Meridian
Presbyterian Church

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July 5th, 2026
"Our Helper"
Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

6th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM **July 5th, 2026**

25 At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ***Matthew 11:25***

PRELUDE **Debbe Picerno**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 150)

L: Praise the Lord!

P: Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens!

L: Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

P: Let us praise the Lord!

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN** **"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"** **No. 686**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Heavenly Father, we confess that we do not always live as people who trust that You are with us. We carry burdens You have invited us to surrender. We look for hope in our own plans and strength instead of in Your presence and promises. Forgive us for the ways we have failed to trust and follow You. Cleanse us from our sin and restore in us a joyful desire to know You more fully. By Your Spirit, shape us into people who reflect His grace and truth in the world. In His holy 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:** **"Create in Me a Clean Heart"**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***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 Romans 8:31-39

ANTHEM "Patriotic Medley" Fifes: Lori McCann & Sarah Murtha

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 124

SERMON "Our Helper" Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

***HYMN "Around the Table of the King"**

COMMUNION

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE Debbe Picerno

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

Liturgist: Colton Franklin **Greeters: Rick & Carol McClean**
Welcome Desk: Autumn Moore **Fellowship Hour: Rick & Carol McClean**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday:	**10 AM**	**Worship & Communion**
Mon-Fri:	**10 AM-3 PM**	**SummerBlast (until 1 PM Friday)**
Tuesday:	**1 PM**	**Quilting**
Wednesday:	**9 AM**	**Coffee & Conversation**
	10 AM	**VBS Decorating Day**
Saturday:	**9 AM**	**Men's Breakfast @ Mac's Cafe**

NEED: Caleb Schocklie and his family have a quick need! The price of their visas has gone up substantially and they need to raise $10,000 total to cover the cost of applying for their new Visas to stay in Scotland. They have raised $4,500. As part of our international mission partners, we are collecting donations towards their Visas.

CLOTHED & LOVED- Please see the insert for donation opportunities for those in need. See Tonya Reynolds for more information.

SUMMERBLAST- Will be this week Monday through Thursday 10 AM-3 PM and Friday 10 AM- 1 PM. Please see Pastor Mike for more details.

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.