Meridian
Presbyterian Church

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May 17th, 2026
"Wake Up"
Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

Early Service

CALL TO WORSHIP (1st Chronicles 16:8-12)
L: Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.
P: Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.
L: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
P: Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMNS** **"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"** **No. 151**
"Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death"

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
Gracious God, We promise our allegiance to You, yet our eyes wander to lifeless idols. We declare that You are on the throne, but we bow to other things. We sing of our trust in You, but we still seek to control every aspect of our lives. We know that the Christian life is a call to die to self, but we often choose comfort instead. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to be both hearers and doers of Your Word. May we surrender daily to You, the author and perfecter of our faith. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen. (Silent Confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

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 3**

ANTHEM **"Wake Up, Church, Wake Up"** **By: Choir**

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON **Revelation 3:1-6**

SERMON **"Wake Up"** **Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin**

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***HYMN** **"Yet, Not I but Through Christ in Me"**

POSTLUDE **Debbe Picerno**

Late Service

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

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***HYMNS**	**"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"** **"Way Maker"**	**No. 11**
***OFFERTORY**	**"Goodness of God"**	
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
CHILDREN'S SERMON		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		
FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON		**Psalm 3**
ANTHEM	**"Lord, I Need You"**	**By: Susan Randall**
SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON		**Revelation 3:1-6**
SERMON	**"Wake Up"**	**Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin**
***CONFESSION OF FAITH**		
***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**		
***HYMN**	**"Build My Life"**	
POSTLUDE		**Susan Randall**

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

Thank you to this morning's volunteers!

Greeters: Carolyn Street
Welcome Desk: BJ McKean
Fellowship Hour: Kay & Julie Freehling
Liturgist:

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday:	**8:45 AM**	**Early Service**
	10 AM	**Sunday School**
	11 AM	**Late Service**
	12 PM	**Community Lunch @ St. Andrews**
	12-1:30 PM	**Club 35**
Tuesday:	**1 PM**	**Quilting**
Wednesday:	**9 AM**	**Coffee & Conversation**
Thursday:	**7 PM**	**Choir**
Friday:	**10 AM**	**VBS Craft Day**
Saturday:	**10 AM**	**Unraveling Grief Group**

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

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!

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- If you are interested in providing special music this summer please see Debbe Picerno.

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.

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.

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.

UNRAVELING GRIEF GROUP- If you or someone you know has experienced the loss of someone you loved, we invite you to attend our group on Saturday, June 6th at 10 AM. Rev. John Porter, Bereavement Coordinator for Good Samaritan Hospice, will join us to share resources that hospice provides to those searching for direction and purpose as they recover from loss.