Meridian Presbyterian Church

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May 31st, 2026
"Half-Hearted Followers"
Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

Trinity Sunday

10:00 AM **May 31st, 2026**

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. **Genesis 1:1-2**

PRELUDE **Debbe Picerno**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 66)
L: Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name;
P: Give to him glorious praise!
L: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
P: So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.
ALL: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; we sing praises to your name.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMNS** **"For the Beauty of the Earth"** **No. 793**
"He Will Hold Me Fast"

***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**
L: Believe the good news of the gospel.
P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***CONFESSION RESPONSE:** **"We Will Glorify"**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***OFFERING RESPONSE: "He is Exalted"**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

RECOGINTION OF GRADUATES

RECOGINTION OF NEW COVENANT PARTNERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON **Psalm 31:19-24**

ANTHEM "Let It Be Jesus" By: Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON **Revelation 3:14-22**

SERMON "Half-Hearted Followers" Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE **Debbe Picerno**

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

Welcome Desk: Jesse & Journee Titus **Greeters: Pam Greb**
Liturgist: Cora Murtha **Fellowship Hour: Brunch after worship**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR		
Sunday:	**10 AM**	**Worship**
	11 AM	**Brunch**
		Pirate Game
	5 PM	**Fishbone Dinner**
Tuesday:	**1 PM**	**Quilting**
Saturday:	**4-7 PM**	**Block Party**
Sunday:	**10 AM**	**Worship & Communion**

GRADUATION- Today we would like to recognize and congratulate our graduating high school seniors; Quinn Rishor, Blake Wells, & Annie Woller. We wish them all much success and continued blessings. Please join us in fellowship hall for cake following worship.

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.

BRUNCH- Everyone is invited to join us after worship for our 5th Sunday brunch in Fellowship Hall. Thank you to Jenn McKain and Tabitha Watterson for organizing.

VBS DECORATING- We are looking for volunteers to help setup and decorate Christmas trees for VBS on Wed June 10th at 10 AM. We are also looking to borrow a few supplies: white sheets, sleds, skis, and any other winter decorations.

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.

FISHBONE DINNER- We will be serving dinner at Fishbone Ministries today at 5 PM.

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.