue to love and forgive us, to transform and change us, and to overcome the power of sin and death in our lives. We pray in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen. (Silent Confession)**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***CONFESSION RESPONSE: "Behold the Lamb"**

**OFFERTORY**

***OFFERING RESPONSE: "Doxology"**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

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

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Psalm 101**

**ANTHEM "Our Savior's Calling"** **By: Choir**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** **Revelation 2:18-29**

**SERMON "Spiritual Decay"** **Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin**

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***HYMN "The Power of the Cross"**

**POSTLUDE** **Debbe Picerno**

## *Late Service*

**WELCOME**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

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| ***HYMNS** | **"Holy, Holy, Holy"** | **No. 3** |
| | **"How Great Thou Art"** | **No. 147** |
| ***OFFERTORY** | **"From Everlasting"** | |
| **ANNOUNCEMENTS** | | |
| **CHILDREN'S SERMON** | | |
| **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** | | |
| **FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** | | **Psalm 101** |
| **ANTHEM** | **"Abide with Me"** | **Cellist: Tyler Belak** |
| **SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** | | **Revelation 2:18-29** |
| **SERMON** | **"Spiritual Decay"** | **Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin** |
| ***CONFESSION OF FAITH** | | |
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| ***HYMN** | **"The Power of the Cross"** | |
| **POSTLUDE** | | **Debbe Picerno** |

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

***Thank you to this morning's volunteers!***

**Greeters: Cindy Musko & Carolyn Street**
**Welcome Desk: Sadie Tarr & Adalee Schultz**

**Fellowship Hour: Bonnie Fiel**
**Liturgist: Bonnie Fiel**

***THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR***

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| **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** |
| | **6:30 PM** | **Session Meeting** |
| **Wednesday:** | **9 AM** | **Coffee & Conversation** |
| | **6:30 PM** | **Choir** |
| **Thursday:** | **6 PM** | **Women's Bible Study** |
| **Friday:** | **10 AM** | **Women's Bible Study** |

**MATRONA DONATIONS-** The Mission Committee will be collecting diapers & wipes in the wooden collection bin for Matrona until May 31st. They run a "free" store out of St. Andrews where parents can get necessities. Size 4, 5, & 6 diapers & pull-ups are currently the biggest needs. Visit Matrona.org for more information.

**SUMMER MUSIC-** We are looking for volunteers to provide special music during church this summer while the choir takes a well-deserved break. If anyone is interested in providing music for one of our services, please see Debbe. We welcome you to share your gift with us!

**Graduate Encouragement Books-**Three books are available in the sign-up room for our graduating seniors: *Wherever You Go, I Want You to Know...* We invite you to write a brief note of encouragement, a favorite Scripture, or a word of wisdom. Each book is labeled with a graduate's name inside. Thank you for helping send them forward with the love and guidance of their church family.

**VBS CRAFT DAY-** On Friday, May 22nd 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 31st 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 24th.

**HEARTS AND HAMMERS MAY PROJECT:** May 26th & 27th (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 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.

**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.