Meridian Presbyterian Church

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July 19th, 2026
"Joy and Sorrow"
Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

7th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM **July 19th, 2026**

15 I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." **Genesis 28:15**

PRELUDE **Debbe Picerno**

CALL TO WORSHIP (1 Peter 2:9)
L: But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
P: We are God's special possession,
All: May we declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMNS** **"How Firm a Foundation"** **No. 408**
"Standing on the Promises" **No. 410**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
Almighty God, You ask us to take courageous steps of faith. We want to follow You, but when the way is unknown, we often hold back. Sometimes we are afraid. Other times we would rather stay in control, thinking we know better than You. Forgive us for choosing to rely on our own understanding instead of Your wisdom. Shepherd us, O Lord, especially when we are faced with burdens we would not have chosen. Comfort us, and remind us that You are always with us. Through Christ our Lord 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:** **"Create in Me a Clean Heart"**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY **"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**
By: Reuben & Cindy Calendaria

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON **John 16:20-24**

ANTHEM **"In the Name of the Lord"** **By: Reuben & Cindy Calendaria**

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON **Psalm 126**

SERMON **"Joy and Sorrow"** **Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin**

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***HYMN** **"Because He Lives"** **No. 358**

POSTLUDE **Debbe Picerno**

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

Welcome Desk: Carolyn Street
Liturgist: Cora Murtha
Greeters: Cindy Musko
Fellowship Hour: Katie Greggs

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday:	**10 AM**	**Worship**
	12 PM	**Community Lunch @ St. Andrews**
	6 PM	**Youth Group @ Heather Zeiglers**
Tuesday:	**1 PM**	**Quilting**
Wednesday:	**9 AM**	**Coffee & Conversation**
	9 AM-3 PM	**Hearts & Hammers Work Day**
	12 PM	**Ladies Lunch**

HEARTS & HAMMERS- Our next work day will be Wednesday, July 22nd from 9-3. We will be helping two homeowners and need a crew for each worksite. Please sign up in the fellowship room and see Pastor Mike for more information.

MEALS ON WHEELS- We will be providing desserts for the Meals on Wheels program on August 16th. There is a signup sheet in the fellowship room with more information.

CHURCH PICNIC- Save the date for our all church picnic on Sunday, August 23rd at 12 PM at the Slear's property. There is signup sheet for an approximate head count. The deacons will be providing the meat and you can sign up to bring a side, salad, or dessert.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY-We are in the planning stages of the Children's Christmas Pageant on December 6th. We are gauging interest with our families, open to K-8th grade. Please sign up near the office or see Laura or Debbe for more information.

SAVE THE DATE- All Church Retreat Sept 25th-27th at Camp Crestfield, more information coming soon!

LADIES LUNCH OUT- At the Villa in Cadogen, July 22nd for lunch. All are welcome, carpool available. Contact Katie Schultz at 724-504-8670 for more details.

YOUTH LAKE DAY- July 31st from 10-3 for a day of fun at Moraine State Park. Bring your fishing poles, swimsuits, and a lunch. We will rent pontoon boats in the morning and swim at the beach in the afternoon. See Pastor Mike to sign up.