Meridian Presbyterian Church

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May 24th, 2026
"Faithful Endurance"
Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

Pentecost

10:00 AM **May 24th, 2026**

[21] Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." [22] And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. **John 20:21-22**

PRELUDE **Debbe Picerno**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!

P: For God has done wondrous things for us.

L: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind that we may faithfully serve you in all that we do.

P: For Christ has called each of us and blessed us!

L: Come, Holy Spirit! Be with us today.

P: Help us to boldly proclaim Christ Risen. AMEN.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMNS** **"All Creatures of Our God and King"** **No. 63**
"Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart" **No. 390**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, You sent Your Holy Spirit to fill disciples with faith and gifts for service. We confess that we have held back the power of Your Spirit. We have been slow to trust You, reluctant to serve You, and resistant to sharing Your Good News. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive us. By Your Spirit, draw us together in ministry. Fill us with Your fire so that we may be a faithful and fruitful people. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Silent Confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Believe the good news of the gospel.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***CONFESSION RESPONSE:** **"Create in Me a Clean Heart"**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***OFFERING RESPONSE: "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

RECOGINTION OF NEW COVENANT PARTNERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 40:28-31

ANTHEM "Faithful Witness" By: Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Revelation 3:7-13

SERMON "Faithful Endurance" Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***HYMN "His Glory and My Good"**

POSTLUDE Debbe Picerno

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

The chancel flowers today are in memory of Lois Kearns presented by her family.

Welcome Desk: Pat Lazare **Greeters: Franklin Boys**
Liturgist: Barry Coley **Fellowship Hour: Laura Franklin**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR		
Sunday:	**10 AM**	**Worship**
Tuesday:	**9 AM**	**Hearts & Hammers**
	1 PM	**Quilting**
Wednesday:	**9 AM**	**Coffee & Conversation**
Thursday:	**6 PM**	**Women's Bible Study**
Friday:	**10 AM**	**Women's Bible Study**

BAPTISM- Today we welcome Elizabeth Patten into the church through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. We rejoice with her as she is marked by God and sealed for His purposes today. The rose on the table is in her honor.

WELCOME NEW COVENANT PARTNERS- Today we rejoice with our new covenant partners who by their profession of faith commit to live out their faith with us: Richard Ballard, Joe Cook, Sandra Henry, Jennifer Longdon, Jordan Longdon, Elizabeth & Tammy Patten, Cynthia McConnell, Stephanie Reay, Jody Schultz, John Stokes, Randy & Misty Wilson.

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.

GRADUATE ENCOURAGEMENT BOOKS-Three books are available in the sign-up room for our graduating seniors: we invite you to write a note of encouragement, a favorite Scripture, or a word of wisdom. Each book is labeled with a graduate's name inside.

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.

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

BLOCK PARTY- Sat. 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.